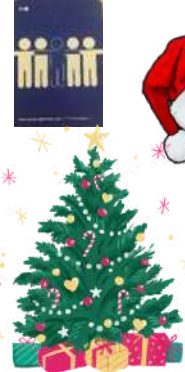


# Open Gates

The Autumn 2 School Value focus is Ambition

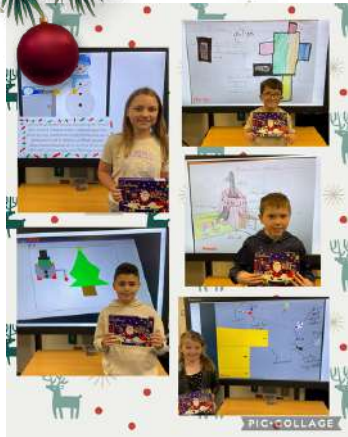
Team Two Gates knows no limits. We are determined to achieve our goals.



Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely last week at school. Thank you for joining us for **Nursery's craft morning, the magical KS1 Nativity in Song and Reception's Christmas songs performance.** The children were delighted to see you in school and felt so proud of themselves!





Well done to the five lucky winners of the Christmas Invention Competition! KS2 Pupils were given the opportunity to design a unique invention to help Christmas run smoothly. Children created things like a Christmas dinner maker, glitter vacuum cleaner, wrapping paper collector, self-decorating trees, and much more!



Mrs Roberts and the catering team prepared a delicious **Christmas dinner** on Wednesday and the lunchtime team came in early to decorate the tables and make sure the children had a wonderful time. They all looked so festive in their jumpers and headgear!

well done 

**Celebrating achievement...**

It has been a wonderful term of **learning, achievement and progress**; we hope you are as proud as we are of your children's focus, determination and drive to be successful in their learning. I am immensely grateful to our dedicated **staff team at Two Gates who go the extra mile every day** to ensure your children are safe, well cared for and have quality lessons and learning experiences.



As you are aware, we are focusing particularly on the children's **learning behaviours** in and around school this year and are introducing new expectations and routines for behaviour – all based around **being Ready, Respectful and Safe**. During Autumn 2, staff have been awarding Dojo points to children for showing these behaviours and for displaying our school values- particularly '**ambition**'. The more points the children are awarded, the closer they get to achieving enough points to be **awarded a badge** at either bronze, silver or gold standard at the end of term. This week, the first recipients of these badges have been announced and celebrated in our **behaviour assemblies**.

In last week's newsletter I wrote about the importance of reading for pleasure. All children have a **Boom Reader** account where they can record the books they have read and write reviews. Parents and teachers can access this and track children's reading over time, **providing a full, meaningful picture of their reading all the way through school**. Boom Reader also gives us data about the popularity of books. Some Year 6 pupils shared their favourite books and why they love them.

Ava-Jo's favourite book is A Girl Named Rosa by Denise Lewis Patrick; she chose this because ***"It's really inspirational and it teaches me how to stick up for myself and feel proud."***

Lenaya's favourite book is Matilda by Roald Dahl; she said this- ***"Matilda likes reading- like me and I think some parts of the book are very funny!"***



Certificates and prizes were awarded this week to classes and pupils who have read the most books this term.



Here are the pupils who have received awards in Years 1-6 this term - well done, book worms!



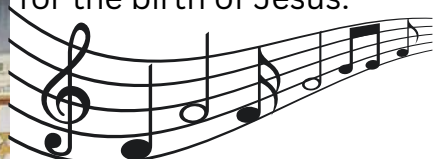
Those who have read over 30 books were able to choose a book to keep and take home.

The winning classes were:

- ★ 3rd - Year 2 - Mrs Brelsforth / Mrs Williams
- ★ 2nd - Year 5 - Mrs Greenway
- ★ 1st - Year 5 - Mrs Bishop

I LOVE READING

This week the children have enjoyed a **magical Christmas Trail** in the Forest with Mrs Hambly. They explored the Christmas Story from the viewpoint of the characters as they journey to Bethlehem, arriving together in time for the birth of Jesus.



**Joel Foster** came to school today and performed for pupils in Years 4-6; he is a 22 year old, up and coming music artist from Burton-Upon-Trent. Joel starred on the first season of 'The Voice Kids UK' 2017.



It was then when Joel realised he wanted to show the world his music. All starting from playing piano from the age of 3, he knew music was what he was destined to do. Joel performs widely around the UK and never fails to get the crowds going at his shows. He has had his own experiences with bullying and mental health, so he openly gives advice to the younger generation during his shows. Joel is very experienced in delivering these messages for school pupils and has attended over 50 schools and colleges in the last year educating pupils on these sensitive subjects. He certainly lifted everyone's spirits here today - the children really loved joining in with the songs and listening to Joel's story and advice.

We are a school at the heart of our community and care deeply about our children and their families.

Please see the information posted on Class Dojo last week regarding **events, help and support available over Christmas** in our community and wider.

Thank you for your support of our school and your children's learning this term- it has been very long, but we have made it. We really are stronger together!

**I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best for 2025.**

Kind regards,  
Mrs Llewelyn- Cook



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Love children, love learning!



yummm! DELICIOUS

A BIG Thank you to our wonderful Cooks and Lunchtime staff



Thank you



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 2 - Ben
- Year 3 - Darcey
- Year 4 - Chayce
- Year 5B - Elsie
- Year 5G - Amelia
- Year 6 - Harlow



## Attendance



### KS1

Year 1  
91.67%

### KS2

Year 5B  
98.26%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Isla
- Year 2 - Harley
- Year 3 - Ronnie
- Year 4 - Jack
- Year 5B - Lola
- Year 5G - Ceejay
- Year 6 - Olivia



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Minahil
- Year 2 - Amelia
- Year 3 - Pola
- Year 4 - Jake
- Year 5B - Noah
- Year 5G - Ceejay



## Attendance



### KS1

Year 1  
90.67%

### KS2

Year 5B  
97.39%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Ace
- Year 2 - Nylah
- Year 4 - Lexi
- Year 5B - Alice
- Year 5G - Lola
- Year 6 - Ava-Jo





# Diary Dates

**Monday 23rd December till Friday 3rd January 2025**

Christmas Holiday

**Monday 6th January**

Staff Training Day - School Closed

**Tuesday 7th January**

All Children back to School

**Monday 17th February till Friday 21st February**

Half Term

**Monday 10th March till Friday 14th March**

Year 6 visit to Paris

**Friday 21st March**

Staff Development Day - School Closed



 **ATTENTION**

Please may we remind you to park considerately and be mindful of residents and other road users when dropping off and picking up your children.

**THANK YOU!**



# WEEK 1

STEP

1

Choose from...

## Main

## Vegetarian

## Combo



STEP

2

...and to finish!



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

### MONDAY

#### Cheese & Tomato Pizza

to go with

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn

#### Southern Style Quorn Burger

to go with

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn

#### Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

#### Jacket Potato

to go with

Mixed Salad

with choice of fillings

#### Sandwich

to go with

Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

#### Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### TUESDAY

#### Chicken Korma

to go with

Flat Bread, Vegetable rice

#### Fruity Curry

to go with

Flat Bread, Vegetable rice

#### Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

#### Jacket Potato

to go with

Mixed Salad

with choice of fillings

#### Sandwich

to go with

Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

#### Bumble Bee Honey Cake

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

#### Roast Chicken

to go with

Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, New Potatoes, Seasonal Green Veg

#### Vegetarian Sausage

to go with

Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, New Potatoes, Seasonal Green Veg

#### Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

#### Jacket Potato

to go with

Mixed Salad

with choice of fillings

#### Sandwich

to go with

Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

#### Fruity Shortbread

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### THURSDAY

#### Pork Sausage

to go with

BBQ Baked Beans, Bubble & Squeak

#### Vegetable Chow Mein Noodles

to go with

Spring Roll

#### Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

#### Jacket Potato

to go with

Mixed Salad

with choice of fillings

#### Sandwich

to go with

Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

#### Apple & Lemon Curd Tart

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### FRIDAY

#### Battered Fish

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

#### Quorn Hotdog with Fried Onions

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

#### Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

#### Jacket Potato

to go with

Mixed Salad

with choice of fillings

#### Sandwich

to go with

Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

#### Chocolate Sponge

to go with Custard

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view [atprelishops.com](http://prelishops.com) for Allergen Information.



# WEEK 2

STEP 1

Choose from...

## Main

## Vegetarian

## Combo



STEP 2  
...and to finish!



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

### MONDAY

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**

to go with  
Half Jacket Potato, Baked Beans

**Vegetarian Burger**

to go with  
Half Jacket Potato, Baked Beans

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**

to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**

to go with  
Mixed Salad  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**

to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips  
with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

**Strawberry Iced Smoothie**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### TUESDAY

**Rosemary Chicken with Tomato Sauce**

to go with  
Sunshine Rice, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables

**Quorn Tikka Curry**

to go with  
Sunshine Rice, Flat Bread

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**

to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**

to go with  
Mixed Salad  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**

to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips  
with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

**Lamington Slice**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

**Roast Turkey**

to go with  
Mashed potato, Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Broccoli, carrots & peas

**Sweetcorn & Potato Pie**

to go with  
Mashed potato, Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Broccoli, carrots & peas

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**

to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**

to go with  
Mixed Salad  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**

to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips  
with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

**Chocolate Brownie**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### THURSDAY

**Cheese Beef Burger**

to go with  
Corn on the Cob, Potato Wedges

**Creole-Style Jambalaya**

to go with  
Garlic Bread, Mixed Salad

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**

to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**

to go with  
Mixed Salad  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**

to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips  
with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

**Yogurt & Berry Eton Mess**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

### FRIDAY

**Fish Fingers**

to go with  
Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

**Veggie Nuggets**

to go with  
Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**

to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**

to go with  
Mixed Salad  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**

to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tortilla chips  
with choice of fillings  
Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

**Dorset Apple Cake**

to go with  
Custard

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly



# WEEK 3

STEP 1

Choose from...

## Main

## Vegetarian

## Combo



STEP 2

...and to finish!



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

### MONDAY

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad, Tomato Pasta

**Fish Pie**  
to go with  
Seasonal Green Veg

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Vanilla Ice Cream**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Jelly

### TUESDAY

**Shepherds Pie**  
to go with  
Potato Wedges, Roasted Carrots

**Vegan Sausage Roll**  
to go with  
Baked Beans, Potato Wedges

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Bakewell Slice**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

**Roast Pork**  
to go with  
Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Cravy, New Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots

**Cauliflower & Parsnip Bake**  
to go with  
Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, Cravy, New Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Apple Crumble Layer Pot**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Jelly

### THURSDAY

**Creamy Chicken & Spinach Pasta**  
to go with  
Homemade Soft Bread, Mixed Salad

**Sloppy Joe Quorn Burger**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad, Roasted New Potatoes

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Chocolate Mousse**

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Jelly

### FRIDAY

**Chicken Nuggets**  
to go with  
Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

**Vegetarian Fishless Fingers**  
to go with  
Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

**Ultimate Super Food Tomato Pasta**  
to go with  
Mixed Salad

**Jacket Potato**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Sandwich**  
to go with  
with choice of fillings

**Citrus Sponge**  
to go with  
Custard

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Jelly