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Trawden Forest
Primary School



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Mrs Danniella Smith



Working Together

Strong partnerships help our children thrive!



We understand that, as parents, you are your child's first and most important educators. Therefore, relationships between staff and parents is incredibly important to us and we want to work closely together.



We like to celebrate and share what the children have been doing through the school's website and our school Facebook page.



We have Parents' Evenings twice a year in the Autumn and Spring terms and an annual report of your child's progress is sent out in the Summer term.



We are always happy to help so please come to us at any point if you have a query.



Information from school will come to you from the office by email via our ParentMail system – please inform us if you change your email address or mobile phone number.





Getting ready for school



Simple things you can do over the summer to help your child feel confident and happy when they start school.

1. INDEPENDENCE

- Put on and take off coat and shoes
- Use the toilet and wash hands
- Try opening lunchboxes and snacks
- Sit and focus on a simple activity for 5–10 minutes



2. COMMUNICATION

- Ask for help using words
- Follow simple instructions
- Join in conversations
- Share ideas and talk about their day



3. SOCIAL SKILLS

- Take turns and share
- Play alongside other children
- Begin to manage simple conflicts (e.g. “my turn”)
- Separate from parents for short periods



4. EMOTIONAL READINESS

- Talk about feelings (happy, sad, worried)
- Learn that grown-ups help at school
- Practice coping with small frustrations or waiting



5. EARLY SKILLS (THROUGH PLAY)

- Drawing, scribbling and mark making
- Listening to stories and rhymes
- Counting in everyday play (steps, toys, snacks)
- Recognising their own name



6. SELF-CARE & ROUTINES

- Eat independently using a spoon/fork
- Wash and dry hands
- Have simple routines (morning, mealtime, bedtime)
- Try new foods and sit at the table for meals



The most helpful preparation for school is
INDEPENDENCE, TALKING, AND PLAY.

Please don't worry about formal reading or writing –
just everyday experiences and confidence.





Getting Ready for School



☆ Please ensure that your child's name is in ALL items of clothing, including shoes!

Our School Uniform

Sweatshirt



Cardigan



Polo Shirt



Jacket



Fleece



Footwear



Practical, sensible shoes please.

Trousers



Shorts



Pinafore Dress



Skirt



Summer Dress



PE Pumps/Trainers



Drawstring Bag



Backpack



Book Bag

All items of clothing and belongings, including shoes, coats, hats, scarves and gloves, must be clearly named.



P.E. Kit

P.E kit must be kept in school, in a named drawstring pump bag with all clothing named, so that it is available every day.

- ★ White t-shirt
- ★ Black shorts
- ★ Black jogging bottoms
- ★ Black hoodie or sweatshirt
- ★ Trainers
- ★ Socks



We will send it home half termly to be washed.



Book bags

Your child will have a school book bag to take to and from school every day. Please use this for letters, reading books and important information.



Learning is messy!

Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty!

It is all part of the fun!



☆ Thank you for helping us to keep everything safe, tidy and ready for learning! ♥

Getting Ready for School

Working together to help your child feel happy, confident and prepared for September.



Children will start school on Wednesday 2nd September.

They will have 2 half days to help them to settle in and then full days from Friday 4th September.



Nursery visits -

We will soon be visiting your child's nursery/childminding setting.



Stay and Play -

This will give your child the chance to explore their new school with you.



Transition days -

The next step for your child is to enjoy some time in school on their own to spend time with their new friends. This is really important for them and will help them to feel prepared for September.





Our School Day



Here's what a day looks like at our school



**Gates open
8:35am**

Yard is unsupervised
and children must not
play on the equipment.



**Doors Open
8:45am**



**Registration
8:55am**



**Lunchtime
11:45am –
1:00pm**



**Gates open
at 3:20pm**

– or as near as we can,
depending on outdoor
lessons.



**School Ends
3:30pm**

Children will be dismissed
when a parent/carer is
identified on the yard.
Please come to the gate
to collect your child.



Please inform school if there is
somebody different collecting
your child.



Children need to bring
in their own named
water bottle.

Forest Friends

Forest Friends is our
Breakfast and After School Club



Breakfast Club

Mornings start from 7:30am,
with breakfast available
until 8:20am.



After-school Club

After School Club runs
from 3:30 to 5:30pm
with a variety of
activities plus
healthy snack.



Lunchtime

at School

A positive and enjoyable experience every day!



Snack time – we offer a “rolling snack” which continues throughout the morning. All children are provided with fresh fruit and water.



Children need to bring in their own named water bottle.



Children have the option to bring their own small, healthy snack to eat in the afternoon.



Milk – all children under 5 are entitled to milk (free of charge). Once children are 5 they can purchase milk via the Cool Milk website.



Your child is entitled to **Universal Free School Meals** until the end of Year 2 so there will be no charge for school dinners.



We will accompany the children every day for lunch and help them to cut up their food until they can do it by themselves.

Please practise using a knife and fork at home.



There will be three food options as well a choice of salad and dessert every day. Water is served.



If your child is having a packed lunch please ensure it contains healthy options (there is a ‘Healthy lunchbox guide in your pack).

Make sure it is in a lunchbox that is clearly labelled with your child’s name.



We aim to make lunchtimes:



Enjoyable
A time to eat, chat and be with friends



Healthy
Nutritious food and healthy choices



Inclusive
All children are supported and encouraged



Positive
Building independence and confidence

Our lunchtime team is here to help and care for your child.



We look forward to sharing happy and healthy lunch times with your child every day! 

What is the EYFS?

EYFS stands for the **Early Years Foundation Stage**.
It is the stage of education for children from birth to age 5.

★ The EYFS is all about giving children the **best possible start** in their learning and development.

We focus on **happy, healthy, confident** children who are ready to learn and explore the world around them.



The EYFS covers:

Children learn important skills and knowledge through play, exploration and positive relationships.



♥ Every child is unique

🌱 Children learn through play and first-hand experiences

👥 Strong partnerships between children, practitioners and parents

There are 7 areas of learning and development:

3 Prime Areas – these are the foundations for lifelong learning



Communication and Language



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development

4 Specific Areas – build on the prime areas



Literacy



Maths



Understanding the World



Expressive Arts and Design

How do children learn?



Through a balance of adult-led activities and child-initiated play, both indoors and outdoors. Children are encouraged to be curious, make choices and develop their independence.



Play



Explore



Discover

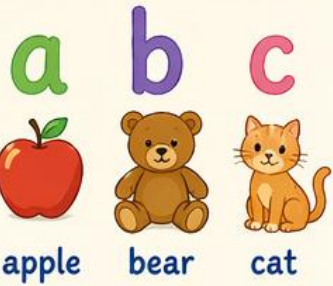




Phonics and Early Reading



⇒ We learn to read one sound at a time! ⇐



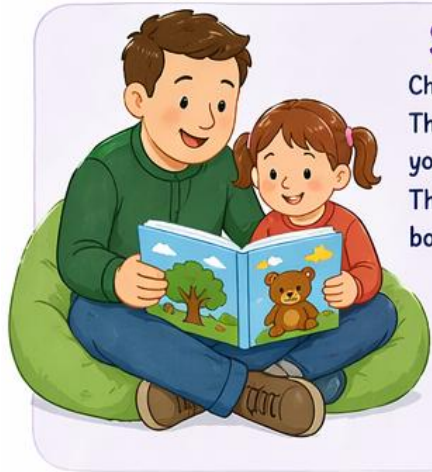
Children will start to learn phonics soon after they start school. This is how they learn the pure sounds that different letters make and blend them together to read.

We will learn new sounds every week and then practise and apply them.



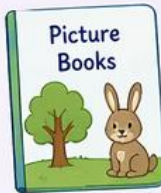
Phonics and Early Reading Meeting

We will hold a Phonics and Early Reading meeting with you in September to explain this in more detail and give you ways to support your child at home.



Sharing Books

Children will start off with a sharing a book. This will be a picture book for you and your child to discuss and enjoy together. This will progress over time to books containing words.



We use Bug Club Phonics!



We use Bug Club phonics, which is an online reading scheme.

Children will be set phonetically decodable eBooks online and games to consolidate their learning once they start to blend. They will also get to choose a book too.



You will be given your child's login details during the Autumn term in their reading record.



How you can help at home



Talk about stories and pictures together



Share books every day



Listen to the sounds in words around you



Spot letters and sounds everywhere!



Praise and encourage – reading is fun!

Every little step helps build confident readers!



Forest School

Learning
through
nature

Explore • Discover • Learn • Grow



We are proud to offer Forest School sessions at our school and in Reception this is usually on a **Wednesday**.



Forest School provides children with regular opportunities to explore the natural environment, build confidence, and develop important skills such as resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving.



Through outdoor play and hands-on learning, children connect with nature in a safe, supportive setting—encouraging curiosity, independence, and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. ♡



**Builds
Confidence**



**Develops
Resilience**



**Encourages
Teamwork**



**Sparks
Curiosity**



**Promotes a Love
of Learning**



☆ Buddy System ♡

♡ Helping every child feel happy, safe and confident ♡



Your child will be assigned to a **buddy** from our current Year 5 children – these will be our **Year 6** children in September.



They will help your child **settle in** during their first few weeks in school.



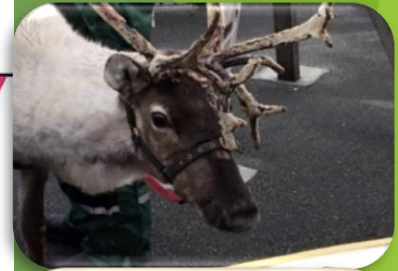
We will share **activities** such as reading, arts and crafts, Easter egg hunt, games and Forest School at different times throughout the year.





PTFA

Working together to support our school



★ What is the PTFA? ★

We are a group of parents, teachers and friends from the community and our main aims are:



To support the education of the children via fundraising and other activities.



To foster strong relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school.

Thanks to your support, we have helped fund:



Sound System

Performance Stage

MUGA

History Man Visits

Pantomime & Themed Days

How can you help?

We very much appreciate all the help and support we get from everyone!



The PTFA can only operate with the support of parents, family, teachers and the local community. Being part of the PTFA can be really rewarding and a fantastic opportunity to get to know everyone involved with the school and the local community.



It is totally flexible – if you think you could spare some time for planning, setting up, donating prizes, manning a stall or clearing up after an event then we would love for you to be involved.



Over the years, the PTFA has proudly raised funds for a range of exciting additions to our school, including a new sound system, a performance stage, and the MUGA. We've also helped fund memorable experiences for the children, such as visits from the History Man, the annual pantomime, and themed experience days. Alongside these larger events, we love organising free activities like our Easter egg colouring competition—bringing fun and creativity to every corner of school life.



Throughout the year we host a variety of fundraising days in school. These include events like 'pop-up' shops, crazy hair day, donut day, Smarties Challenge, Christmas hamper raffles etc.



These will be communicated to you in advance via the fortnightly newsletter and messages on parent mail.



Donating Clothes

Please leave clothes & shoes in the shed in the yard.



Shop Online & Raise Free Donations

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

To sign up, visit: [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



Our School Lottery

Guaranteed Member Winner Every Week & 40% Of Ticket Sales Donated Straight Back To Our School.

Join now and you could also be in with a chance to win extra prizes.



 Every event, every donation, every minute of your time makes a real difference to our school and our children. **Thank you!** 



**SUPPORT
OUR LOTTERY
TODAY**

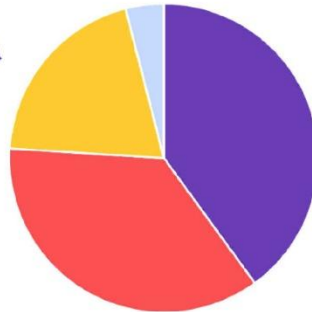
**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



Splitting the £1.00



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Trawden Forest Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Trawden Forest Primary School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school



To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **Trawden Forest**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Enter our
Super Draw

Win a **£1,000 B&Q Voucher**

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



- Tickets cost just **£1 a week**
- Chances to win up to **£25,000**
- Play weekly, or just play the **Super Draw!**
- Get your home and garden ready for summer!



PLAY NOW:

Go to
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
Search for: **Trawden Forest**



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See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 31/05/25.



We look forward
to seeing you
at your
stay and play sessions!

Play • Explore • Learn • Grow



We can't wait to welcome you and your child
for lots of fun, friendship and learning together.





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