



# Open Gates



Our Spring 2 School Values are

Self-Respect (KS1 & 2) and Responsibility (KS2 only)

Self-respect: We believe in our own worth and take good care of ourselves.  
We will use our voices to speak up for ourselves.

Responsibility: We know it is important to be reliable and trustworthy, so people know they can count on us. We make thoughtful decisions and take ownership of our actions and words.

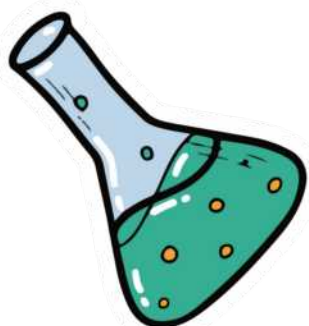


Thank you, Year 5 for a wonderful assembly this morning showcasing all your learning across the curriculum about World War 2 and inspired by your class text **Letters from the Lighthouse**, by Emma Carroll.



Next week in school is our annual **Science Week**, inspired by British Science Week. The theme for 2024 is **TIME**. Children in all classes will experience engaging lessons and activities and conduct investigations to deepen their understanding and knowledge in science. We look forward to sharing all of this with you as the week progresses. If you would like to find out more about British Science Week, please follow the link below:

[britishscienceweek.org](https://britishscienceweek.org)



## Holocaust Memorial Day

We were invited by Tamworth Borough Council to take part in a Holocaust Memorial Day project, organised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society. Plants are used as a symbol of remembrance and remind us of the importance of unity, peace and friendship.

We were given two planters to decorate and plant up. Each child in year 6 designed, drew and coloured a symbol related to peace, equality and happiness and added it to the planter. I hope you will agree how wonderful they look.

The children engaged well with the project and made great links to topics they have studied during their time at Two Gates in History, RE and PSHE - especially World War 1 and World War 2 and the lives of people affected by genocide such as Anne Frank.



The planters take pride of place in the reception area of our school and some of our year 6 children now have the very important job of watering and taking care of the plants and bulbs.

## **World Book Day 2024 is on Wednesday 6th March.**

Children may come to school **dressed up** as their favourite book character; there will be a small prize for the best costume in each class!

Our book focus this year is **'The Paperbag Prince' by Colin Thompson**. All classes will complete activities based on the text during the day. They will all bring home a free book on the day.



Please remember to **come along to a cosy reading and book-sharing session** with your child in the Apollo Suite - information about class time slots is on Class Dojo.

We also have an **Usborne Books book fair in school** from 3:00 to 3:30 on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March where you can **purchase books** for your children.



## Phonic Workshop

At Two Gates, we are passionate about ensuring all children become confident and enthusiastic readers and writers. Our youngest children are taught to read through daily phonics lessons. They learn to:

- Read letters by their 'sounds'
- Blend these sounds into words
- Read the words in a story.



Last week we invited parents of year 1 children to a workshop to share how we teach phonics; we hope they will feel more confident to support their children with their reading at home.

For more information about how we teach phonics, please follow this link to our school website:

[Reading in years 1-6](#)

## Spring Term Parent Consultation Evenings

Our spring consultation evenings are on **13th and 14th March**. We look forward to welcoming you into school to meet with your child's class teacher and see for yourselves what superstar learners your children are! If you need some help to book your appointment, please contact the office and we will be happy to help. ***(If you have already made an appointment with Mrs Thompson on the telephone, there is no need for you to book on-line)***



## Thinking Day 2024

It was lovely to see some of our children who are members of the Guides and Scouting organisations choosing to wear their uniforms to school in celebration of Thinking Day last Thursday, 22nd February.



World Thinking Day is a global event where children are encouraged to **celebrate international friendship and speak out and raise awareness for issues facing young women and girls**. Each year World Thinking Day has a theme, between 2022 and 2024, the theme is on the Environment and Climate Change. World Thinking Day is celebrated around the world by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries. Additionally, some boy scouting organisations also celebrate this day.

**Congratulations to these super swimmers**  
all of whom represented Two Gates at the  
Tamworth Swimming Gala heats last week.

Team Two Gates has made it through to  
compete in **15** out of 32 races in the finals  
next month.

This is an incredible achievement.

We wish them all the very best!

And finally...

We wish the staff and Y6 children who will be visiting France next  
week a very safe, happy and successful international residential  
visit.



Please see more news, photos and information below and remember that you can  
follow us on X [@2gatesprimary](#) Class and school information will also be posted on  
[ClassDojo](#) and messages will be sent via our text messaging service.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here  
for you; just call the office on [01827 213855](#) or e mail  
[officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

Au revoir,

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook

Love children, love learning!



# CELEBRATIONS

05/02/2024

## STAR AWARD

Robins - Poppy  
Doves - Oscar  
Buzzards - Kate  
Kingfishers - Oliver  
Swans - Ava  
Kites - Ava-Jo  
Falcons - Tyler  
Kestrels - Tate



## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Indiana  
Doves - Harley  
Buzzards - Rosie  
Kingfishers - Maja  
Swans - Ceejay  
Kites - Stanley  
Falcons - Lewis  
Kestrels - Ewan

## TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



### KS1

Doves  
98.33%

### KS2

Kestrels  
99.1%





# CELEBRATIONS

19/02/2024

## STAR AWARD

Buzzards - Chayce  
Kingfishers - Daisy  
Swans - Lola  
Kites - Louis  
Falcons - Antonio  
Kestrels - Evie-May



## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Buzzards - Jake  
Kingfishers - Poppy  
Swans - Amelia  
Kites - Aarav  
Falcons - Kye  
Kestrels - Leanne

## TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



### KS1

Doves  
97.2%

### KS2

Kites  
99%





# Diary Dates

**DON'T FORGET**

**Monday 4th - Friday 8th March**

Year 6 visit to Paris

**Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March**

Usborne Book Fair

3:10 till 3:40pm

**Wednesday 6th March**

World Book Day

**Monday 11th March**

Year 6 Mother's Day Lunch

**Tuesday 12th March**

Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March**

Parent's Consultation Evening

**Friday 15th March**

Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief (£1 donation)

**Tuesday 19th March**

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Parents meeting

3:30 till 4:pm

**Wednesday 20th March**

Year 5 visit to Whittington Barracks

**Wednesday 20th March**

Year 2 Easter Crafts with parents

**Thursday 21st March**

Year 1 Easter Crafts with parents

**Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April**

Easter Holidays

**Monday 8th April**

Teacher Training Day

School not open to pupils

**Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April**

Year 4 visit to Whitemoor Lakes

**Monday 6th May**

May Bank Holiday - School Closed



# WONKA

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## World Book Day Menu

Boggis's Chicken Surprise  
Veg & Dumplings

or

Wormy Veggie Spaghetti  
Garlic Bread &  
BFG'S Snozcumber Salad

Wonka's Ultimate  
Chocolate  
Extravaganza  
or  
Willy Wonka's  
Whipple Scrumptious  
Fudgemellow  
Delight





**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**Two Gates**  
Primary School



Help to raise money for Comic Relief by coming to school with crazy hair. All £1 donations will be collected on the school gate.

**Please wear your school clothes as usual.**





# SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see our exciting 3 week rolling menu for the Spring Term

Don't forget you can place dinner orders from home by clicking on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2pzatt7z>

to view a letter from ATLP in reference to this click:

<https://tinyurl.com/vfdtrkkm>



Week commencing 08/01/2024,  
29/01/2024, 26/02/2024, 18/03/2024

## WEEK 1

STEP 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Main</b> Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn	Jerk Chicken to go with Rice & Peas, Mixed Salad	Rosemary Chicken with Tomato Sauce to go with New Potatoes, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Brioche Beef Burger to go with Seasoned Herby Diced Potatoes, Side Salad	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons to go with Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips
	<b>Vegetarian</b> Vegetable Teriyaki Noodles to go with Sweetcorn	Mac N Cheese to go with Garlic Bread, Mixed Salad	Veggie Toad in the Hole to go with New Potatoes, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Chickpea & Tomato Masala to go with Flat Bread, Savoury sticky Vegetable rice	Spring Roll to go with Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips
	<b>Combo</b> Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich - combo to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Wrap - Combo to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade with Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese and Pizza Sauce	Sandwich - combo to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Baguette - combo to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Chicken Mayo, Egg Mayo, Grated Cheese	Sandwich - combo to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
STEP 2 ...and to finish!	Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll	Greek Yogurt & Berry Eton Mess	Fruit Slice to go with Custard	Chocolate Sponge to go with Custard	Muffin Lemon Drizzle
	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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Week commencing  
15/01/2024, 05/02/2024, 04/03/2024

## WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

### Main

### Vegetarian

### Combo

STEP 2 ...and to finish!

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

#### MONDAY

##### Sweetcorn Pizza

to go with

Coleslaw, Potato Wedges

##### Veggie Chilli

to go with

Coleslaw, Potato Wedges

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Chocolate Crunch

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### TUESDAY

##### Chicken & Spinach Pasta

to go with

Garlic Bread, Broccoli, carrots & peas

##### Jamaican Vegetarian Curry

to go with

Garlic Bread, Broccoli, carrots & peas

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Wrap - Combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Hummus with Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese and Pesto Sauce

##### Peach Slice

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Chicken Sausage

to go with

Mashed potato, Cabbage, Onion Gravy

##### Vegetarian Cottage Pie

to go with

Cabbage, Onion Gravy

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Apple & Blackberry Crumble

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### THURSDAY

##### Beef Goulash

to go with

Mediterranean Rice, Green Beans & Mixed Peppers

##### Boston Bean Taco

to go with

Green Beans & Mixed Peppers

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Baguette - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Chicken Mayo, Egg Mayo, Grated Cheese

##### Strawberry Yogurt Cheesecake

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### FRIDAY

##### Cod in Batter

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

##### Sweet Chilli Vegetarian Sausage

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Cookies

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

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Week commencing  
22/01/2024, 19/02/2024, 11/03/2024

## WEEK 3

STEP 1 Choose from...

### Main

### Vegetarian

### Combo

STEP 2 ...and to finish!

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

#### MONDAY

##### Mixed Peppers Pizza

to go with

Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad, Sweet Potato Wedges

##### Hotdog

to go with

Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad, Sweet Potato Wedges

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Blueberry Blondie

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### TUESDAY

##### Chicken Tikka Masala

to go with

Sweetcorn with red peppers, Fragrant Basmati Rice

##### Sweet & Sour vegetable StirFry

to go with

Sweetcorn with red peppers, Fragrant Basmati Rice

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Wrap - Combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Hummus with Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese and Pesto Sauce

##### Mixed Berry Yogurt Delight & Cookie

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding

to go with

Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots

##### Cheesy Leek and Potato Pie

to go with

Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Iced Jamaican Ginger Cake

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### THURSDAY

##### Creamy Garlic Chicken Pasta

to go with

Broccoli, carrots & peas, Flat Bread

##### West African Vegetable Rice

to go with

Broccoli, carrots & peas, Flat Bread

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Baguette - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Chicken Mayo, Egg Mayo, Grated Cheese

##### Jam Doughnuts

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

#### FRIDAY

##### Salmon Fish Fingers

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Minted Peas

##### Southern Style Quorn Burger

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Minted Peas

##### Jacket Potato

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Sauce

##### Sandwich - combo

to go with

Side Salad

with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

##### Secret Brownie

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

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