

Newsletter

27th June 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Taywood Families,

You will see lots of learning about polar regions this week, as the children have been thinking about contrasting hot and cold environments.

Today is our last day to confirm your child's attendance on the farm trip. Please sign the consent form and arrange your payment to the School Fund account, or the office.

Orchard Star of the Week

Harper B has shown lots of confidence and independence this week.

Willow Star of the Week

Jessie has bounced straight back into the routines after her operation, and Aurora has had such a positive attitude to learning this week.

Headteacher's Award

Edward and Caiden shared their knowledge of arctic animals when I visited class. It was lovely to hear them speak so confidently.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Slater

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Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 9th July - Thornton Hall Farm trip

Thursday 17th July - End of term performance at 11:00am

Friday 18th July - Reports go home to parents/guardians

Monday 21st July - Sports Day

Forest Time Session 10:30am and 2:00pm

Tuesday 22nd July - School and Seedlings closes for summer

Extended Services

Mrs Farr is our Extended Services Co-Ordinator and can be contacted at

c.farr@taywood.lancs.sch.uk



We have been caring for our plants, helping to re-pot them and learning about what plants need to survive. Thank you for your help Ethan and Ellie!

Breakfast club places are still available from September.



Our Learning



Seedlings

To learn the words 'cold' and 'ice', we made our own ice lollies. Our rhyme of the week is, 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat' - we had lots of fun pretending to be in a boat on the sea. This activity helped us to take turns, and developed our gross motor skills to push and rock the boat.



Orchard

We have been exploring ice this week, learning how ice is made and talking about how it feels. The children enjoyed trying to break it using hammers. Our rhyme of the week is 'Polly Put the Kettle On'. We have been pretending to make tea in the home corner.



Willow

We prepared our own fruity ice pops, cutting up our own fruit and mixing them with juice. We were very sensible and had a go at using a knife. As part of our topic, we enjoyed learning the names of a walrus, caribou and narwhal, and have read lots of non-fiction books to find out new information. Our school leavers have been working on their pencil control, trying to write their name and forming recognisable letters.



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Staffing Update

Miss Craig has started her maternity leave earlier than planned, but both Miss Craig and her baby are doing well. Miss Varnavas is now the Class Leader in Orchard. She is an experienced practitioner and is enjoying getting to know all the children and families. Mrs Entwistle has also decided to retire after over 17 years at Taywood. Miss Horrocks will be our new Administration Assistant. She is having some transition days in the office this week and next. Natasha has been successful in gaining a Teaching Assistant role at another nursery school, as she has completed her Level 3 apprenticeship. Miss Smith completed her apprenticeship last term and will remain at Taywood in September. Well done Natasha and Miss Smith!

Transitions

This is a very busy time of year, with children leaving to go to primary school and some changing classes in September. If your child turns 2 or 3 before the 31st August, they will move to Orchard or Willow. There may be some exceptions to this, so please speak with Class Leaders if you have any questions. Tilly and Miss Varnavas have already planned transitions and will be in contact to discuss the transition process. Those children who have been at Taywood for longer than a term, will receive an end of year report. Parents of newer children will be invited into nursery for their Two Year Progress Check.

Governor Update

I am pleased to welcome Daisy Greenwood to our Governing Body. Daisy is our new Parent Governor. Her son has been with us from a baby and she is a great addition to Taywood. We do have one more vacancy for a co-opted governor. This does not need to be a parent, so if you know of a family member or friend who may be interested, I will be happy to speak with them. We have 6 meetings a year at 4:15pm, so this would hopefully work around childcare or work commitments, but also might be of interest for someone who has retired.

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