



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

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

10 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another hot week we have had in school! I am incredibly proud of how well the children and staff have coped with the high temperatures. Throughout the week, we have adapted our routines to help everyone stay safe and comfortable by limiting the amount of time spent outdoors, making good use of shaded areas, ensuring regular hydration and, today, enjoying a well-earned ice cream treat!

We are fortunate to have four portable air conditioning units, which have provided some welcome respite from the warm weather. In addition, our art room is fully air conditioned, giving both children and staff a cool space to use when needed throughout the day.

The current forecast suggests that the warm weather is likely to continue into next week. Therefore, we will begin the week using the same arrangements that have worked well this week, including allowing children to wear PE kits, making use of classroom fans, encouraging regular drinks, and adjusting activities where necessary.

I would also like to thank all parents who took the time to provide feedback on our proposed Uniform Policy for September 2026. Your comments and suggestions were greatly appreciated and have helped inform the final version. A copy of the new policy is attached for your information.

One of the changes I would particularly like to highlight within our new Uniform Policy is how we will be delivering Outdoor Learning from September 2026. Many parents will be familiar with our Forest School provision. Building on this success, we are broadening the programme to create a wider range of outdoor learning experiences for all children. Whilst traditional Forest School activities will still form part of the curriculum, children will also take part in activities such as nature-based art, environmental projects, orienteering, nature walks and other outdoor challenges designed to develop creativity, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

To support this change, we have updated our uniform requirements. On Outdoor Learning days, children will wear practical school-coloured outdoor clothing rather than bringing their own clothes into school. This means children should wear plain green, grey or black jogging bottoms and a plain green, grey or black top, together with suitable outdoor clothing such as wellies and a waterproof coat when required. This change will make Outdoor Learning more accessible, ensure children are appropriately dressed for all activities and provide greater consistency across the school.

We are excited about the opportunities this enhanced Outdoor Learning programme will provide and look forward to sharing the children's adventures and achievements with you throughout the year.

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us for our OPAL Celebration on Monday. It was wonderful to celebrate this achievement with so many members of our school community. A special thank you to Jude in Year 4 for arranging our special visitor, Lukas Jutkiewicz, and to Steph Potter for the beautiful balloon decorations. Your support helped make the event a truly memorable occasion.

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding. By working together, we can ensure that our children continue to enjoy school and thrive, whatever the weather brings!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

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Year 1 Knights and Princesses day

This week year 1 had a lovely time at their Knights and Princesses day as a fantastic finale for their castles topic. There were lots of beautiful princesses, courageous knights and even a dragon!

We used our maths skills to solve a riddle of who left the drawbridge down, drew and made castles, bedazzled crowns and had a wonderful day.



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VALUES SERVICE

On Tuesday 7th July we recognised and celebrated the children who have been demonstrating our half-term Christian Value of 'trust'.

Reception:

Maven: Maven is a pupil in our class whom lots of children trust. They trust her to be friendly, they trust her to be truthful, they trust her to be fun, and they trust that she will always listen. I don't think there has been a day this year when Maven has not been her wonderful self. Of course, she can be trusted with classroom jobs and is always willing to help. She can be trusted to follow our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe, and she can be trusted to look after classroom resources.

What Maven has developed this year, and what has been an absolute pleasure to observe, is the trust she has grown in herself. She has become more willing to try new things, share her ideas and tackle challenges with a positive attitude. She has shown resilience and has learned to believe in her own abilities. Learning to trust herself has helped her become more independent and take pride in her achievements. She is beginning to realise just how truly wonderful she is. Well done, Maven!

Year 1:

Jack: In Christianity, trust means placing your confidence, faith, and reliance in God—believing that He is loving, faithful, and will keep His promises. Jack demonstrates this value every day through his positive attitude and willingness to do the right thing. He trusts in his own abilities and approaches new challenges with confidence, showing perseverance even when learning feels difficult. Jack can always be relied upon to follow instructions, make sensible choices and be a kind friend to others. His honesty, responsibility and dependable nature make him a wonderful role model in our class. Well done, Jack, on showing such a fantastic understanding of the value of trust. We are so proud of you and will miss you when you move up to year 2.

Year 2:

Darcie: Darcie is a wonderful friend to everyone in our class. She is kind, caring, and always ready to help others with a smile. Her positive attitude makes our classroom a happy place to learn, and her classmates know they can rely on her when they need support. She is also incredibly hardworking. She always tries her best, listens carefully, and approaches every challenge with determination. Even when something is difficult, she never gives up and is proud of the effort she puts into her learning.

This half term, she has particularly shone demonstrating our school value of trust. She can be trusted to make good choices, tell the truth, and do the right thing, even when no one is watching. Her teachers and friends know that she is reliable and responsible, and she is a wonderful role model for others.

Our value of trust reminds us of the Bible verse, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." This means believing that God will help and guide us. Just as we can trust God to care for us, this pupil has shown that others can trust her too. Her kind actions, honesty, and willingness to help others show what trust looks like every day.

Most importantly, she is a joy to have in the class. Her enthusiasm, kindness, and cheerful personality brighten every day, and we are very lucky to have her as part of our school community.

Well done Darcie, for being such a fantastic friend, for your hard work, and for showing our value of trust so brilliantly this half term. Congratulations, we are extremely proud of you!

VALUES SERVICE

Year 3:

Jack: Jack has been chosen for the value of Trust because he consistently shows kindness, loyalty and respect towards others. He is a supportive friend who encourages those around him and demonstrates honesty in both his words and actions, helping others to know they can rely on him. Through his respectful attitude and consistent behaviour, Jack builds strong relationships and sets a wonderful example for his classmates, making him a positive role model within our school community.

Year 4:

Hugo: Hugo has been chosen this week for the Behaviour and Manners Award for consistently demonstrating the qualities of a kind, thoughtful, and dependable member of our class. He treats others with respect and consideration and is always willing to support his friends and classmates. Hugo has grown in confidence throughout the year and contributes positively to class discussions, sharing his ideas and knowledge in a thoughtful way. He works well with others, demonstrates excellent learning behaviours, and can always be relied upon to do the right thing. Hugo is highly valued by both his peers and adults and sets a wonderful example through his positive attitude and mature approach to school life. He is one of those children who could easily receive this award every week because of the consistently high standards he sets himself. Well done, Hugo!

Year 5:

Ethan: This certificate is awarded to Ethan for consistently demonstrating the Christian value of Trust. Ethan is a thoughtful, honest and dependable member of our school community who always tries his very best in everything he does. He can be trusted to make the right choices, even when no one is watching, and he approaches every situation with kindness, fairness and integrity. His friends know they can rely on him to keep his word, offer support and always do the right thing. Adults know they can trust Ethan to complete tasks responsibly, listen carefully to instructions and set an excellent example for others. He takes great pride in presenting his work impeccably, showing respect for both his learning and those around him. Ethan's strong moral compass shines through in his actions every day, making him a wonderful role model and a truly deserving recipient of this award.

Year 6:

Freya: Freya is someone whose actions consistently show that she can be trusted to do the right thing, even when nobody is watching. She is kind, honest and dependable, always treating others with care and offering help to those who are finding something difficult. Freya is also incredibly responsible and reliable. She gives her all to everything she does and always does the best she can for herself and others. It is perhaps no surprise that, when asked who they trusted most, so many of her classmates chose Freya. They described her by saying, "She is kind hearted and truthful." "She is calm and sensible and I know she'll help me if I ask." And perhaps the greatest compliment of all: "She's someone I would trust with anything, big or small." Freya has earned the trust of everyone around her through the way she lives each day and the support she offers others, quietly, steadily and kindly. Thank you, Freya, we're so grateful to have you in our Year 6 team!

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NURSERY NEWS

This week we hosted our annual end of year teddy bears picnic, before we say a fond goodbye to our lovely pre school children. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank to all the family members who came to support us and make it such a wonderful event.



DATES FOR DIARIES

SUMMER 2

Friday 10th July End of year reports to parents
 Monday 13th July Year 6 production pm
 Tuesday 14th July Year 6 production evening
 Friday 17th July Year 6 Leavers Service am in Church
 Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays
 Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day
 Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day
 Thursday 3rd September School & Nursery open
 Tuesday 20th October Parents Meetings
 Thursday 22nd October Parents Meetings
 Thursday 22nd October Children break up for half-term
 Friday 23rd October School & Nursery closed Teacher Training
 Monday 2nd November School & Nursery open
 Friday 18th December School & Nursery close for Christmas
 Monday 4th January Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 5th January School & Nursery open

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