

# Newsletter

31st January 2025



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Taywood Families,

Can you help to develop our outdoor construction area? If you have any unwanted bricks, concrete flags, pieces of wooden decking or stones, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

### Orchard Star of the Week

Harlow has settled in well to his new class, always coming in happily and keen to play.

### Willow Star of the Week

Kacey-Mai has settled into Willow too- she even skipped and hopped into class this week. Well done Harlow and Kacey-Mai!

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## Upcoming Dates

- Friday 14th February- School and Seedlings closes for half term at the usual time.
- Monday 24th February- Closed for staff training day.
- Tuesday 25th February- School and Seedlings opens for the new term.
- Friday 28th March- Mother's Day Breakfast and Afternoon Tea

## Extended Services

Mrs Farr is our Extended Services Co-Ordinator and can be contacted at [c.farr@taywood.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.farr@taywood.lancs.sch.uk)

We have places available in Breakfast and After School Club from April and September. Please speak with the office or Mrs Farr should you require a place.

The children have enjoyed their new creative station, using tools to cut, stick and create.



# Our Learning



## Seedlings

We have enjoyed using the squeeze scissors this week, making snips in paper. The children found this a little tricky, but they showed good concentration and keep on trying. Deacon did a great job, holding the scissors and paper without any help.



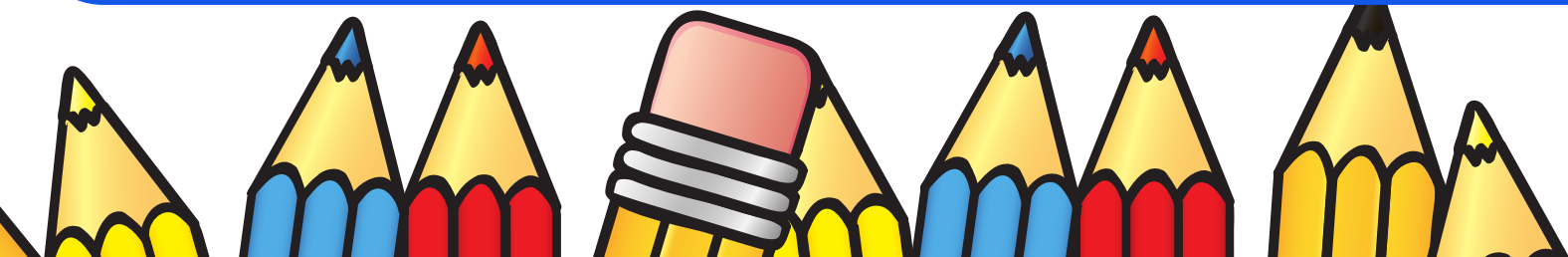
## Orchard

On Wednesday, to mark the celebration of the Lunar New Year, we tried a Chinese vegetable stir fry. Some of us really enjoyed it, some of us did not! Well done everyone for trying something new.



## Willow

We have been peeling and chopping vegetables for our noodle stir fry, and developing our fine motor skills using chopsticks.



# Messages



## Physical Confidence



After our staff training on physical development this week, we are raising the profile of physical confidence. We know that being able to master skills in jumping, hopping, balancing, running and catching a ball, gives our children the best start in life and leads to higher achievement in literacy in maths later in life. We have enjoyed our focus activities outdoors, which also helps to develop self-confidence and social skills too.

## Starting School

Lancashire Early Years have shared a document for parents/carers, called 'Getting Ready for School: Top Tips for Parents/Carers.' This has been shared alongside the newsletter and is available on our website. An easy way to prepare your child for starting school is to encourage children to walk in and out of school without being picked up or carried.

## 30 Hours of Funding

You may be entitled to 30 hours of funding from September 2025. Please check your eligibility on the [Childcare Choices](#) website. This could mean that full time places are in high demand due to the increase in funding. Please speak with the office as soon as possible to secure your child's place from September.

