



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

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

11th October 2024

Dear Parent,

A special mention to Mr Fidler who last week was invited to speak at a launch event, in London, for a new RE resource 'Christianity as a Global Faith'. Mr Fidler was invited to speak, as he had been trialling the new resource last academic year before its official launch. Mr Fidler did an amazing presentation sharing our involvement in school, using videos of some of the children and the teachers talking about their experiences. I received an email from the organisers not only thanking Mr Fidler but also saying how "some of the guests mentioned that you were absolutely mesmerising and inspirational, and your contributions truly made a difference to the event". Well done to Mr Fidler, who is a great RE Leader for our school supporting the children and staff.

Each year the Year 6 children write a letter of application explaining which responsibility they would like to take on and why they think they should have that role, talking about the skills and experiences they feel they could bring to the role. The roles include litter picker, playtime leader, librarian, house points monitor, assembly monitor and Church monitor among many others. Last Wednesday, the children were presented with their responsibility badges. It is lovely to see the children wearing their badges with pride around school and taking their new roles so seriously.

Thank you for all the generous contributions of the Harvest food that were donated last Friday. We have taken your donations to Church who will then pass them on to Birmingham City Mission. Thank you to Year 4 who led our Harvest Service in Church last week. As always the children did a marvellous job of sharing the meaning of Harvest and bringing it to life for us all.

This week the History Detectives took over Monday's assembly to highlight that October is Black History Month! Although we celebrate black history through our regular history curriculum by studying individuals such as Mary Seacole, Walter Tull, and subjects such as the Windrush. The History Detectives felt that it was an important historical topic to cover and bring to the school's attention. The group researched 6 individuals who they felt had made an important impact on society and presented their findings in Monday's assembly. The PowerPoint the group made can be found on the History page of the school website. Well done to the History Detectives for being brave and standing and speaking to the whole school in assembly! Mr Fidler (as music leader) has also asked me to share a calendar for Black History month of black composers. This is on the reverse of this newsletter, happy listening!

Finally, this week we have begun our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey. The journey will take 12-18 months for us to become an OPAL school, but hopefully you will start to see and hear changes from your children as early as next half-term.

However, there are ways you can help us in the meantime, by starting to collect and donate some 'loose parts'. These are the types of things we will be collecting, so if you have any please send them in.

You can find out more about OPAL by clicking the link <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

After half-term all children (Reception to Year 6)will need a named pair of wellies, that stay in school, so that they can engage in OPAL. If you have any old wellies that no longer fit please send them in.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

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ANOTHER CELEBRATION OF BLACK COMPOSERS

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1. **SEJUN AKINOLA** — **1993 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ She's the Doctor (from *Dr. Who Series 13*)
 - ▶ The Journey to England (from *'Murder is Easy'*)
2. **QUEEN LATIFAH** — **1970 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Ladies First
 - ▶ Wrath of my Madness
3. **NKEIRU OKOYE** — **1972 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Dancing barefoot in the rain
 - ▶ African Sketches: II Dusk
4. **CHASE BETHA** — **1987 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ The Dungeon Below
 - ▶ Boulderdash
5. **ABEL SELAOCOE** — **1992 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Hlokomela
 - ▶ Ancestral Affirmations
6. **CÉCILE MCLOIRIN SALVANT** — **1989 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Ghost Song
 - ▶ Thunderclouds
7. **DARA TAYLOR** — **1987 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Let's Meet a Scientist Suite
 - ▶ Tell Me How It Could Get Worse (from *Strays*)
8. **KOFFEE** — **2000 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Toast
 - ▶ Pull Up
9. **RÉ OLUNUGA** — **1970 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ The Adetokumbos from *Rise*
 - ▶ Eki La Wa from *Iwájú*
10. **GREGORY PORTER** — **1971 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Liquid Spirit
 - ▶ Water Under Bridges
11. **HERBIE Hancock** — **1940 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Cantaloupe Island
 - ▶ Chameleon
12. **ESPERANZA SPALDING** — **1984 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ You Have to Dance
 - ▶ Touch in Mine
13. **SCOTT JOPLIN** — **1868 - 1917**
 - ▶ Maple Leaf Rag
 - ▶ The Easy Winners
14. **ROBERT NATHANIEL DETT** — **1882 - 1943**
 - ▶ Juba Dance
 - ▶ Ave Maria
15. **HOLLAND - DOZIER - HOLLAND** — **1939 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ How Sweet It is to be Loved By You
 - ▶ Reach Out, I'll Be There (Lamont Dozier d. 2022)
16. **CASSIE KINOSHI** — **1993 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Sun Through My Window
 - ▶ Opening (Notches on a Clock Face)
17. **KRIS BOWERS** — **1989 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Love is a Choice from *Bridgerton Season 1*
 - ▶ Water Boy from *'Green Book'*
18. **B.B. KING** — **1925 - 2015**
 - ▶ You Upset Me Baby
 - ▶ If That Ain't I Quit
19. **GUEM** — **1947 - 2021**
 - ▶ Forêt vierge
 - ▶ Glingko
20. **AKALA** — **1983 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Comedy Tragedy History
 - ▶ Another Reason
21. **BETTY JACKSON KING** — **1928 - 1994**
 - ▶ Spring Intermezzo
 - ▶ Psalm 57
22. **ISAAC HAVES** — **1942 - 2008**
 - ▶ Theme from 'Shaft'
 - ▶ Soul Man (writer only)
23. **VALERIE COLEMAN** — **1970 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Umoja: Anthem for Unity
 - ▶ Tracing Visions for String Orchestra
24. **BILLIE HOLIDAY** — **1915-1959**
 - ▶ Fine and Mellow
 - ▶ God Bless the Child
25. **SISANA BACA** — **1944 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Taki Ti Taka
 - ▶ Negra Presentuosa
26. **LORD KITCHENER** — **1922 - 2000**
 - ▶ London is the Place for me
 - ▶ The Bee's Melody
27. **GIOWA B** — **1989 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ These are the Days
 - ▶ Traffic
28. **JIMI HENDRIX** — **1942 - 1970**
 - ▶ Purple Haze
 - ▶ Voodoo Child
29. **DONAL FOX** — **1952 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Scarlatti Jazz Suite
 - ▶ Peace
30. **VALERIE CAPEPS** — **1970 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Billie's Song
 - ▶ Subrosa
31. **AL GREEN** — **1946 - PRESENT**
 - ▶ Let's stay together
 - ▶ Take me to the River

Black History Month is dedicated to celebrating and learning about Black heritage. It gives everyone the opportunity to recognise the achievements of and share appreciation of those with African or Caribbean backgrounds.

This calendar is a celebration of black composers and is intended to inspire everyone to explore the lives and works of these great musicians.

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 1st October in our Celebration Assembly children received a certificate either for 'Outstanding behaviour and manners' or for 'Outstanding effort and achievement'. Miss Cutler led the assembly and fed back how proud she was of all the children.

Reception:

Dominic - We are so proud of Dominic and the effort he has been putting into his learning these last few weeks. He always joins in during whole class learning and is keen to share his lovely ideas and answers, which shows he is listening very carefully. We have also enjoyed seeing his wonderful imagination during independent learning. He has made some fantastic creations from leaf blowers to a police car! It has been so lovely to see his enthusiasm for learning. A big well done, Dominic!

Isla - Isla is a shining example to everyone in Reception class. She is a very kind and caring member of our class who is always welcoming to her peers, inviting anyone into her play. Her manners are beautiful and she is extremely helpful too, often helping other members of the class with activities. She has had such a super start to school and has settled into life at Tanworth well. We are very lucky to have Isla in Reception class. You are such a star, Isla!

Year 1:

Grace - What a delightful pupil Grace is! She is kind, calm and thoughtful to all who meet her and she always has a warm and friendly smile for anyone. I have been really impressed with how Grace has settled into Year 1 and she has already developed a great set of learning behaviours too which has helped her complete lots of amazing activities already. She is always ready to learn on the carpet or at her table and she is a super role model to others. Thank you Grace.

Year 2:

Tate - I have chosen Tate for his behaviour and manners because since starting Year 2, he really has been a ray of sunshine in our classroom. Tate is so polite and is a vision of our school rules. Tate also has such a positive attitude towards all of our learning opportunities in Year 2 and always goes above and beyond with trying his best. You are such a delight to have in Year 2 Tate. Well done!

Emily - I have chosen Emily for her effort and achievement in Maths this week. Emily has been working incredibly hard independently with our part-part whole models. She has shown such resilience with this topic and has always been looking for the next challenge to push herself even further. It has been such a joy to watch Emily's confidence grow with this topic and it is all down to her hard work and commitment. Well done, Emily!

Year 3:

Hugo - Hugo is genuinely a role model for others. He treats everyone with respect and consistently shows kindness in his interactions. In every situation, Hugo works diligently and puts his best effort forward, making thoughtful and insightful contributions in class. His manners are exceptional, and what's especially admirable is that he not only goes out of his way to help others but also takes the time to express gratitude when someone assists him. His ability to lead by example through compassion and hard work makes him a truly admirable person to those around him.

William - Will has been chosen in recognition of his resilience when facing challenges. No matter what obstacles come his way, Will stays focused and determined, always pushing himself to do his best. He is not only dedicated to his own progress but also consistently supports those around him, offering help and encouragement to his peers. What makes Will stand out even more is his willingness to ask for help when needed, showing maturity and a desire to improve. He also effectively uses the tools and equipment available to support himself, ensuring he remains on track towards success.

Jude - Jude has demonstrated what a keen and eager member of the class he is. He is a natural mathematician and works particularly hard in this subject, but Jude has also demonstrated his eagerness and determination in other subjects too. He settles to work quickly, focussing on the task in hand and tries his best in every single lesson, well done Jude! Keep it up!

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Year 4:

Remi-Mae – I have chosen Remi-Mae this week for the countless small acts of kindness I see her doing on a regular basis. Remi-Mae will always put spare chairs up on the table at the end of the day, pick up equipment from the floor, help other tables to tidy and offer to hand out books or collect iPads in whenever there is a chance. Remi-Mae never does any of this for praise. She does this because it is the kind person she is. These small gestures added together make such a huge difference to the classroom and really show what a thoughtful girl she is. Well done, Remi-Mae.

Isabelle – I have chosen Isabelle for her incredible effort in two curriculum areas over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, Isabelle has produced the most beautiful and detailed double page spread all about our work on illuminated letters. She has included historical facts, background information, opinions on art work as well as trialling her own drawings and adding colour and vibrance to the page. Not only is her art work fantastic, but her times tables too! Isabelle is already scoring full marks in some of her times table checks and showing incredible efforts on times table rock stars! Keep this up, Isabelle!

Year 5:

Taiya- I have chosen Taiya because of the amount of thought she puts into her work. She is very conscious to ensure she is presenting her work correctly and always checks if she is unsure. I love all the questions she asks as this shows me that she cares and wants to do the right thing. Taiya has been trying hard and focussing in all of her lessons; if this attitude to learning continues, she will have a really successful year. Well done Taiya.

Lola - I have chosen Lola for her behaviour and manners because she is so wonderfully polite, kind and caring to everyone she comes across. She follows our classroom and school rules and sets an amazing example to all of the other children in school. Lola is always looking at me when I'm speaking, listening to instructions and making sure she is doing the right thing. Both Lola's learning behaviours and general behaviours are second to none. Thank you for being so wonderful, please keep it up.

Year 6:

Bella – Bella has been chosen for the kind and caring things that she's been 'caught' doing over the last few weeks. Examples of this include smoothing out the rug in the hall so no one trips, repeating instructions for someone who'd forgotten what to do, gently supporting someone to solve a problem and fetching things for the people on her table. All of this has been done without asking - not for praise or recognition - but because it's the right thing to do. Her thoughtful attitude makes everyone's day that bit better and is lovely to have around the classroom. Thank you, Bella!

Theo – Theo has consistently impressed me with his enthusiastic and interested attitude to learning. He comes to school ready to work hard every day and does his best in every lesson. However, it is Theo's attention to detail that really makes him stand out – he takes pride in every part of a piece of work, the presentation, the vocabulary, the grammar – and this shows a real determination to improve and succeed. I am so excited to see where his amazing attitude takes him this year! Well done, Theo, keep it up!

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN OPEN DAYS

On Thursday 3rd October we opened the school and nursery to visitors. This was a chance for parents of prospective children to have a look around the school and nursery on a normal working school day. Some of the Year 6 pupils gave tours of the school and nursery answering questions and telling the parents everything about the school. A huge thank you to the Year 6 children, they did an amazing job and every parent commented on how well the children did.

We have one more Open Day coming up on Wednesday 16th October, so if you know someone who is looking for a school place for Reception 2025, a nursery place for children aged 2+ or someone who is thinking of moving schools then please share the advert below. We would love to show them around our school and nursery.



OPEN DAYS

Learning, Loving, Growing
Tanworth-in-Arden
C of E Primary School

Friendly village Primary School and Nursery (ages 2-11)
OFSTED 'GOOD' in all areas September 2022
Part of Arden Forest MAT
Curriculum that meets the personal and academic needs of pupils
Pupils are polite and courteous
Pupils are proud of their school and value the quality of education it provides

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Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025?
Do you have a child aged 2+?
If you answered yes to any of the above, then please come and visit us.
Open Days to visit the school &/or Nursery are on:
Wednesday 16th October
9.30-11.00 and 1.30-2.30

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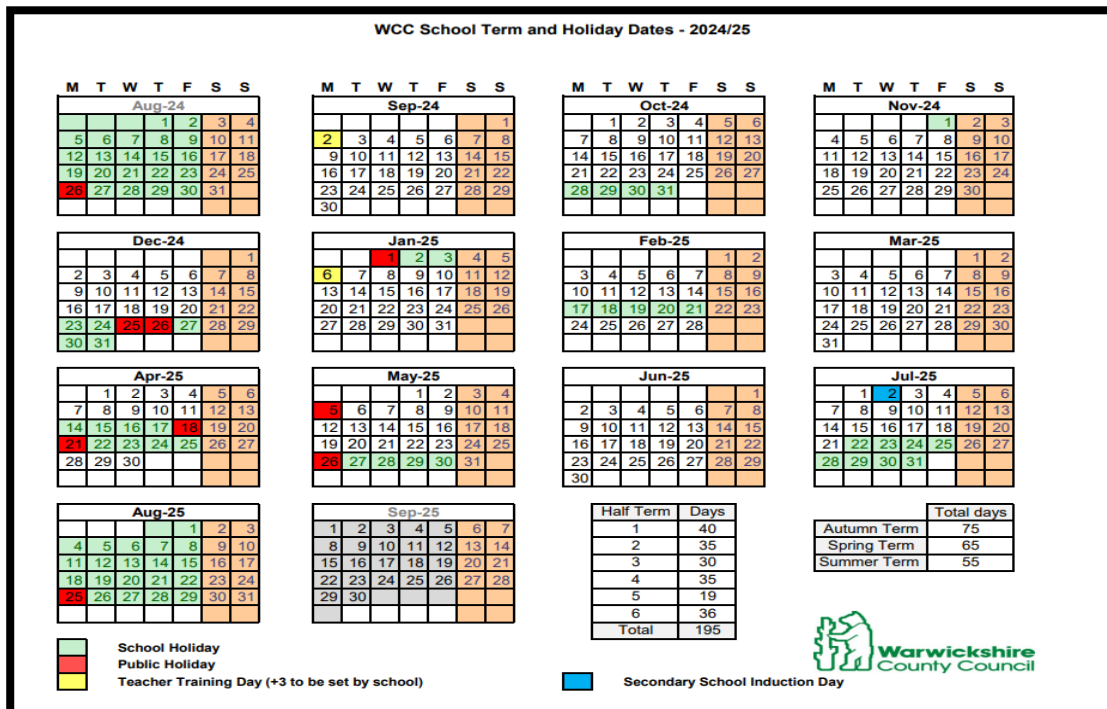
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AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM
Wednesday 16th October School & Nursery Open Day	Monday 6th January School and Nursery closed Teacher Training
Friday 18th October PTA Friday treat Cookies	Tuesday 7th January School and Nursery open for children
Monday 21st October Science Week in school	Tuesday 14th January Young Voices (details to follow)
Tuesday 22nd October Parents Evening (in person)	Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person)
Thursday 24th October Non-School Uniform PTA bring sweets or a bottle for Christmas Tombola	Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual)
Thursday 24th October Parents Evening (virtual)	Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term
Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term	Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children
Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training	Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter
Monday 4th November School and Nursery open for Autumn 2	
Tuesday 5th November Poppies & Poetry Workshop	
Friday 8th November Non-School uniform PTA present donation for Christmas Shop	
Monday 11th November Remembrance Service on The Green 10.50am	
Friday 15th November Children in Need (details to follow)	
Friday 29th November Year 4 trip to FSC Bishops Wood	
Friday 29th November PTA Christmas Event 3.30-7.00 (details to follow)	
Wednesday 4th December Reception Christmas play 9.30am (TBC)	
Thursday 5th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm (TBC)	
Friday 6th December PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop	
Tuesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm (TBC)	
Wednesday 11th December KS1 Christmas Play (time TBC)	
Thursday 12th December Year 5 trip to Cadbury World	
Monday 16th December School visit to pantomime Sleeping Beauty	
Tuesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert in Church 6.00pm	
Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day	
Friday 20th December Y3 Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm	



School and Nursery are also closed on: Friday 25th October 2024, Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training

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