



# Open Gates



Autumn 1

**School Value - sense of belonging**

**‘Team Two Gates includes everyone. We can be ourselves and know we are safe and valued in our school community.’**

Dear Parents

## **Attendance Reminders...**

**The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.**

**Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school. (Gov.UK working together to improve attendance 2024)**

We are seven weeks into the new school year and have been monitoring attendance from day 1. We do all we can to encourage parents to ensure that their children achieve **maximum possible** attendance and any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted on promptly. Emerging concerns around inconsistent attendance will be communicated with parents from the outset and we value our partnership with you when trying to overcome barriers to attendance.

**The best gift any parent can give their child is to ensure they attend school every day.**

Regular school attendance is vital for your child to:

- **DEVELOP INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE**
- **MAKE AND MAINTAIN FRIENDSHIPS**
- **EXPERIENCE A FULL SYSTEMATIC CURRICULUM**
- **LEARN MORE AND REMEMBER MORE**
- **ACHIEVE MORE**
- **PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**
- **BE READY FOR THE NEXT STAGE IN THEIR EDUCATION**

The impact of lost days can be seen in the table overleaf:...

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that **parents telephone school on the first day of absence 01827 213855** and leave a message (option 1) by **8.30am** giving a reason for the absence and an indication of how long the absence is likely to last. If the return date is not confirmed on the first day of absence, parents/carers must contact the school on each day of absence.; this can be by telephone or by e mail to [officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

**On the day of return to school, parents and carers must also provide written confirmation of the reason(s) for the full period of absence.**

As well as regular attendance, it is really important that your child arrives at school on time. Getting to school on time sets your child up for the best possible start to the day.

**Aim to arrive by 8:35 a.m.**

**The impact of lateness...**

When your child is late for school they miss the start of the day with their peers. They miss registration and morning activities; they miss assemblies; they **may even miss learning** – as we begin lessons promptly. Walking into a classroom late can be a **stressful experience** for your child. Frequent lateness adds up...

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Minutes Late/day	Days lost/year
5	3
10	7
15	10
20	14
30	21

Please see our Attendance Policy - [ATLP & Two Gates Attendance Policy 24-25](#) for all the information you need about attendance and absence management.

## Recent celebrations and news...

**Star Award** - here are the children who have achieved 'star awards' this half term. Certificates have been awarded for a wide range of achievements from living out our school value 'Sense of Belonging', showing our new school rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' and some amazing academic progress already this year in lessons.

# We love our Friday Star Award Assembly!



## October is Black History Month.

In the UK, Black **History Month** is a time for reflection and positive changes for the future. During Black History Month, people can celebrate the outstanding contributions that Black and Mixed Heritage people have made in the United Kingdom and across the world.

This week KS2 pupils took part in a **Great Big Live Assembly** with over 200,000 other children from all over the UK! We want every child to feel **valued, safe and welcome** in our school. Click this link to watch the assembly again... [Great Big Live Assembly- Black History Month October 2024](#)



Another special assembly was led by our **Sense of Belonging** Student Leaders where we celebrated the diversity within our school community. This map shows the countries represented in the ancestry of Two Gates children...our stories reach across the world!



**Year 4** have been out and about in Tamworth this week on an amazing **Geography fieldtrip**. The children were able to use their map skills to find and label human and physical landmarks in Tamworth. Landmarks included Tamworth Castle, St. Edith's Church, the canal, the River Tame and the Snowdome. They will be using this knowledge to help them compare Tamworth with local cities during their Geography lessons.



**Year 5** had a fantastic time at the Belgrave Fire Station '**Safe and Sound**' event this week. They took part in a variety of informative and interactive activities delivered by:

- RNLI - Water Safety
- Mercia EMS - What to do in an emergency
- Fire and Rescue Service- Fire Safety in the Home
- HSBC - Debit card safety



### Community News...

We are so very proud of Eva for receiving the highest honour in the **Spirit of Tamworth Awards 2024** in recognition of her bravery for donating her bone marrow to her little brother. **Congratulations!!!**

Please remember that we are here for you if you have any concerns or questions, or need a listening ear; just call the office on **01827 213855** or email [office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

You can also pop messages to your child's class teacher on [ClassDojo](#).

Wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend,

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook



Eva has also donated her recently cut hair to the Little Princess Trust. Eva, you are a superstar- and we love your new hairstyle!

*Love children, love learning!*



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - River / Arnold
- Year 2 - Samuel / Amelia
- Year 3 - William / Matei
- Year 4 - Rosie / Olivia
- Year 5B - Freya / Alice
- Year 5G - Darhlia / Lola
- Year 6 - Olivia / Kady-Leigh



## Attendance



KS1  
Year 2  
96.09%

KS2  
Year 6  
95.81%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - James / Arnold
- Year 2 - Khalysi
- Year 3 - Ellie-Mae
- Year 4 - Alston
- Year 5B - Owen
- Year 5G - Annabelle
- Year 6 - Rayyan





# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Ivy-Lee
- Year 2 - Nylah
- Year 3 - Henry
- Year 4 - Abigail
- Year 5B - Lilly
- Year 5G - Ellie
- Year 6 - Olivia



## Attendance



KS1  
Year 2  
94.35%

KS2  
Year 5B  
97.75%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Ruby
- Year 2 - Amelia
- Year 3 - Juniper
- Year 4 - Fleur
- Year 5B - Ellie
- Year 5G - Alfie
- Year 6 - Riley





# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Ismails
- Year 2 - Milo
- Year 3 - Ava
- Year 4 - Jake
- Year 5B - Chloe
- Year 5G - Alfie
- Year 6 - Reece



## Attendance



KS1  
Year 2  
95.69%

KS2  
Year 6  
98.39%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Minahil
- Year 2 - Grace
- Year 3 - Andrada
- Year 4 - Bentley
- Year 5B - Darcie
- Year 5G - Eva
- Year 6 - Joseph





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## Attendance



KS1  
Year 2  
97.28%

KS2  
Year 3  
97.92%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Amelia
- Year 2 - Billy
- Year 3 - Josie
- Year 4 - Dotty
- Year 5B - Ellie
- Year 5G - Amelia
- Year 6 - Harley







# Diary Dates

## **Tuesday 22nd October**

Academy Photos  
Individuals and Siblings

## **Thursday 24th October**

Year 3 Harvest Assembly for parents  
9:00am till 9:30am

## **Monday 28th October till Friday 1st November**

HALF TERM - School closed

## **Wednesday 6th November**

Parent Consultation  
3:30pm till 6pm

## **Thursday 7th November**

Parent Consultation  
3:30pm till 6pm

## **Friday 29th November**

Inset Day - School Closed

## **Monday 23rd December till Friday 3rd January 2024**

Christmas Holiday

## **Monday 6th January**

Inset Day - School Closed