

Open Gates



School Value Focus:

Being Healthy : we will be teaching the children how to keep themselves mentally and physically healthy through a range of curriculum and enrichment learning activities.

Dear Parents

Well, just when you think the last week of term will run according to plan, the British weather throws a curve ball in the form of a record-breaking heatwave! **The children have coped admirably** with the changes we had to make to keep everyone safe during the heatwave and despite having to stay indoors all day on Monday and Tuesday and enable some children to leave earlier on Tuesday, they just got on with it in good cheer. It probably helped that they had been **outdoors for most of last week - enjoying all the activities offered during a successful Health and Wellbeing week.** We hope you enjoyed joining your children for Sports Day. **The colour run** was definitely one of the highlights of the week...



Yesterday, our wonderful **Year 6 Class of 2022** delighted us all with their end of year production *The Greatest Show!*

Straight after, a **chip supper** was served outside, funded by the Two Gates PTA, followed by the **Graduation Ceremony** to celebrate the end of their time at primary school. The ceremony involved speeches from staff and pupils as well as a presentation of scrolls to each leaver, with proud (and a little tearful!) parents applauding them - a most enjoyable end to a lovely, memorable and important day.

We are so proud of the children and know they are more than ready for the next step in their educational journey. **They go with our best wishes and safe in the knowledge that there will always be an open door and warm welcome for them at Two Gates.**



Mrs Rochfort is leaving at the end of term to start a new career in floristry. She has taught at Two Gates for six years - across school in most year groups from R-6. She has been so dedicated to our pupils and has been a real player. We will miss Mrs Rochfort very much and wish her the very best in her new venture.



Miss Jennings joined us in Nursery just before Christmas and quickly settled into the Two Gates family; although we knew from the start that she would only be with us for the year, we are very sorry to see her go. On a positive note, Miss Jennings will be taking up a new position at another ATLP school, so we will see her from time to time. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Thank you **Miss Azhar** for supporting learning in Nursery this year, you have been so kind to our children



Mrs Barbara Turner will be retiring at the end of term having worked as a lunchtime supervisor at Two Gates for 5 years. She has been part of our wonderful team of lunchtime staff who care for the children, keep them safe and help them have a happy time. We wish Mrs Turner a long and happy retirement and thank her very much for her service to the children of Two Gates.

We say a fond farewell and thank you to **Mrs Porter, Mr Ball and Mrs Bradley** who have been supporting learning in Key Stage 1 this year.





Wedding Bells are ringing for one member of staff this summer... **Miss Bracey** is getting married next week – and is remarkably calm about it so far! When we come back in September she will be known as Mrs O'Connell. We wish her a wonderful wedding day and many years of wedded bliss with Mr O'Connell.

Congratulations to **Mrs Greenway's class** for collecting the most froggers this term and earning themselves a Water Play afternoon!

Miss Denton's class came 2nd and had party food at playtime.

In our final **assemblies** of the year, we have awarded children with our prestigious **Above and Beyond Certificates** and also our **WOW Homework certificates**. Many congratulations to all the worthy recipients.

A big well done and thank you to the pupils who have been learning the violin at school for giving a lovely **musical performance** to their parents on Tuesday morning. We hope they will continue to play and have lessons when they move on to their high schools.



We are so excited to tell you that from September Two Gates will be part of the **Children's University** – together with all the other schools in the ATLP.

The Children's University Trust offers 7 to 14 year-olds (and 5 to 6 year-olds with their families) exciting innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. The scheme has worked for over 26 years to build confidence and character in young people of all backgrounds and make a **real difference to educational attainment** – ultimately celebrating **children learning beyond the classroom**.

We will tell you everything you need to know in September, but to get the ball rolling **we are sending home the ATLP Children's University Newsletter of activities for children to complete over the summer and start logging hours**. Click here if you can't wait until September to find out more...

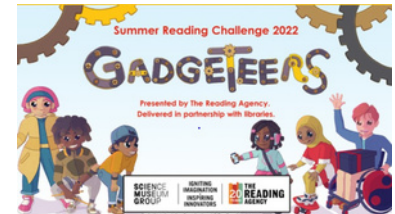
<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

Summer Reading Challenge

Please pop to Tamworth Library to sign up for this year's reading challenge!

Reading is key to everything, so keep up your reading over the holidays – we will be celebrating every child who completes the challenge when we come back to school in September. Please follow this link for more information...

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>



Please scroll down for more news and photos – and remember you can always follow events in real-time on our Twitter page [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/2gatesprimary).

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 email office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Wishing you a lovely summer break with your children; thank you for your support of the school and your children's learning this year. We can't do it without you and really appreciate your help.

The children return to school on Wednesday, 7th September – when it all starts again!

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook



Love children, love learning!

HEALTH



AND

WELL BEING



WEEK



Relaxing in the shade



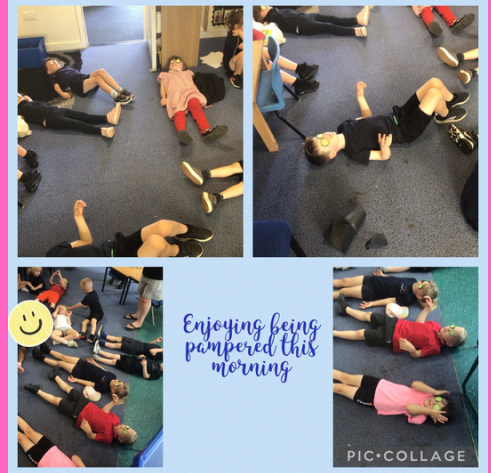
Our smoothies tasted delicious!

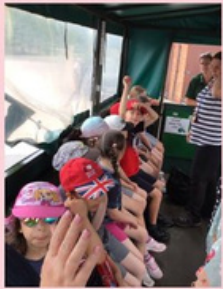


Swans still full of energy!



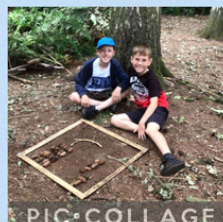
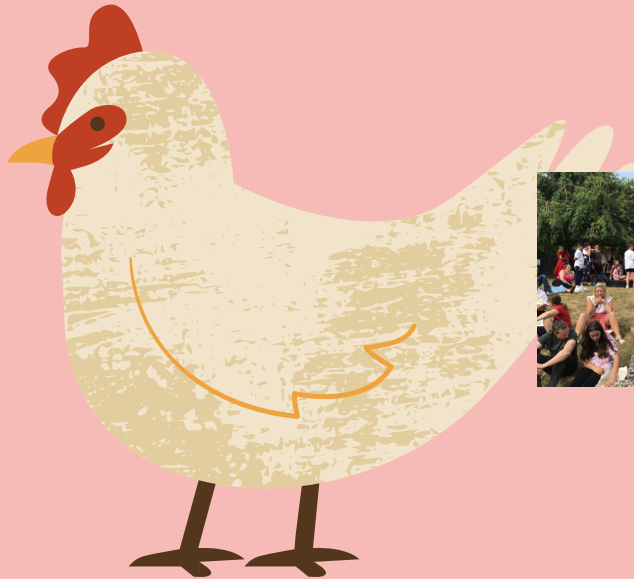




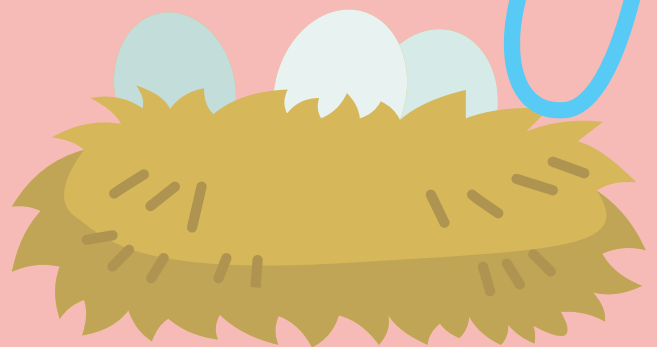


Year 3 enjoyed woodland walks, nest building and forest art.

They had such a wonderful day on the farm!



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YEAR 6 HAVING THE 'BEST TIME' AT THEIR PROM

GRADUATION CEREMONY AND LEAVERS PERFORMANCE

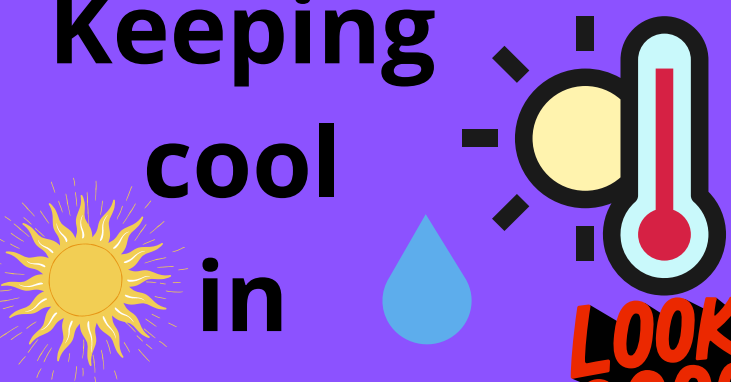


**Wishing all of our lovely Year 6
children the best of luck in their
next chapter at High school
Work hard and stay safe!**





**Keeping
cool
in
Year 3!**



**LOOKING!
GOOOOOD!**

AWESOME!

A massive thank you our first ever Senior Student Leaders, Sophie and Kiera, who are leaving us for secondary school. They are passing the baton to Monai and Alex who will be joining Logan and Inaaya.



**'Salad Days' in Year 2-
making potato salad and
tasting different salads**



AMAZING



MARVELOUS!

Sports Leaders
enjoyed their
reward for being
such an amazing
team!



SPORTS DAY 2022



Red: 301 (Platinum) 1st
Green: 289 (Gold) 2nd
Blue: 271 (Silver) 3rd
Yellow: 263 (Bronze) 4th



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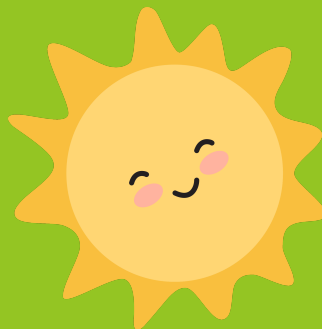
**WELL
DONE**



Congratulations to Jake who has been awarded the
"supporters' player trophy" at his football club!
He was voted for by other players and their families.
What an incredible achievement!
We're so proud!



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

Thursday 21st July
Last Day of School

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th
September
INSET DAYS

Wednesday 7th September
SCHOOL OPENS

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN

for Parents/Carers & Young People

WHEN

Every Thursday
Time: 15.30 - 16.30

including
School
Holidays

WHERE

Your mobile phone/device
& a quiet place to chat

HOW

Scan the QR
code or type
the short URL
into your
browser:



mpft.live/schoolnurse

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**ADVANCE
TICKETS**

£0 not required

ON THE DAY

1. Scan or enter the link into your browser between the advertised times
2. Enter your contact details
3. Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
4. Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room

FAQS

Confidential.
Chat about anything.
Secure platform.
Not recorded.
No new app needed.



Holiday Activities and Food

We still have a number of places available on the HAF programme across the county. Free holiday clubs with meals are available to children in receipt of benefits related free school meals.



If your child is eligible, they can have up to **16 free places** on our summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. This includes a healthy meal with every place booked. Eligible children will receive a letter from their school. This letter will contain a unique registration 'HAF' code which you will need to enter exactly as shown to register your child and then view the activities.

You can mix and match activities using different holiday clubs, or book with just one club. We want as many children as possible to enjoy the limited places on offer; please think of others and do not book your child onto two activities on the same day, as this could prevent another child from getting a place.

If your child does not turn up twice in a row, or 3 times over a two-week period, and you have not contacted the club, then they can cancel your remaining booked places, and offer them to another child on their waiting list. Of course, there may be genuine times when your child is unable to attend. We understand this, but please let the holiday club know, so that place can be filled and meals are not wasted.

If you no longer have a code available please email
holidayactivitiesandfoodprogramme@staffordshire.gov.uk

[CLICK HERE](#)
[to complete an](#)
[Application Form](#)

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

We wish all our pupils and their families a fantastic summer of fun. While children and teachers enjoy a well-deserved break, our team of chefs and nutritionists will be busy in the kitchen putting the finishing touches to our new Autumn menu, launching in October.

We've got lots of fun theme days planned to get the children **buzzzzzing** with excitement – trying new dishes, experiencing new cultures and learning that nutritious food is fun. Watch this space!!!!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE TO ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2?

Simply speak to your school office to enjoy a nutritionally balanced meal every day. Children in Years 3 – 6 could also enjoy a hot school meal or packed lunch for **FREE**.

Check if you're eligible here:
[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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SUMMER FUN WITH FULL TIME MEALS

We have partnered with Full Time Meals, the partnership between **Marcus Rashford** and **Tom Kerridge**, to promote Free School Meals and the Healthy Start Scheme. Check out our summer recipe booklet [here](#).

**FULL
TIME**



KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



SUMMER 2022 SOCCER SCHOOLS

25th July - 31st August

Aston

Tamworth

Harborne

Sutton
Coldfield

Burntwood

Halesowen

Pre book @ AVFC
Football in the
Community Courses



Get ready for summer of fun, games, sports, music and entertainment

The countdown is on to the biggest event ever organised by Tamworth Borough Council which will bring three weeks of non-stop entertainment to Tamworth Castle Grounds, including live coverage of the Commonwealth Games, world famous pop stars, the UK's largest inflatable obstacle course, sports, a world record attempt, 5k festival run, a 'bingo rave', silent disco, tribute shows, open air cinema and much more.

Castle Summer Fest will kick off on July 22, when the Castle Grounds will become a large festival-style venue for a huge programme of fun and varied activities for all the family.

There are many free fun activities for everyone, including free sports demonstrations, free exercise classes for you to join, a free 5k festival run and shorter 1k children's run.

There is even opportunity for families to take part in a world piggyback record attempt!

Castle Summer Fest will also include free to watch live coverage throughout the 10 days of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on a large screen

There is also a jam-packed programme of ticketed events (various prices), for you to enjoy, the highlights include three large-scale open-air summer concerts:

- Saturday, July 23, The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra performing [‘Music from the Movies’](#), alongside special guests Russell Watson and The Overtones.
- Friday, August 12, Singer, songwriter and musician [Jack Savoretti](#) will take to the stage on supported by Melanie C, also known as ‘Sporty Spice’ of Spice Girls fame.
- Saturday, August 13, [Here and Now, the Very Best of the 80s](#) will see Belinda Carlisle, Howard Jones, Thompson Twins’ Tom Bailey, Boney M, The Fizz, Toyah and Katrina of The Waves all performing on the Tamworth stage, after the crowds have been suitably warmed up by well-known Greatest Hits DJ Pat Sharp – also fondly remembered for hosting the Fun House TV show.

See: <https://www.tamworthartsandevents.co.uk/castle-summer-fest> for the full line up and information on how to book.

Programme headlines include:

- 22nd July – Bingo Lingo (stage battles, weird rounds, club atmosphere)
- 23rd July – Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra Royal Philharmonic Orchestra plus Russell Watson and The Overtones
- 24th July – Outdoor cinema, Encanto and the Rocky Horror Picture Show
- 28th July – August 8 - Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games live broadcasts
- 29th July – Silent Disco (choose the tunes from three channels, outside)
- 30th July – Community ‘have a go’ day, 5k festival fun run + children’s 1k run, world piggyback record attempt
- 3rd August – Tribute show Absolute Reggae and Madness
- 2nd-4th August – Mini athletics and free inflatables sessions for youngsters
- 6th + 7th August – The Labyrinth Challenge inflatable obstacle course
- 10th August – Outdoor cinema, West Side Story
- 12th August – Jack Savoretti with special guest Melanie C
- 13th August – Here and Now The Very Best of the 80s with Belinda Carlisle, Howard Jones, Thompson Twins’ Tom Bailey, Boney M, The Fizz, Toyah and Katrina of The Waves and DJ Pat Sharp.

We’d love you to join us in the Castle Grounds this summer.



Tamworth Hockey Club

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🏑 Interested in Hockey? 🏑

Why not pop along and see us on our stand at the Tamworth Community Games on Wednesday 20th July - between 4pm - 8pm at Tamworth Castle Grounds!!

Try your hand at some of our fun challenges and pick up some treats 😁

Everyone is welcome so come and say hello 🙌

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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