

Newsletter

20th September 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Taywood Families,

Ofsted inspected Seedlings on Thursday this week. Thank you to those parents who spoke with the inspector and sent messages- we really appreciate your support and kind words. We hope to let you know the outcome in around 2-3 weeks.

Willow Star of the Week



Cruz has had a wonderful week, showing kindness to his friends and being helpful in class. Well done Cruz!

Attendance

Well done to Willow afternoon children for achieving our target of 95% for a second week.

Mrs Slater

Headteacher

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Upcoming Dates

- 25th September- Orchard Parent Session (morning)
- 2nd October- Orchard Sessions (afternoon)
- 11th October- Tempest Photography
- 21st to 25th October- School and Seedlings closed for half-term.
- 28th October- Closed for staff training.
- 29th October- School and Seedlings open

Extended Services

Mrs Farr is our Extended Services Co-Ordinator and can be contacted at c.farr@taywood.lancs.sch.uk



We have loved our revamped room, especially the kitchen, where we have been colour matching with fruit.

A big thank you to Kuba's family for kindly donating rocking chairs, the children are enjoying them greatly.

Our Learning



Seedlings

Our outdoor focus has been to notice that the leaves are falling from the trees. We gathered different leaves for the children to explore. Some children showed good fine motor skills by picking up some of the smaller leaves. We have also been singing Old McDonald, learning the names of our close family members and washing the babies. What a busy week!

Orchard

We have had a wonderful time in our Forest Time sessions, exploring the apples and looking at the early signs of Autumn. Orchard children have Forest Time Sessions on a Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon, so please send a pair of wellies and an all in one suit if you have one available. Thank you!



Willow

We have been working on our fine and gross motor skills this week. We have been drawing our faces in detail, as well making circles, lines, and zigzags with pencils. Our focus for PE was ball skills. Next week, we are learning how we are all different and thinking about items from different cultures. If anyone has anything they would like us to show during group time, we would love to share this with the children. Please speak with Miss Hussain.



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Orchard Parent and Child Sessions

Come along to our parent and child session in Orchard on Wednesday **25th September at 10:30am**, or **Wednesday 2nd October at 2:00pm**. You can drop in to class to have a look at our new areas, meet your child's key person and spend some quality time playing in the classroom and outdoors with your child. Please message Miss Craig on Dojo, or speak with her at home time if you intend to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Safeguarding

Just a reminder that only one parent/ adult should enter school at our busiest times for drop off and collection. These are 8:45am, 11:45am, 12:15pm and 3:15pm. Our corridors get very busy during these times. This is to keep your child safe and to ensure staff can ensure all children arrive or leave safely. Mobile phones should be out of sight beyond the school office please for safeguarding purposes.

Collection Times

Please be mindful that collecting your child before the end of the session means that they will miss their end of session learning time, where daily literacy takes place. When you collect your child early, this disrupts the learning for the rest of the children and also unsettles them, as they see other children going home early. It also prevents the staff from delivering their group learning. Group time finishes at 11:30am and 3:00pm. Thank you.



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School Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many children in their school uniform. They are very proud of their badges and they look very smart too. Just a reminder that we are asking all children in Orchard and Willow to wear a uniform daily, including the end of the week. We plan to purchase some spare jumpers, which children can wear in school if they arrive in non-school uniform. Please speak with Mrs Slater if you have any concerns regarding the uniform.

Primary School Applications

If your child turns 4 years of age before 31st August 2025, you will need to apply for a primary school place. Applications are open now and close on 15th January 2025. You can apply using this link below.

[Apply for a primary school place](#)

Fundraising Events

Some parents have mentioned they would be interested in helping us with fundraising events. A cake sale and park walk have been mentioned. If anyone is interested in helping out, please speak with Mrs Slater, Mrs Farr, Miss Craig, or Tilly in Seedlings. We would like to fundraise to purchase triple prams to take our Seedlings children out to the local library and to the park, as well as new outdoor climbing equipment for Orchard and Willow.

