

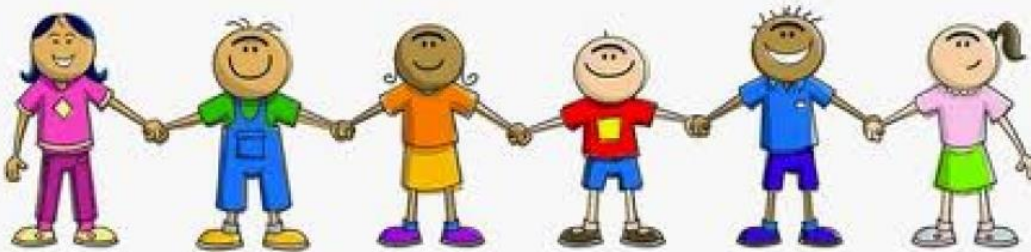
# Welcome to Trawden Forest Primary School New Parents' Meeting

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# Getting to Know Your Children

- **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.



# Getting Ready to Start School

Your child will need to be able to:

- Go to the toilet by themselves, and wash and dry their hands. If you think your child may have an accident in the first few weeks, please put spare clothing, underwear and wipes in their bag.

It would be great if your child could practise:

- Holding and using a pencil and other small tools
- Counting and chanting rhymes
- Handling books and recognising letters in their names
- Getting dressed and undressed independently – including shoes and coat





# The First Few Weeks

- All children will start school full time from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- We will find out what the children already know and can do and use this information to help us develop their curriculum.
- Your child may come home very tired. Even if they have been to nursery full time they will still need to adjust to a new setting, new friends and new expectations.



# Parents as Partners

- 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.



# School Routines

- Gates open 8:35am - yard is unsupervised and children must not play on the equipment
- Doors Open at 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.



# Forest Friends – Before & After School Club

- Forest Friends is our Breakfast and After School Club run by a small dedicated team.
- Mornings start from 7:30am, with breakfast available until 8:20am
- After School Club runs from 3:30 to 5:30pm with a variety of activities plus healthy snack.



<https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/forest-friends>

# Lunch Time



- 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.



# Food & Drink



<https://www.coolmilk.com>

- **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.
- **School dinners** – children are entitled to a free school dinner from the start of Reception to the end of Year 2.

# Uniform

- Please ensure that your child's name is in **ALL** items of clothing, including shoes!
- 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. We will send it home half termly to be washed.
- Book bags
- 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!



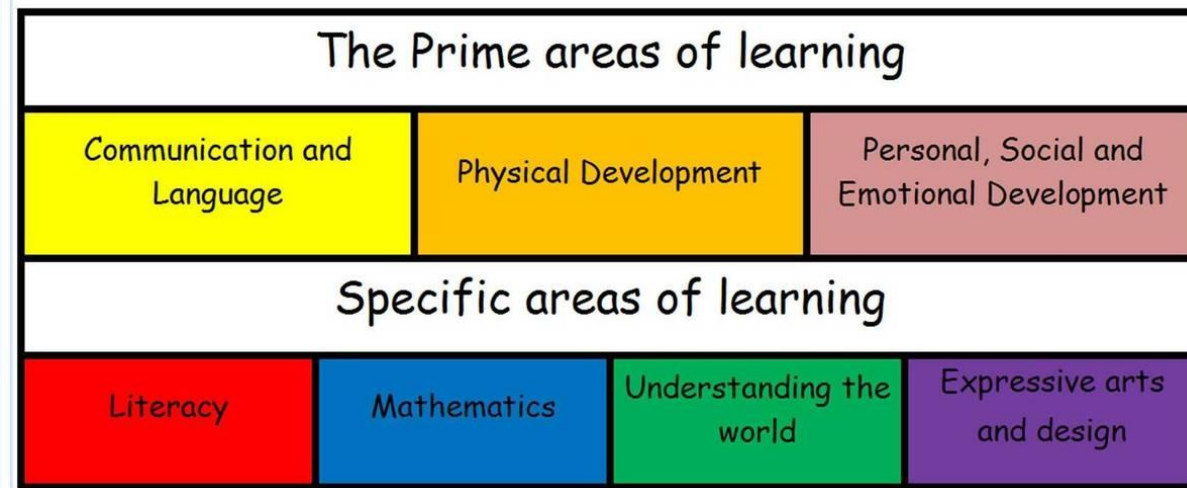
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# What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development:



- Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of Early Learning Goals which determine what most children are expected to achieve by the end of Reception Class.

# Provision



- Children develop and learn at different rates and in different ways.
- Our ethos is based upon learning through play and is driven by the children's interests.
- The children will learn to explore the provision, use their imaginations and develop their language and relationships.
- They will also work in groups with different adults.





# Phonics

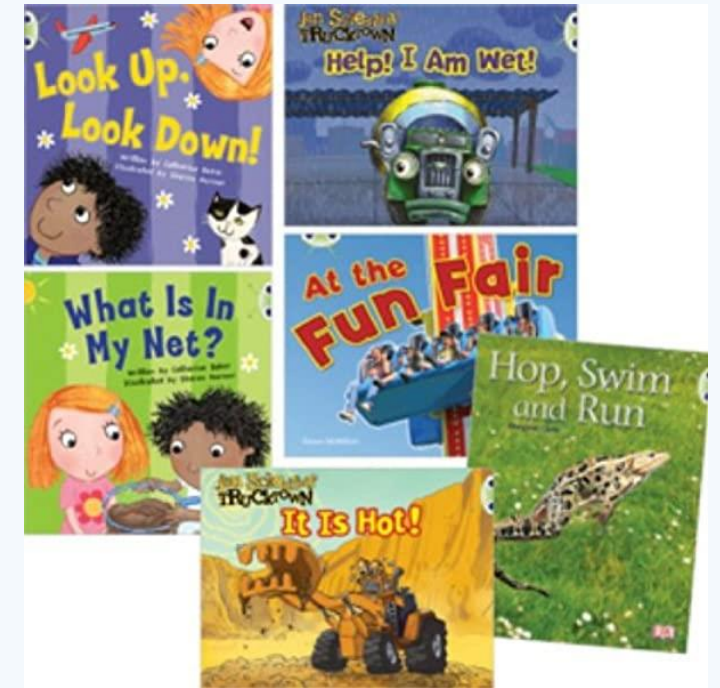
- Children will start to learn phonics soon after they start school. This is how they learn the pure sounds that different letters make and blend them together to read.
- The children will learn new sounds every week and they will be practise and apply them.
- We will hold a Phonics and Early Reading meeting with you in September to explain this in more detail and give you ways to support your child at home.





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





- NumBots is all about every child achieving the “triple win” of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction.
- Children will be given their login details at the same time as the Bugclub ones. These will be stuck in their reading record.
- We ask that children login for 5 minutes per day as it really supports and develops their fluency.



# Forest School



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.









# Buddies

- 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.



# Trawden Forest - PTFA



## 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.

## 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.



# Raising Funds

- 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: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/trawdenforestpta/>
- **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.



**SUPPORT  
OUR LOTTERY  
TODAY**

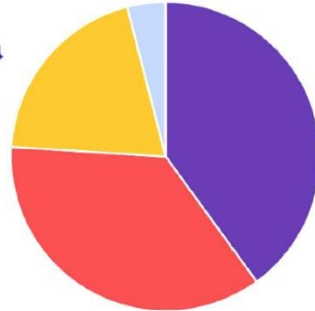
**£1 per  
week**

**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](http://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**  
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To start supporting, visit:  
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and search for: **Trawden Forest**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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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!



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