

Newsletter

2nd May 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Taywood Families,

Just a reminder that we are closed for Bank Holiday on Monday. School and Seedlings opens on Tuesday at the usual time.

Orchard Star of the Week

Deacon has been a star this week. He is much more settled and is enjoying playing and learning with his new friends.

Willow Star of the Week

Liepa is our star this week. She can independently write her own name and is able to read some words too.

Headteacher's Award

Lucas H in Willow recalled lots of information on his minibeast hunt. He even used the word 'antennae'!

Have a lovely, long weekend.

Mrs Slater

Headteacher

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Upcoming Dates

May

Monday 5th May- closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 19th May- Willow 'Bug Man' visit

Friday 23rd May- School and Seedlings closes for half term

June

Tuesday 3rd June- Nursery and Seedlings opens

July

We are planning trips and visits for the end of term

Tuesday 22nd July- School and Seedlings closes for summer

Extended Services

Mrs Farr is our Extended Services Co-Ordinator and can be contacted at
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This week, we have created 'The Hungry Caterpillar' with mixed media, learning how to cut, glue and stick.

Just a reminder to give 4 weeks' notice to permanently reduce your sessions. Thank you.

Our Learning



Seedlings

We have been reading, 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and role-playing with props. We have been learning the names of the fruit from the story. We also loved splashing in the paddling pool to keep cool, and going on a trip to the park.



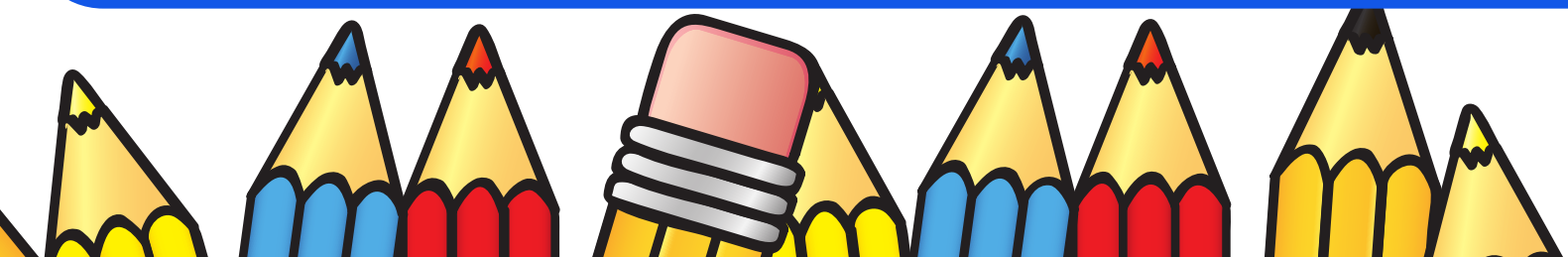
Orchard

We have enjoyed hunting for minibeads as part of our new topic. We have been learning their names and describing some of their features. We have our own class stick insects too. The children are being very gentle with them and learning how to use 'kind hands' when handling them.



Willow

We have been scientists in Willow this week, exploring how to get the hidden minibeads out of the frozen ice. We used the word 'melting' when we took the ice outside in the sun. We have also been making symmetrical butterfly pictures, and of course going on minibead hunts. The children have been set a challenge to find them, name them and describe them. This is a weekend challenge too.



Messages



Healthy Food and Nutrition

All Early Years settings have been issued with guidance from the Department of Education on nutrition for under 5s. We have a statutory duty to promote healthy eating and lifestyles, however this document gives specific guidance as to what we need to avoid. For children who bring a packed lunch, we are not permitted to allow chocolate, cakes or sweets. Children should only be given water in their bottles.

The guidance also states that we cannot give cakes and sweets on your behalf for birthday celebrations.

Further advice will follow as we review our Food and Drinks policy in response to this document.

We are learning...

Attached is our topic knowledge document for this half term. It states what children are typically learning in each class this term. The overview is split into sections, so you can support your child at home, helping them learn new words and concepts.

Our Core Books are, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for all classes, and 'Jasper's Beanstalk.' for Orchard and Willow.

Please speak with the class leaders if you have any questions about your child's progress.

Reminder: School Fund Payment

I have listened to your feedback about School Spider, noting that some of you have found it difficult to make your school fund donations. These payments are for snack, cooking, and additional resources. You may wish to make these payments directly into our school bank account. The details are: Taywood NS Unofficial School Fund, Sort code 01-01-35 Account number 20612699. Other nursery schools ask for £3 per week and due to rising costs, we kindly ask that donations are made for £2.50 per week. This can be made in one payment for the half term of £12.50. Thank you for your support.

