

Welcome to Trawden Forest Primary School

New Parents' Meeting



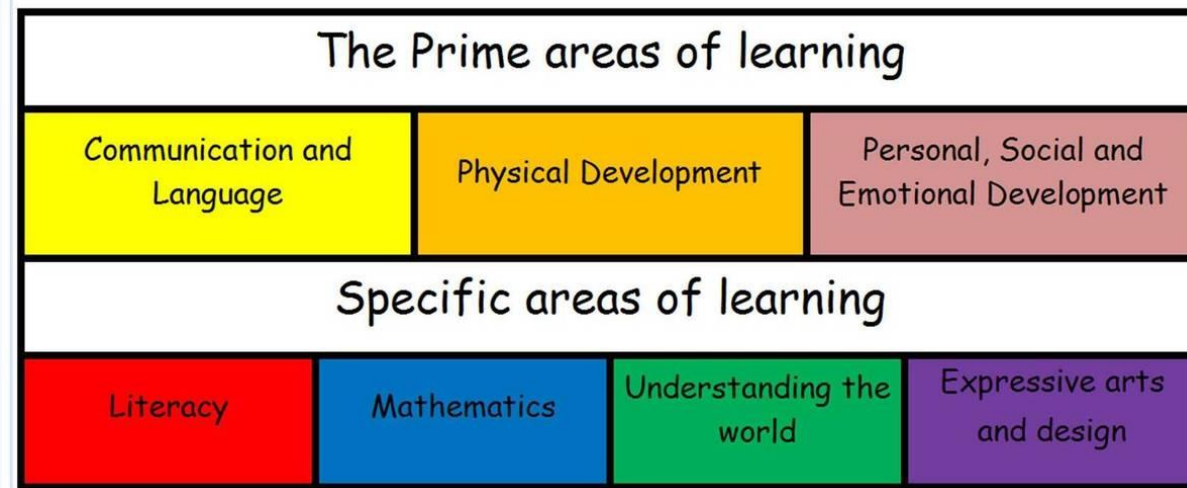
Welcome to our school

- We have an exciting year ahead and can't wait to share it with you and your children.
- We have enhanced our outdoor provision.
- We have utilised the wonderful spaces we have in our hall.
- The teaching staff in our unit are:

Mrs Gemma Beetham, Mrs Danniella Smith & Mrs Catherine Alcock

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.

Reading Books

- Children will start off with a sharing book. This will be a picture book for you and your child to discuss and enjoy together. This will progress over time.
- We use Bug Club phonics and children will also be set phonetically decodable eBooks online once they start to blend. You will be given your child's login details during the Autumn term.



Provision

- Children develop and learn at different rates and in different ways. Their development is not neat and orderly.
- 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.

Links with Home

- Research tells us that what happens at home makes the biggest difference to your child's early learning and development.
- Playing together, singing, enjoying books, visiting the library, painting, drawing and finding out through play about letters, numbers and shapes are important activities to do at home. These activities are learning opportunities.
- These learning activities will make a difference to your child's learning right up to secondary school.
- Sharing books and reading stories will help your child to develop a lifelong love of reading.

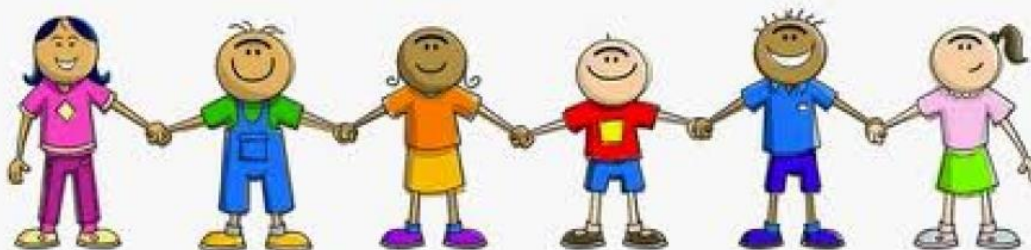
Forest School

- Forest School is a **long-term approach** to education, for children, young people, families and adults, that maximises the benefits of learning in the outdoors.
- Whilst its roots are planted firmly in our best understanding of the theory of how children learn, its practice puts the **learner at the heart of their learning** experience.
- From this fundamental platform, Forest School offers children and young people the opportunity, **over repeated visits**, to engage with the rich natural diversity of the **woodland environment** to help build **confidence, sensitivity, resilience** and **curiosity**.



Getting to Know Your Children

- **Nursery visits** – these will be commencing in the next few weeks.
- **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 meet their new friends. This is really important for them and will help them to feel prepared for September.



The First Few Weeks

- We will find out what the children already know and can do and use this information to help us develop their curriculum.
- The first two days are part time.
- This is important because it gives us a chance to get to know each other in a smaller group and it enables the children to settle in more quickly.



The First Few Weeks

- 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.
- We would value any contributions you would like to make in helping us get to know your child's needs.
- In the first term you will be invited to join in with your child's learning at a Stay and Play session and will also be able to discuss your child's progress at parents evening.



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 and Forest School at different times throughout the year.





<https://www.coolmilk.com>

Food & Drink

- **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.

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>

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 drawstring pump bag, so that it is available every day. We will send it home half termly to be washed.
- 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!



<https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>



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 and we are always looking for members.

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.



How We Raise Funds

- Throughout the year we host a variety of fundraising days in school. 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.

We look forward to seeing you when our
new school year starts

on:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

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