



## Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery

*In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best*

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents,

It's a bumper issue of the school newsletter this week sharing news of everything that has been happening in school over the last two weeks. On Tuesday 23rd April the whole school joined together to celebrate what would have been William Shakespeare's 460th Birthday. As a Warwickshire school and with Stratford-Upon-Avon on our doorstep it's important that the children of Tanworth develop their cultural capital. The children had a great day learning about Shakespeare, they even had a visit from William Shakespeare himself who joined the whole school assembly in the afternoon. However, the highlight of the day for many was the lunch buffet. School buffets were a regular occurrence pre-Covid, but for many children this was their first ever party buffet. Thank you to everyone who contributed food to make the lunch such a huge success. A special thank you to Luca's dad in Year 5 who brought his pizza van and made pizzas for Year 5. The pizzas were yummy.

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



Also on Tuesday 23rd April I had the pleasure of taking on the role of Caretaker Manager/Coach of the Year 5/6 boys football team. It was a friendly away at Coughton CofE Primary. We prepared well having had a team meeting at morning break to discuss formation and tactics and decide on positions and substitutes and it worked as Tanworth won 11-3. The boys all did a marvellous job and played well as a team. Ollie was great in goal and stopped goals from the opposing team. Well done to the Year 6 boys Darius, Ollie, George, Fraser, Zach, Jonah, Roman, Kairav and Josh and also to Max in Year 5. A special thank you to the parents who transported the boys to the match and showed their support for the Tanworth team.



There was further football success for Alex in Year 2 and his U8 Earlswood Town team who won the Central Warwickshire Youth Football League cup last Sunday. A great achievement, well done!

The weather this week has meant that the children can start to enjoy the grassy areas of the school grounds. There was much cheering on Wednesday when the lunchtime supervisors said the tyre area was allowed to be used. This week I have also given the go ahead to the play equipment company to begin the installation of the new fixed play equipment for KS1 and KS2. Look out over the coming term for work to begin.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the 'Doughnut Sale' on Friday. There is further information from the PTA on the reverse of the newsletter including information about the PTA Sponsored Read. Please check your child's book bag for their sponsor form. The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 7th May at 7pm. This time the PTA will be trying a virtual meeting so please look out for the joining link on Tuesday morning.

Thank you to Year 1 for leading Open the Book in Church today. This was Year 1s first Open the Book performance and they did a fantastic job retelling a story from the Bible about friendship. Thank you to the parents who joined today in Church to support their children.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

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## PTA NEWS

A big thank you to everybody that queued to buy a donut on Friday, it was a great success and a sell out! We'll be hosting our next treat Friday on Friday 24th May which will be a cookie sale!

We have our exciting SPONSORED READ event starting Friday 3rd May- Friday 10th May! The task is to read daily and record the minutes your child reads (or is read to for those still beginning to read!) Collect sponsors from friends and family. Forms will be sent out with your child on Friday. Bring all sponsorship money (cash) and form to school on Monday 13th May. There will be one prize in each class for the child who has read for the most number of minutes!

Georgina Thompson

Chair of PTA

## NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 12th APRIL

It has been wonderful to welcome back our Nursery children after the Easter break. We have also welcomed some new friends this week and would like to say a big welcome to Bibi, Max and Lior.

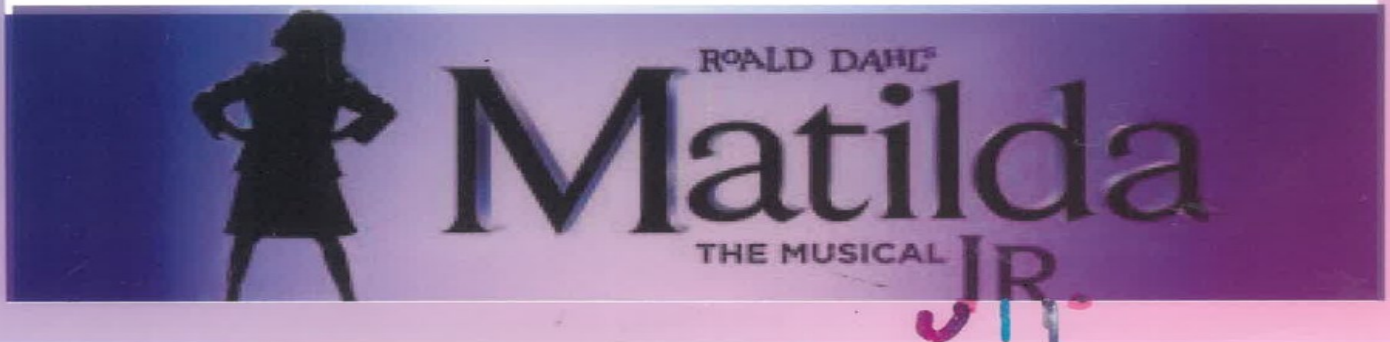
We were also lucky enough to have some visitors in Nursery this week. We completed our first 'Mini Athletics' session which the children thoroughly enjoyed as they went on a dinosaur adventure. We also had a visit from Mary where we enjoyed a 'Little ones' session including stories, singing, dancing and prayers.



**Top box studios presents...**

Featuring Gracie [year3] and Grace [year5]. Their performances are on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July [evening] Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July [matinee] at Greig Hall in Alcester.

You can buy tickets at [topboxstudios.com](http://topboxstudios.com) it is £14 for a child and £16 for an adult.



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## SHAKESPEARE DAY CLASS REPORTS

Nursery had a lovely day celebrating Shakespeare's birthday.



Reception had a super day celebrating Shakespeare's Birthday. We spent the morning finding out who William Shakespeare was and where he lived, made sparkly party hats and enjoyed lots of delicious party food. In the afternoon we learnt about one of Shakespeare's plays, 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' and made our own magical flowers and wands. The children had great imaginations when thinking about what magical spells they would do with them, turning us into unicorns, dinosaurs and even rainbow gummy bears! Mrs Blatchly

Year 1 had a lovely day celebrating Shakespeare's birthday! Our excitement for the party food had started by 9.15 so we decided to make some party hats to celebrate in style. We made crown hats and chose a picture of Shakespeare to decorate. Then we watched a clip all about Shakespeare, who he was and why he is important to Warwickshire and nearby Stratford upon Avon. We spoke about what we already knew and worked out that he was alive before the Gunpowder Plot that we had learnt about in the Autumn term. We were amazed to find out this was his 460th Birthday! Later in the day, after lunch, we made a piece of art work of Shakespeare wearing his own birthday party hat. In the afternoon we sat down and watched the story of 'A midsummer nights dream' while enjoying a party cake of course! Miss Evens

Year 2 had a great day celebrating Shakespeare on Tuesday. The main focus was 'The Language of Shakespeare' finding out about words and phrases that Shakespeare gave us in his works and also the words which appeared in Shakespeare's play which are now not used in our vocabulary. As a result children needed to ask to go the 'Jakes' instead of the toilet and we talked about what they did 'yesternight' instead of last night! The children then created and acted out their own Shakespeare short plays using characters and vocabulary inspired by Shakespeare. The children made posters for their plays and also took part in a Shakespeare quiz, using our fabulous new orienteering course to check their answers! Mr Fidler

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Year 3 have been doing a range of different activities related to Shakespeare this week. On Monday, the class found out some basic information about Shakespeare by completing an orienteering course around the school grounds. The class have had their main focus on one of Shakespeare's plays, 'The Tempest'. They have produced some beautiful artwork using their painting and collage skills as well as getting into character and doing some acting. We discussed how different characters moved and why and how the characters would interact with one another and why. Photos and videos will soon be added to the class page so check in to see what we got up to! Mrs Hoskins

In Year 4, we started the day with a Shakespeare scavenger hunt to find out key facts about Shakespeare such as where he lived, his jobs and his family and we then used this information to make some birthday bunting for him! After break, we looked at the language Shakespeare invented and what it meant – such as “good riddance” and “heart of gold”. We took this a step further and looked at Shakespeare’s funny insults and made our own to use for our class ‘roast’! After our huge buffet lunch, we explored Shakespeare’s famous London theatre, The Globe, and created our own 3D models for our assembly party piece. Well done Year 4! Miss Hodges

In year 5 we started the day by learning all about William Shakespeare. We looked at his birthplace, his education, why he is famous and so on. We gathered lots of information that we plan to use to create a biography later on. We then had an exciting task of acting out MacBeth as a class and finished the day with creating some pop art pieces of Shakespeare's portrait. We had a great day- especially when we had a buffet lunch! Miss Wilding

In Year 6 the first part of our morning was spent taking part in ‘The big Shakespeare Quiz!’ The children split into groups (and created some very interesting team names!) They were shown animations of four of Shakespeare’s plays – Romeo & Juliet, The Tempest, Macbeth and Hamlet – and then had to answer quiz questions linked to these. After this, the children chose one of these plays to convert into a rap or poem, which they then performed to the class. After an amazing buffet (thank you for your generous contributions!) we watched an adaptation of A Midsummer Night’s Dream and wrote some potions inspired by the fairies. If you want to kick a ball like Ronaldo, sing like Taylor Swift or grow 7 inches taller, we’ve got a potion for you! Miss Cutler



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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2024

### Reception:

Eren- Eren has really impressed us this week with his phonics learning. He has been working really hard on making sure he knows his Phase 3 sounds and this has really shown in his reading. He has also put a lot of effort into handwriting, making sure he is forming his letters correctly, even some of the trickier ones. Well done Eren, keep it up!

Isobel- Isobel has tried really hard to listen and contribute her ideas and answers to class discussions this week, which has been lovely to see. Isobel always listens carefully to her friends too, taking on board their ideas, sharing and playing cooperatively. You are such a kind member of our class Isobel, well done!

### Year 1:

Elliot -Well done to Elliot this week who is certainly a pupil in Year 1 who deserves the effort certificate this week. Because of all his effort, he has really blossomed and achieved a lot this year, making the most of his time in Year 1. His quiet and calm approach has seen him work 110% at every task but I am especially pleased with his English. Elliot's English book is a master piece and one that we are all proud of. Well done Elliot you are an example of what hard work can achieve!

Phoebe S - Phoebe was really excited to be getting the certificate this week, her second certificate in Year 1, and when she asked me why she was getting another one I only had one word to answer and that was 'delightful'! She is kind, considerate, focused, hardworking and still has that enthusiastic sparkle that makes teaching Year 1 so much fun. Phoebe is one determined young lady and she does everything with a smile.

### Year 2:

Winnie- Winnie is a great role model for the class, showing super manners and behaviours. I can always rely on her to be ready for her learning, showing me and others in the class that she is wanting to learn and be the best that she can be. Not only that, but she helps others on the playground is always there for others when they need support or encouragement. Well done Winnie!

Tommy- I have been so impressed with Tommy in his Maths lessons. He is like a coil, wound up and ready to spring into action as soon as he gets his work, always working so hard and accurately, wanting to get to the extensions and for more challenge. He is also challenging himself more and more with open-ended problems! Well done Tommy - Keep it up!

### Year 3:

Carsten-Carsten has been chosen for this certificate for a couple of reasons. The first being that every time we have a Geography lesson Carsten impresses me with his locational knowledge of different places around the world and his geographical skills such as when we have looked at 4 figure grid references. But Carsten has also been chosen because he has consistently demonstrated his thorough knowledge of equivalent fractions and can use his times tables to support him in finding and equivalent. Well done Carsten!

Tilly-Tilly has been chosen this week because I have noticed how she has matured in recent weeks. She is always polite and has beautiful manners, Tilly also is one of the first in the class to offer to help with handing out resources or collecting them in. But I have been most impressed with her focus and attitude towards her work, Tilly is developing into a conscientious student who takes great care and pride in her work. Well done Tilly, keep it up!

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Year 4:

Tilly- I have chosen Tilly for her amazing effort in art. Last week, we were looking at line and drawing. Tilly has created a fantastic piece of art work inspired by Joan Miro using abstract shapes, ideas and bright, vibrant colours. Whilst creating this, she was working calmly and carefully to ensure that the work she produced was of a great quality. Keep this up, Tilly!

Lola-Jay- Lola-Jay has been recognised not only by myself, but by other members of staff this week for her incredible manners around school. In class, Lola-Jay is always using beautiful manners meaning she has become an excellent role model for others to follow suit. I have also noticed this in netball club whereby Lola-Jay is just as polite and well-mannered with other staff members and children from other year groups too. Well done, Lola-Jay!

Year 5:

Mason- I have chosen Mason for behaviour and manners, with a particular focus on his learning behaviours. Mason strives to complete every given task and he always does but this year he has had a real focus on completing the tasks to the best of his ability, rather than getting them done as quickly as possible. This focus on quality and ensuring his work is completed to the best of his ability is a really mature and positive learning behaviour that I hope he continues with into year 6 as it would mean great things for him. Mason has made leaps and bounds of progress and he should be really proud of himself. Well done.

Toby F- has emerged as the beacon of enthusiasm in our exploration of the ancient Greeks. From the moment we introduced the topic, his excitement was palpable, his hand shooting up with every question. What sets him apart is not just his eagerness to learn, but his genuine desire to share that knowledge with others. He eagerly takes on the role of teacher, patiently explaining Greek myths and history to his classmates. It has been lovely to see this excitement and fire from Toby. Please keep it up!

Zach- Zach's impeccable manners set him apart in the classroom. With every "please" and "thank you," he shows thoughtfulness and respect. I have particularly noticed his impeccable learning behaviours in PE sessions, where he shines brightly as he effortlessly follows instructions, displaying agility and quick thinking. What's truly remarkable is his proactive approach; he anticipates tasks before they're even assigned, demonstrating initiative and a keen ability to adapt on the spot. His commitment to courtesy and his proactive attitude makes him not only a model student but also a delight to teach and interact with.

Year 6:

Mia – Mia has been chosen for the effort and enthusiasm that she demonstrated on Shakespeare's birthday. She is incredibly creative and it was fantastic to see her so engaged and excited to apply her skills to writing a rap version of a Shakespeare play. It was even more lovely to see her have the confidence to stand up in front of the school to perform this with her group – and she shone with positivity and pride! Well done, Mia!

Roman – Roman's manners are - without fail - beautiful and his behaviour is consistently good. However, he has really stood out for his learning behaviours over the last few weeks because as we have approached a period of particular busyness and hard work in Year 6, Roman has risen to the challenge and shown determination to improve and do well. He listens carefully, acts on advice and is approaching his learning with a positive attitude. Keep it up, Roman!

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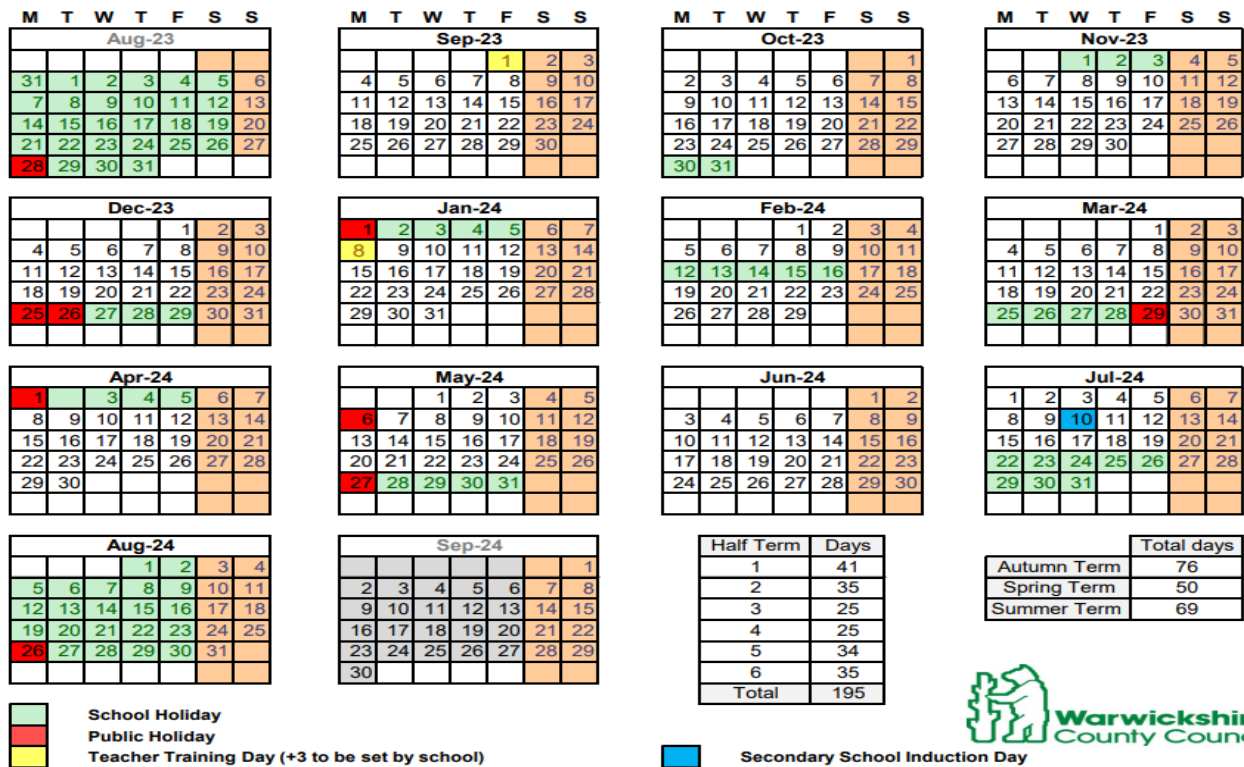
**SUMMER TERM**

Monday 6th May May Day School and Nursery closed  
 Wednesday 8th May Online Safety Parent Session  
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May KS2 SATS week  
 Friday 24th May School Council fundraiser for Homeless ‘wear PJs to school’  
 Friday 24th May Break up for half-term  
 Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2  
 Tuesday 4th June Class Photographs  
 Wednesday 5th June Year 1 trip to Tamworth Castle  
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern  
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father’s Day Shop  
 Friday 14th June Father’s Day Shop  
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School  
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop  
 Thursday 27th June Year 3 Romans workshop  
**Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete PLEASE NOTE CONFIRMED DATE**  
 Wednesday 10th July Secondary Induction Day  
 Friday 12th July School Disco  
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church  
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday

**AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term  
 Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term  
 Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training  
 Monday 4th November School and Nursery open for Autumn 2  
 Friday 20th December School and Nursery break up for Christmas

**Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24**



**School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 3rd June 2024 for Teacher Training .**

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