



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

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

10th October 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope the Reception parents that came in on Wednesday to attend a workshop, led by Miss Evens, about Literacy in Reception, found the session informative and useful. Miss Evens will be repeating the session again on Wednesday 22nd October, so if you could not make it or would like to attend again then please pop along.

Even though we have only just welcomed our current Reception children, we are already preparing for next years cohort. Applications for starting school in September 2026 open on November 1st and all applications need to be made through the council where you live. You can find more information by clicking on this link <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place> We are providing two more sessions where prospective parents can visit the school. These will be on Tuesday 11th November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm and between 4pm and 6pm. If you know someone who may be interested then please share the details and encourage them to ring to book a tour.

Don't forget that on Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm there will be an opportunity for current parents to come into school for an information session, where I will be sharing not only recent successes but also the school priorities for this academic year. Please note this session is for adults only and children should not attend.

A message from Mr Fidler:

*This week, children in KS1 and KS2 have been exploring Christianity as a Global World Faith (CGWF). It is often easy to forget that Christians worshipping here in Tanworth in Arden are only a very small representation of Christianity across the globe with it's many different communities and traditions. We started off the week with an assembly where we explored a number of facts about the world and its population and also a key new word for us all, 'Ubuntu'. This comes from South Africa and means 'I am, because we are.' Essentially it is the understanding that we are only the people we are because of the collective community around us, both locally and globally.*

*In our classes we have been exploring different images of Jesus from around the world which have been influenced through the personal, historical and cultural lenses of the artist. We have also been exploring the population of Christians across the globe and how this has changed in the last century and what the world looks like in '100 Christians'.*

*This was just the starting point. We'll be holding a CGWF week twice a year going forwards, with some great resources to unpick beliefs, practices and traditions from Christians across the globe that can enhance our understanding of the faith.*

I hope you all received the email inviting you to book a slot to meet with your child's class teacher. We offer the option for a face to face meeting or a virtual meeting as we know for some parents a virtual slot fits in better with work schedules. To manage the meetings effectively and maintain the quality of each conversation, there is a limit on the number of appointments a teacher can have each day. This helps us ensure that meetings run smoothly, staff have sufficient time for each discussion, and the experience remains positive and organised for all involved. We also recognise that Parents' Evenings take place at the end of a full teaching day, and limiting the number of sessions allows teachers to give their best attention and energy to each conversation, while maintaining a sustainable workload.

Finally well done to Year 3 who led our Church service today, Open the Book. They did a great job retelling the story of Moses and his escape from Egypt, one of my most favourite stories from the Bible.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

Headteacher

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## **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

### ***PINS Project - A chance to help shape SEND Provision at Tanworth***



Mr Fidler would also like to share an opportunity for parents to come into school to find out about the PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)

*The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is a national initiative in the UK that aims to improve support for neurodiverse students in mainstream primary schools by bringing together health, education, and parent carers to enhance Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision and foster closer collaboration.*

*We are pleased to be taking part in this initiative this year as we strive to improve our provision for all pupils, especially those who are neurodiverse.*

*How can you get involved?*

*Part of the project includes parent carer engagement sessions and meetings held at school. These sessions are designed to gather parents' input on current school provision and how it can be improved for neurodiverse children.*

*We are inviting parents to come to the sessions to share their, experiences, honest thoughts and ideas. Through these discussions, parents can help influence whole-school SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) provision, leading to lasting, sustainable change.*

*The first session, which is run by Warwickshire Parent/Carer Voice will just be with parents (no school staff) and will take place on **Monday 13th October**, from 9-10am. There will be drinks and biscuits, if that sways your decision!*

*Many thanks for your support.*

*Mr Fidler (SENCo)*

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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday we had our Celebration Assembly. This is a chance to celebrate and recognise children who have either demonstrated outstanding behaviour and manners or outstanding effort and attainment. Two children from each class are chosen and parents/family members are invited in to hear why their child has been chosen and to see them receive their certificate.

### Reception:

Well done to Reception this week who have completed all their baseline assessments and have begun their formal phonics teaching. They are really picking up the phonemes and graphemes covered and are learning how to blend these sounds together with the help of Gerladine and Gerald our phonic giraffes! We are very excited that we are learning to read!

### Year 1:

Amber, the first thing I want to say to you is thank you so much for all that you do. You are a shining example of how we all should be. You come into school ready to learn, and from the start, you are always doing the right thing and helping others to make good choices. Amber, if our class was made full of Ambers, my day would be very easy indeed. You work hard, always make good choices, and are an absolute delight to teach. I was so glad to be your teacher for the end of reception and I'm so glad I could be your teacher for another year. You should be so proud of yourself. Well done, Amber.

Orla what can I say except wow. You work incredibly hard every single day. In year 1 we are beyond proud with your work ethics and how you give 110 percent every single day. You always ask relevant questions during lessons and also secure your own learning by then helping your friends. In English I am so proud of the writing you have done, especially when you get stuck on an unfamiliar word and have a go sounding it out yourself. Orla you are destined for great things and we can't wait to see all that you can achieve. Well done you should be very proud of all your hard work.

### Year 2:

Eren has started Year 2 with a wonderfully positive attitude towards his learning. He always strives to do his best and shows great curiosity by asking thoughtful questions to extend his learning further. Eren has worked extremely well during small group activities and is contributing enthusiastically to class discussions. He has shown particular excitement and engagement with our class text Fantastic Mr Fox, eagerly sharing his ideas and thoughts with his classmates. Keep up the fantastic effort and enthusiasm, Eren. Well done!

I simply couldn't not give this certificate to Alex this week! She has been an absolute delight to teach and consistently puts 100% effort into everything she does. Alex is always looking out for others, whether it's helping a friend tie their shoelaces or holding the door open at lunchtime. She is thoughtful, polite, and always one of the first to ask if there's anything she can do to help. Alex does all of this with a big, beaming smile that brightens not only her friends days but mine as well. Thank you, Alex, for being so kind, caring, and considerate! It really does not go unnoticed.

### Year 3:

Elliot has been chosen for his excellent manners and exemplary behaviour. He consistently makes the right choices and is a wonderful role model for his peers. Elliot follows the school rules with integrity and approaches everything he does with kindness and respect. It has been a real pleasure getting to know him and hearing about all his interests—keep shining, Elliot!

Henry has been chosen for his outstanding effort and achievement, particularly in subjects such as Science and History. He approaches these lessons with genuine enthusiasm and curiosity, demonstrating a real love of learning. This was especially evident on Stone Age Day, when he fully immersed himself in the activities, asked insightful questions, and showed a keen interest in deepening his understanding

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Year 4:

Hendo has been chosen this week for the effort and achievement award for his fantastic attitude towards English and his writing. He is always eager to contribute to lessons, with his hand up ready to share thoughtful ideas and impressive vocabulary. Hendo consistently tries his hardest because he truly wants to achieve for himself and doesn't need any motivation to do so – his drive comes from within. He takes great pride in his learning and shows a genuine love for reading and discovering more each day. Keep it up, Hendo!

Floryn has been chosen this week for the behaviour and manners award for her calm and positive presence in our classroom. She is always busying herself with something productive and shows great awareness of what needs to be done next. Floryn listens carefully, is always ready to do the right thing and shows respect to those around her in so many ways such as attentively listening and always speaking positively to others. Her quiet focus and thoughtfulness set a brilliant example to everyone around her. Well done, Floryn!

Year 5:

Flo is an absolute delight to have in class. Not only does she always show beautiful manners and excellent behaviour, but she is also being recognised for her exemplary learning behaviours. She listens carefully to instructions, encourages others to make the right choices, and is always ready for her lessons. Flo consistently lives out our school values of being ready, respectful, and safe- in everything she does. She takes pride in her work, always double-checking it to make sure it's her very best. Flo is a glowing role model and a true joy to teach.

Gracie's writing has absolutely wowed me! She is currently writing a brilliant character encounter between two of the main characters, and it's clear how much effort and care she has put into it. She has been using the exciting sentences created during a slow write, including all the grammar we have learned so far, and she is working carefully to ensure her spellings are correct. Gracie makes great use of the resources around her and isn't afraid to ask our super spellers for help. Her enthusiasm for writing shines through every sentence, and it's clear that reading her work will be a real treat this year. I am so excited to see what's to come! Well done, Gracie, and keep up the fantastic effort!

Year 6:

Lola consistently works hard in all lessons but the effort that she makes during English lessons deserves an extra special mention because she consistently goes above and beyond! What is especially lovely to see is her passion for vocabulary as she is constantly jotting down words and phrases that she hears or sees when reading and then makes the effort to ask what they mean and use them in her own work. This extra attention to detail means that each new piece of writing is better than the last and her work just shines! Well done, Lola!

Max has stood out over the last few weeks for his mature and conscientious attitude. He shows this in class when he double checks that he's understood and completing work correctly and during Family Time or when working with his reception buddy when he encourages them and takes the time to explain things or offer gentle reminders. Max really cares about doing the right thing and being the best he can be and it's so lovely to see his quiet determination, pride and enthusiasm. He's a fantastic role model for others and should be so proud of himself!

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# PTA UPCOMING Events

## Sept.

### TREAT THURSDAY

25th- After school cookies £1

## Oct.

### NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

10<sup>th</sup>- tombola prizes  
infants- to bring toys  
juniors- to bring a bottle

### FUNKY HAIR DAY

23rd- £2.50  
Crazy/funky hairstyles!  
Prize for boy & girl in  
each class

## TBC

### CASH4CLOTHES COLLECTION

Bring in unwanted clothing

## Nov.

### NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

14th- Bring in Christmas gift  
shop presents

## 28th Nov.

### CHRISTMAS FETE

With St Mary Magdalene  
Church for festivities &  
Tanworth in Arden village  
Light switch on.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

## Dec.

### WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

4th Dec- evening £45

### CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

12th Dec- £2.50

## 2026. IDEAS...

TBC.  
Soak the Firefighter Day (May)  
Family fun run (spring)



## NURSERY NEWS

On Tuesday the Nursery children had a wonderful morning in our outdoor learning area. We were so pleased to be back and for some children this was their first time visiting the site. The children loved exploring, digging, finding mini beasts and creating their own autumn leaf kebabs. Huge thank you to the PTA members from all of us in nursery. All your hard work has ensured that we are much safer and more secure now with the fabulously repaired fence.



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AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM
Monday 13th October PINS Parent session 9am-10am in the hall (see over-leaf)	Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed
Wednesday 15th October Meet the Headteacher 6.30pm	Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open
Thursday 16th October Year 6 Bell Boating	Tuesday 10th February Parents Evening
Friday 17th October Values service in Church	Thursday 12th February Parents Evening
Monday 20th October THRIVE week (more details to follow)	Friday 13th February break up for half-term
Tuesday 21st October Parents Evening in person	Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term
Tuesday 22nd October Current Reception Phonics session for parents 9am	Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins
Thursday 23rd October Mad Hair Day PTA event	Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service
Thursday 23rd October Parents Evening Virtual	Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays
Friday 24th October Teacher Training Day School and Nursery Closed	
Monday 27th October-Friday 31st October Half-term	
Monday 3rd November Autumn 2 begins/Remembrance Week	
Friday 7th November Writing workshop for parents Year 3 and Year 4	
Tuesday 11th November Remembrance on the green 11am	
Wednesday 12th November Writing workshop for parents Year 1 and Year 2	
Thursday 13th November Writing workshop for parents Year 5 and Year 6	
Friday 14th November Non-school uniform	
Monday 21st November Home Learning in	
Monday 24th November Home Learning gallery 3.15-3.45	
Tuesday 25th November Home Learning gallery 8.30-9.00	
Friday 28th November PTA Christmas Market (TBC)	
Wednesday 3rd December Reception Christmas play 9.30am	
Thursday 4th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm	
Tuesday 9th December KS1 Christmas play pm 1.30pm	
Wednesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Play am 9.30am	
Wednesday 10th December Nursery Christmas Craft pm	
Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Shop	
Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day	
Wednesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert	
Thursday 18th December whole school trip to the pantomime	
Friday 19th December Christmas Service in Church Year 3	
Friday 19th December School breaks up for Christmas	

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	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



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