

# Open Gates

Autumn 2 School Value: Ambition

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely last week at school. Thank you for joining us for our craft mornings and also the magical KS1 Nativity.

After yesterday's Christmas jumper and dinner day and today's parties the children are more than ready for a break!

It has been a wonderful term of learning, achievement and progress and our celebration assemblies were a testament to the focus, determination and drive your children have to be successful in their learning. We are very proud of all our children and 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.

Thank you to our generous families for your donations to Tamworth Foodbank this week. A big shout out to Mila's mother and her staff at Pizza Hut, Tamworth for supporting us too.



Today we say thank you, goodbye and good luck to Miss Denton, who is leaving Two Gates. Thank you for your service to our children and school. We will particularly remember your enthusiasm for leading physical education and ensuring children know how to keep themselves active and healthy. Your Health and Wellbeing Weeks will go down in History and will live long in the memories of children past and present

Please see the photographs below of everything that's been going on at Two Gates this week- and you can follow us on Twitter [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/2gatesprimary)

The latest edition of the ATLP CU newsletter has landed and is available on Seesaw. You can collect CU hours throughout the holiday by taking part in a range of fun and festive learning activities, including making a bird feeder and cooking a meal. Follow ATLP CU on Twitter [@ATLP CU](https://twitter.com/ATLP CU) for lots more news and information.



With all good wishes for a healthy, peaceful and happy Christmas,

Mrs Llewelyn-Cook



Love children, love learning!





Huge congratulations to our winners of the prestigious Above and Beyond Awards, Christmas 2022.

You are amazing role models and live out our school values daily.



**AMAZING**  
**MARVELOUS!**

**WOW**



Our printer needs a Christmas break! So many certificates to present in our celebration assemblies!





# CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



It's lovely to have  
welcomed so many  
parents to our  
Christmas Craft  
mornings





# Diary Dates

**DON'T FORGET**

Friday 16th December  
Last Day in School

Wednesday 4th January  
School re-opens

**CLICK HERE**

@2gatesprimary

Follow us on Twitter



We are going to be sharing many more pictures and videos of the work we are completing



**Congratulations to William for coming 2nd in the Owl Bert's Christmas Card Competition. We hope you enjoy your prize!**



**Well done Ella on receiving your 'dancer of the year' trophy. We are really proud of you.**



**A MASSIVE WELL DONE TO LEXIE (Y5) FOR HER AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING HER DANCE SHOW THIS WEEK!**

**Well done Lexie - we are really proud of you!**



**YEAR 5 HAD AN EXCITABLE MORNING, CODING AND PERSONALISING THEIR OWN SPHERES!**

**THANKYOU AVFC!**



**Thank you KS1 for retelling the story of the Nativity - you were brilliant!!!**

**Thank you AVFC Foundation we had such fun!**



**Thank you for reminding us what Christmas is really all about, KS1 You are all angels to us!**





The kitchen team are Christmas Dinner Ready!!



Thank you, Mrs Bonser- we will miss your lovely Christmas Dinners!

**DELICIOUS**



Enjoying our lovely Christmas Dinner. Thank you, Mrs Bonser and the team!







We completed the planting of the additional trees in our Platinum Woodland walk - just before the cold snap! Thanks to Year 5 and 6, and members of the eco team and also to a neighbour in Parkfield Crescent who provided and planted horse chestnut trees to replace some which were lost last year.







# CHRISTMAS FUN IN STRIPES





Organisation	Christmas Closing	Christmas Reopen	New Year Closing	New Year Reopen
<b>BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
St Giles Bereavement Help Points Hospice Supportive Care Admin on 01543 434536	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December			Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
<b>FOOD SUPPORT</b>				
Tamworth Foodbank Foodbank enquiries to: info@tamworth.foodbank.org.uk Telephone: 01827 302436	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Heart of Tamworth Pantry 01827 769403	3pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Meals on Wheels Service The Hub, Tamworth's Befriending Centre Tamworth Castle Grounds				Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Heart of Tamworth Café 01827 769403	3pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>INFORMATION, ADVICE, SUPPORT &amp; GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>				
Tamworth Borough Council Customer Services Team 01827 709709	5.05pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.45 Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	5.05pm Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	8.45am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Staffordshire County Council	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
Tamworth Information Centre 01827 709618	4pm Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10am 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Tamworth Advice Centre 0344 411 1444	5pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			9am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Support Staffordshire Enquiries 0300 777 1207	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Children Centres Receptions and Switchboards 0345 604 2886	4pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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Job Centre Plus For further information please go to gov.uk	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
Steps to Work Employment Support 01922 627555	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Community Together CIC Office 01827 59646	5pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Delivering Holiday Food and Activities Programme	Delivering Holiday Food and Activities Programme	9am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Home Start Tamworth 01827 62400	5pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			9am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
<b>ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE</b>				
Better way Substance and Alcohol Misuse Peer Support Services	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December
Humankind info@humankindcharity.org.uk 01325 731 160	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December			Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>				
Staffordshire Network for Mental Health (Toolbox - toolbox@snfmh.org)	4pm Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December			9am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
CHOICES Mental Health	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December			Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Burton and District Mind info@burtonmind.co.uk 01283 566696	4pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9am 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023

## 24/7 Crisis Support

### MPFT Access Mental Health Team

Just to say that the mental health service is open any urgent intervention people can contact the access team on 03005 555001. Staffordshire mental health helpline is 7pm – 2am

### TAMWORTH SAMARITANS

Free from any phone 116 or 0330 094 5717

### Brighter Futures Helpline 2pm-2am

Call FREE from landlines and mobile networks on 0808 800 2234  
Text: 07860 022821 (FREE)

