



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

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

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, there is certainly much to celebrate and reflect upon. It has been a half-term filled with learning, growth and many opportunities to live out our vision of "life in all its fullness" together as a school community.

Firstly, we would like to wish Mrs Woodward all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. On Thursday we gave her a very special send off in our daily worship and I know our whole school community will join us in holding her in our thoughts and prayers as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. We eagerly await news of the safe arrival of Baby Woodward.

It has also been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine today as we filmed our school promotional video. The school looked fantastic, and our children truly shone as they demonstrated what "life in all its fullness" looks like at Tanworth—through their confidence, kindness, and the joy they show in their learning and relationships. We are incredibly proud of the way they live out our values each day. Well done to Year 6 children for recording some voice overs!

It will not be long until our annual Sports Day which will be taking place on Friday 12th June. Following the very positive feedback received last year, we will once again follow a similar format: this year KS1 and KS2 races will take place during the morning, followed by a family picnic lunch. In the afternoon, after the KS2 relay races, we will be holding a Sponsored Rainbow Run—an opportunity for fun, challenge and togetherness.

The Rainbow Run will be similar to a colour run, with children running around the field as coloured powder is gently thrown. This event will not only raise funds for the school but will also be held in memory of the much-loved Anjee, a parent of Tanworth whom we sadly lost two years ago. With the family's permission, we felt this would be a joyful and fitting way to celebrate her life—reflecting the love, light and fullness of life that she brought to others. Half of the money raised will go to a charity chosen by the family, with the remainder supporting the school. Further details can be found in the email sent earlier today.

I would also like to give advance notice of an opportunity to meet with our catering team, Caterlink, and sample some of the lunchtime dishes on offer. This will take place on Thursday 4th June at 9:30am and will be a chance find out more about how we support children's health and wellbeing through our meals provision.

This week I would like to give a special mention to our Year 6 children. As Headteacher, there are many proud moments throughout the year, but few are as meaningful as when visitors recognise and feel the ethos of our school. On Wednesday, a supply teacher took the time to share how impressed they were with Year 6, describing them as a real credit to the school—not only for their learning, but for their respect, kindness and character. Well done to Year 6 and to Miss Cutler—you should all feel incredibly proud.

Finally, as we break for half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. It is through this strong sense of community that we are able to provide such rich opportunities for our children to flourish. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final half term of the academic year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bamford

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NURSERY NEWS

To complete the half term, our story of the week has been the much loved 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. We began the week by going out on an adventure to collect bear hunt resources, this involved collecting sticks and cutting ourselves some grass with the scissors. We then used these natural resources throughout the week to create an interactive story telling tray. The children have also enjoyed many bear hunt related activities including a bear hunt yoga session, story telling with musical instruments, going on a bare foot walk and many craft opportunities. However my personal favourite part of the week has been hearing the children retell the story including actions, completely from memory. The Nursery staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for all their continued support (including the influx of spare socks!) and wish everyone a lovely sunny half term. Mrs Wheildon.



Starting Secondary School September 2027

Registration for the 11+ test is now open

If you would like your child to be considered for a Year 7 place at a Warwickshire grammar school in September 2027, then please register your child for the 11+ test by the deadline of 4pm on Monday 30 June.

The 11+ test is used to assess whether a child is eligible for a place at one of the county's grammar schools. The test is open to all children who will be starting secondary school in September 2027 (those currently in Year 5), and registration is now open.

The test itself will take place on 12 and 13 September 2025, and parents will receive their child's results in October, before the deadline to apply for a secondary school place (31 October).

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test>

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY-YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We are keen to hear from as many of our families as possible through our annual parent survey. At present, we have received 26 responses, and every additional voice helps to build a fuller picture of our school.

Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our next steps—helping us celebrate what is working well and identify where we can continue to improve for all of our children. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete, but has a lasting impact on the direction of the school.

<https://edurio.com/poll/XsyHaLkujiTKpSC4sNeTdFeADEq>

Please complete the survey by 1 June.

Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us—it truly makes a difference to our whole school community.

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VALUES SERVICE IN CHURCH

On Tuesday 19th May we had our Values Service in Church. This half-term the children and staff had been learning about the Christian value of 'compassion'.

Reception:

Compassion is a key value in a lot of our learning in Reception class and this half term we have chosen Ellie. Ellie is someone who shows this value every day in all of her interactions with her peers and school adults. She is thoughtful about others' feelings, understands that everyone is different and is able to navigate any conflict in a sensitive and caring way. Not only do we see Ellie's compassion in her everyday interactions but also in her work. Recently, we looked at the Artemis space launch and thought about what things we would take aboard a spaceship. One of Ellie's ideas was a first aid kit to care for anybody who got injured or sick. I wonder if Ellie will ever go into space but if not she is already one of our true Tanworth Stars!

Year 1:

When we were deciding who to pick for the value of compassion, one name came straight to Miss Chambers and my mind. When we had our class vote, it seemed that year 1 agreed as Eloise's name came up again and again. Eloise has been chosen for the Certificate of Compassion because she consistently shows a caring and thoughtful attitude towards others.

In Christianity, compassion means showing love, kindness and understanding to others, just as Jesus taught us to care for those around us. Eloise demonstrates this beautifully in her everyday actions, she is always polite, uses lovely manners, and takes time to check in on others. Every day, she kindly asks how my break was and whether I had a good lunch, which shows how much she cares about the feelings of others. She also looks out for her classmates, offering help and kindness whenever it is needed. Eloise's compassion doesn't just extend to people; there have been numerous times when there's been a worm on the playground that she has taken to safety or a ladybird in the classroom that she has carefully put on the leaves outside.

Eloise's gentle nature and thoughtful words make our classroom a happier place, and we are very proud of the compassion she shows every day.

Year 2:

Flora is a truly thoughtful member of our class who consistently shows compassion to others, regardless of whether they are close friends. She is often seen kindly supporting those around her, whether that's fetching a tissue for someone who is upset, helping a friend with a simple task, or offering a comforting hug when it is needed most. Flora has a wonderful ability to make others feel cared for and included, always approaching her peers with kindness and understanding. She also shows this compassion to the adults around her too, often brightening my day with thoughtful cards and messages. Flora is a fantastic example of how actions can speak louder than words and her caring nature has a positive impact on everyone in our classroom. Keep being you, Flora! You are truly wonderful.

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Year 3:

Tate has been chosen by his peers for the value of compassion in recognition of the kindness and care he shows each day. Tate is described by his classmates as “a kind and loving friend—anyone would be lucky to be his friend.” He is always willing to help others, whether that means supporting someone with their work when they feel stuck, offering helpful swimming tips, or simply being there when someone needs encouragement. He is quick to notice when others are hurt or upset and is always ready to lend a hand, helping people up and showing genuine care. As one child shared, “he has an open heart and loves to help.” Tate’s thoughtful actions and caring nature make a real difference to those around him, and he truly embodies the value of compassion in our school community. Well done, Tate — I am very proud of you.

Year 4:

Jude has been chosen this week for demonstrating the value of compassion. He consistently shows kindness and understanding towards those around him. His classmates describe him as someone who “always helps his table with patience,” “understands how others feel,” “is kind to me on the playground,” and “always helps people up if they fall over.” Jude takes the time to notice when others may need support and responds in a thoughtful and caring way. He is a considerate and empathetic member of our class who treats everyone with respect and kindness. Jude’s compassionate nature sets a wonderful example for others. He is a pleasure to teach and a valued member of our classroom for being like this. Well done, Jude!

Year 5:

Mia is a wonderful example of the Christian value of compassion and shows kindness and care to everyone around her every single day. She is always supportive, thoughtful and willing to help others, not just her close friends but anyone who may be struggling, upset or needing support. Mia notices when people need help and quietly steps in without being asked, whether that is helping someone with their work, checking on a child who is alone or hurt, or offering to help adults in the classroom with jobs such as setting up activities or handing things out. Her classmates shared such lovely comments about her, including, “She helps people when they are feeling down,” “She is always kind to people, even when they are grumpy – she still keeps smiling,” and “She always checks on people if they are alone or hurt.” These comments show just how much Mia’s kindness is noticed and appreciated by others. She helps everyone in a calm, respectful and caring way and always makes people feel valued and supported. Compassion is simply part of who Mia is, and she truly makes our classroom a happier and better place to be. Thank you, Mia, for being such a kind and wonderful role model.

Year 6:

Harvey has a big heart and a kind nature, which can be seen through the way he looks out for the people around him. What is especially lovely though, is that Harvey doesn’t just act kindly when an opportunity appears, he actively looks for ways to support others and make their day better. Whether it’s by handing something out, carrying equipment, tidying up, supporting someone with their work or simply listening to and encouraging someone who is feeling sad, Harvey is often the very first to step forward. His kindness is not limited to just his friends or classmates either and he shows compassion to everyone he meets. Harvey has a positive and sunny outlook and he tries to help others see the best in situations, often lifting people’s spirits with his encouraging words and cheerful attitude. He is generous with his time, his actions and his kindness and the care he shows for others makes a real difference to our classroom and school community. Well done, Harvey!

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Smartphone Free Childhood



Although, we have remained in 7th place for Primary schools in Warwickshire who have signed up to the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with an amazing 56 families signing up, when looking at % of parents that have signed up we are in 3rd place of Primary Schools in Warwickshire that have joined with 24% signing the pact. Which is fantastic!

74%

Of girls who got their first smartphone aged 6 had mental health issues as adults, compared to 46% who got them at 18

51%

Of parents of kids with smartphones regret giving them one

8 in 10

Among children aged 8-17 who are bullied, eight in ten experience it through a device

Year / Age

Pacts

Pre-school (2 - 3)	3
Pre-school (3 - 4)	3
Reception (4 - 5)	6
Year 1 (5 - 6)	5
Year 2 (6 - 7)	12
Year 3 (7 - 8)	15
Year 4 (8 - 9)	4
Year 5 (9 - 10)	8

DATES FOR DIARIES

SUMMER 1

Tuesday 26th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Wednesday 27th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Thursday 28th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Friday 29th May ONSIDE Holiday Club

ONSIDE HOLIDAY CLUB

Please book direct at <https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/>

SUMMER 2

Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
 Tuesday 2nd June Year 6 Residential meeting 6pm online
 Thursday 4th June Caterlink tasting for parents 9.30am
 Friday 5th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day shop
 Monday 8th June Year 3 Roman Day
 Friday 12th June Sports Day + Rainbow Run
 Friday 19th June Father's Day Shop £2.50
 Monday 22nd June Home Learning Gallery 3.15pm
 Tuesday 23rd June Home Learning Gallery 8.30-9.00
 Friday 26th June Year 6 Big Sell pm
 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential
 Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)
 Saturday 4th July Church Fete
 Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction
 Thursday 9th July Year 6 Leavers Service Birmingham (children only)
 Thursday 9th July School discos and Year 6 Leavers Disco
 Friday 10th July Music Concert pm (TBC)
 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
 Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays
 Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

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May Half Term

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

May
Half Term
Activities



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£22

per day

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4 days for **£80**

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Hours

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Early drop off **8.30am** **+£3**

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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Half Term	Days
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Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	75
Spring Term	55
Summer Term	65

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

Secondary School Induction Day



School and Nursery will be closed on: Monday 1st June 2026 for Teacher Training

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