



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

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

17 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps make Tanworth such a special school to be part of. Our school community is built on kindness, generosity and a shared commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our children, and I am continually grateful for the support we receive from parents, staff, governors, volunteers and friends of the school.

This year alone, our school community has raised an incredible amount of money for a wide range of charities and school initiatives.

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity collections raised £158.88 for Diabetes UK, whilst our annual Children in Need fundraising efforts generated an outstanding £482.63.

A huge congratulations must also go to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic Big Sell enterprise project. Through their creativity, teamwork and determination, they raised an incredible £896.88 for charities close to their hearts:

- £101.72 for the RSPCA
- £195.15 for Birmingham Children's Hospital
- £364.55 for Cancer Research UK
- £136.46 for Kings Heath Cat Rescue
- £99.00 for WWF

We are incredibly proud of the way the children embraced this challenge, developing valuable entrepreneurial skills while making a real difference to causes they care deeply about.

One of the highlights of the year was our very first Rainbow Run, which proved to be an enormous success. Not only was it a fantastic afternoon filled with colour, laughter and community spirit, but it also raised an amazing £897.50 for VERICO, the charity suggested by Anjlee's family, alongside £737.50 for the school. Since the event, I have lost count of the number of people who have asked me, "When are we doing it again?"—which is perhaps the greatest measure of its success!

Much of this fundraising would not have been possible without our amazing PTA. The PTA is a small group of dedicated and determined parents who continuously go above and beyond to organise a wide range of fun and enjoyable activities for our children and their families. Their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to the school are truly remarkable.

A particular thank you goes to Georgina, Gemma and Sarah for everything they do throughout the year. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Matt (Gemma's husband), who is always willing to help and has undertaken countless practical jobs and heavy lifting behind the scenes to ensure events run smoothly.

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I would also like to thank Mr Ogden, who very kindly donated 15 iPads to the school. This generous contribution means that every class now has additional technology to support teaching and learning, giving even more opportunities for our children to develop their digital skills and enhance their learning experiences.

Thank you also to Sharp Art, who once again generously provided us with the illuminated '6' for our Year 6 Leavers' Disco. It has become a much-loved feature of our celebrations and helped make the evening even more memorable for our leavers.

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of saying thank you to Mrs Ann Vanderson, who has faithfully volunteered in school for the last four years. Every Thursday, Mrs Vanderson has dedicated her time to listening to readers, supporting our class teachers and helping children to grow in confidence. Her kindness, generosity and commitment have made a real difference to so many children, and it was only fitting that we recognised her contribution with a special presentation during worship.



Today, however, has been all about saying goodbye and good luck to our amazing Year 6 children. They have been a truly exceptional year group and every single one of them has been a wonderful ambassador for Tanworth. Throughout their time with us, they have demonstrated kindness, resilience, leadership and a willingness to embrace every opportunity. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved.

As they move on to secondary school, I know they will take with them our vision of Learning, Loving and Growing and continue to live life in all its fullness. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness for the future.



Today we also said goodbye to Victoria Ganderton and Kim Truslove, who are both moving on to pastures new. We thank them for their contribution to the school and know that you will join me in wishing them every happiness and success in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the support you have shown me and my team throughout the year. Schools are strongest when they work in partnership with families, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust, encouragement and goodwill that you continue to show us. Our school continues to go from strength to strength, and the wonderful video, that we recently had made, really captured what it means to be part of the Tanworth family.

For those families whose journey with us now comes to an end, thank you for trusting us with your children. It has been a privilege to be part of their story and we wish you every happiness and success in the years ahead. For those returning in September, we look forward to continuing our journey together as we build on another successful year and continue striving to ensure that every child experiences 'life in all its fullness'.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your support, generosity and commitment throughout the year. Have a wonderful, safe and restful summer holiday.

Mrs S Bamford

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Celebrating Our Reading Millionaires

A huge congratulations to Isla in Year 5, who on Thursday was presented with not only her 4 Million Words Reading Certificate but also her very own brass plaque, which will be displayed on our special *Millionaire Reading Shelf*. This prestigious achievement recognises children who have read over four million words in a single school year—an incredible demonstration of dedication, perseverance and a genuine love of reading. What is more amazing is that this is the second year that Isla has achieved this and so will now have 2 plaques displayed in the library.

We were also delighted to present Imogen in Year 5 with her brass plaque, recognising her achievement of reaching the four million word milestone during the Summer Term of 2025. It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of both girls and acknowledge the commitment they have shown to developing their reading skills.

The Millionaire Reading Shelf will serve as a lasting celebration of those pupils who have achieved this remarkable milestone and will inspire future generations of readers at Tanworth.

Reading continues to be at the heart of everything we do at Tanworth, and these achievements perfectly embody our vision of Learning, Loving and Growing. Isla and Imogen should be enormously proud of their accomplishments—we certainly are!

Celebrating Success Beyond the Classroom

We always love hearing about and celebrating the achievements of our children outside of school, and this week Emily W in Year 3 shared some exciting news with me.

Emily proudly brought in the programme from a recent dance production in which she performed. She was one of six Tanworth girls who took part in 'Once Upon a Time' at Cobham Theatre in Bromsgrove as members of the Alison School of Dance. The girls who took part were: Lyla, Phoebe, Winnie, Ayva and Nancy

When I asked Emily about her favourite part of the show, she told me that she particularly enjoyed performing in the Peter Rabbit dance. Taking part in a theatre production requires dedication, commitment and lots of practice, and we are incredibly proud of all six girls for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

It is always a pleasure to hear about the talents and achievements of our pupils beyond the school day, whether in sport, dance, music, drama or community activities. These experiences help children develop confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.



Well done, Emily, and congratulations to all the girls who took part. What a wonderful achievement to perform in such a production and represent our school community so brilliantly.

We are incredibly proud of you!



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Best Wishes, Miss Baird!

On Monday, we gathered together for a very special worship to celebrate Miss Baird, who will be getting married in August.

Miss Evens organised a brilliant Mr and Mrs-style quiz, which had the whole school thoroughly entertained as we discovered just how well Miss Baird and her fiancé know each other! The children loved taking part, and there was plenty of laughter throughout the worship.

As if that wasn't enough, Miss Baird was also treated to a very creative surprise when she was fashioned into a wedding dress made entirely from paper! The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the transformation, and it certainly created a memorable moment for everyone involved.

We were also delighted to receive a special video message from Miss Baird's fiancé, which was a lovely surprise and brought a big smile to Miss Baird's face.

It was a joyful celebration and a wonderful opportunity for our school family to wish Miss Baird every happiness as she prepares for her special day. We know the whole Tanworth community will join us in sending our love and congratulations.

Congratulations, Miss Baird – we wish you and your future husband a lifetime of love, happiness and wonderful memories together.

SAFEGUARDING

While the school and nursery are closed for the summer holiday, the safety and well-being of our children remains our highest priority.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child during this time, please do not wait for us to reopen to seek help. Please contact the local authority where the child lives using the details below:

Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door: 01926 414144

Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS): 0121 303 1888

Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 0121 788 4300

Worcestershire Children's Social Care (Family Front Door): 01905 822666

Remember:

If a child is in immediate danger, please call 999

For non-emergency police concerns, you can call 101

You may also contact the NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000) for advice and support.

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Preschool leavers 2026



DATES FOR DIARIES

Autumn

Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day
 Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day
 Thursday 3rd September School & Nursery open
 Wednesday 9th September Headteacher presentation (sharing 25-26 achievements and 26-27 priorities) 6.30pm
 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

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Half Term	Days
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Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	54
Summer Term	67



School Holiday
Public Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



Secondary School Induction Day



Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2027/28

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Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	73
Spring Term	63
Summer Term	59



School Holiday
Public Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



Secondary School Induction Day



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