



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

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

10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year has started positively for you.

The staff have asked me to pass on their thanks for the many Christmas cards and gifts they received, they truly appreciate the thoughtful gifts and words written in cards. However whilst your generosity means a lot, please know that gifts are not necessary to show your support. Your continued support in your child's education and for Tanworth School is truly the best gift. So perhaps, you may like to join the PTA!

Here is a message from Georgina, the Chair:

*Welcome back. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year, once again thank you for all of the donations and support in 2024. We are so excited to be getting our new library furniture next week! Our next request is for any unwanted/duplicate Christmas gifts or toys so that we can start to build up items for future events i.e. Mother's Day/tombola prizes! Over the next week if you can bring in anything you have that would be hugely appreciated, there will be a basket in the entrance where you can leave items.*

*Our next meeting will be Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm at The Bell. We'll be planning events and discussing what our next fundraising will be for. We'd love to see lots of new faces and hear any ideas you may have! Our PTA and fundraising can only continue and be viable with your support so please do come along if you are able to! Georgina.*

A very special 'thank you' to the Grandparents of Harry W (y2) and Teddy W (yrR) who came in over the Christmas break to tidy up the outdoor area of Year 1 and Year 2. It was bitterly cold, but that did not stop them clearing all the weeds and overgrowth—filling 4 skip bags! I know Miss Evens and Miss Battey were pleasantly surprised when they saw the area on Monday.

This week has been a cold week and although no snow, it's important that all children have a warm coat, hat and gloves in school everyday, as we do go outside in all weathers. I have also received an amber cold weather alert today for the West Midlands. The amber cold health alert is in effect from 12PM on 09/01/2025 until 9AM on 14/01/2025 across the West Midlands. Please use this government link on how to keep warm and well during the cold weather. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather/top-tips-for-keeping-warm-and-well-this-winter>

This week the OPAL team came into school to help us plan the grounds and guide us on our OPAL journey. We did put OPAL on hold just before Christmas due to the very wet and muddy field, and although the children were having a great time, we know that for some, your child coming home covered in mud everyday is not a pleasing sight. We are hoping to get OPAL back on track over the next couple of weeks so please could you start to send in named wellingtons so that children can access these at lunchtimes. We will of course send them home if we get a forecast of snow and your child needs them at home.

I'm sure with this cold weather many of you are starting to look for and book your summer holiday, so please can I remind you of the importance of regular attendance at school. Our Attendance Policy and other information regarding attendance and absence during term time can be found on our website under the 'parents' tab. You can also find the Warwickshire Schools holiday dates for the rest of this academic year and for 25/26.

Please can I also remind you of the importance of children being in school ready to start the day at 8.55am. I have noticed that we have had a number of children arriving after the official start of the school day at 8.55. Remember being late for school can have many negative consequences including:

- Missed learning: Every moment a child is late is a moment of missed learning as the child will have missed the teachers instructions and teaching.
- Disrupted class: A late arrival can disrupt the class and delay learning for everyone.
- Embarrassment: Children may feel embarrassed about entering the classroom late.
- Stress: Children who arrive late may be stressed and take a while to settle into their day.
- Lower grades: Frequent lateness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardized tests.
- Anxiety: Lateness can create anxiety for those children arriving late.
- Confusion for your child as work or activities might have been started.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

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## Parents have less than a week to apply for their child's 2025 Reception School place

With less than a week to go, applications need to be made promptly. This deadline of 15th January applies to children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, who must submit their application for a place in a Reception class in September 2025.

Applications should be made online at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace). All parents and carers who apply by the deadline will receive their child's school offer on National Offer Day, 16 April 2025.

To access further advice and support, watch the guidance video or to submit an application, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace>.

SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Tuesday 14th January Young Voices</p> <p>Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person)</p> <p>Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual)</p> <p>Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term</p> <p>Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children</p> <p>Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter</p>	<p>Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open</p> <p>Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed</p> <p>Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week</p> <p>Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term</p> <p>Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open</p> <p>Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Conover</p> <p>Friday 18th July School and Nursery close for summer holiday</p> <p>Monday 21st July School and Nursery closed teacher training day</p>

### WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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