



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

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

12th December 2025

Dear Parents,

Well done to Year 1 and 2 for their amazing production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' It was a production full of singing, dancing and acting. All of the children did an amazing job and it was clear from their happy faces that they all enjoyed taking part. A special thank you to all of the staff involved for bringing it together for everyone to enjoy.

Next week we have the KS2 Carol Concert in Church on Wednesday evening. This is always a joyous event, so I do hope you can join us. Then finally on Friday, Year 3 will be leading the Christmas Church service in the afternoon. This is always a very special service, and a great way to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Evens, Mrs Blackford and I were all out on Monday and Tuesday completing safeguarding training. Whilst we were out Miss Cutler did a fantastic job leading the school. Thank you to Miss Cutler for stepping up to ensure that school continued as normal.

Another exciting thing that happened this week is that the new Art Room is one step closer to being finished. This week the new flooring was put down and next week we will start to add shelving and cupboards so that we can start putting all of the art equipment in. The children all looked so excited when they saw how the room is starting to take shape.

The creation of a dedicated Art Room is a great addition to Tanworth as all the children will benefit. This creative space will give pupils access to high-quality materials, enable more ambitious and hands-on art lessons, and support wellbeing by offering a calm place to explore ideas and express themselves. From Nursery to Year 6, every child will have regular opportunities to use the Art Room, helping us provide a rich, creative curriculum and celebrate the artistic talents across our school.

Today however, the new Art space was used to create the PTA Christmas Pop up Shop! The children all had a lovely time choosing a present for a family member. Thank you to the PTA and their volunteers for organising this for the children and also wrapping 200 plus presents!

In Church today children received their certificate who had been recognised for demonstrating the Christian Value of 'peace'. It was lovely to hear all of the different reasons why the children had been chosen. Take a look later on in this newsletter as to who was chosen and why. We were also treated to the first public performance of our school band, Fortissimo. The band did a great job performing a medley of songs for us all to enjoy. Thank you to the Church volunteers for organising the refreshments for the family members who attended Church today.

Finally, I am sure you will all join with me in saying a huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' to Mrs Woodward (Year 2) who is expecting her first child with James her husband. Mr and Mrs Woodward's baby is due early summer. We will of course keep parents in Year 2 updated and will let you know who will be taking over in Year 2 when Mrs Woodward starts her maternity leave.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

SUPERSTAR SOPHIA!

It's always lovely to hear how ex-pupils are getting on. This week we heard that Sophia (who still has sisters in school and now attends Henley High School) has been accepted as a dancer in the professional production of Aladdin at the core theatre in Solihull this Christmas. She has already completed her first show and will be performing until the New Year. So please pop along and support Sophia!



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INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th	SEND Coffee & Chat, all welcome (see below)
Tuesday 16th	Surprise Christmas treat for children
Wednesday 17th	<p>Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Day</p> <p>Children may come to school dressed in party clothes, please note no make-up or hair dye, no heeled shoes/boots, flip fops or slip on shoes and no crop tops.</p> <p>Children may bring a 'treat' for morning break i.e. cake (no chocolate bars or sweets please)</p> <p>Christmas Lunch will then be served at the usual time, please note there will be no other food from the kitchen on this day. If children have not ordered a Christmas Lunch then they will need a packed lunch from home.</p> <p>KS2 Christmas Carol concert in Church. KS2 children need to be in Church for 5.45pm they need to wear school uniform with a Christmas jumper and festive headwear i.e. Christmas hat, sparkly headband or Christmas themed head boppers. They will also need a battery operated candle/tea-light.</p>
Thursday 18th	Whole school visit to the Pantomime. Children to wear school uniform and bring a water bottle. Children may also bring a plain biscuit (maximum 2or3) from home to eat during the interval (please no chocolate coated or peanut products).
Friday 19th	<p>Year 3 Christmas Service in Church, all welcome 2.00pm</p> <p>3.15pm Break up for the Christmas holidays.</p>

SEND COFFEE & CHAT

Please join us to help shape the future of SEND in our school on Monday 15th December from 9-10am. This is open to all parents of children who are receiving support in our school and is run by Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice. It's a chance to ask questions, meet other parents and discuss how we can make things better for our children. Please do come if you are able. There will be drinks, biscuits and even some free giveaways!



WARWICKSHIRE
PARENT CARER VOICE

SEND Coffee & Chat
Monday 15th December
9-10am

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV) is partnering with your school to improve school experiences for children with SEND.

We'd love to hear from you!

Can't make it to the Coffee & Chat, but want to know more?
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VALUES SERVICE

On Friday 12th December we had our Values Service in Church. This half-term we have been looking at the Christian value of Peace. The following children received a certificate in Church today for demonstrating the value of 'peace'.

Reception:

In our busy, happy classroom, peace is created by taking turns, sharing, helping friends, including others and tidying up together. We see this in Georgia all day, every day and in every task. Her warm, friendly manner, and wonderful sense of fun help to put others at ease, bringing a gentle calmness to her friends and everyone who is lucky to meet her. Georgia helps create a happy, settled atmosphere wherever she plays and learns, and her peaceful presence has a positive impact on our classroom. Well done, Georgia, we are so lucky to have you in our Reception class.

Year 1:

In the Bible, peace means far more than simply the absence of fighting or noise. It is a deep sense of wholeness, harmony, and well-being in every part of life. It includes peace with God, peace within ourselves, and peace with other people.

Orla shows inner peace by staying calm even when things get busy around her. When something doesn't go her way, she responds with quiet confidence rather than getting upset. Orla helps create a calm and caring atmosphere in the classroom each day. She uses gentle words and kind actions, showing others how to work together without arguing or upsetting one another. When friends fall out, Orla tries to help them make up, reminding them to listen and share or to seek an adult's support. She is patient, thoughtful, and often the first to offer a smile or a quiet comfort when someone feels sad.

Through her behaviour, she shows that peace begins with small choices and inspires others to help make the classroom a happy and harmonious place. Orla, we are so proud of your hard work and the peace you bring to Year 1.

Year 2:

Archie consistently demonstrates the value of peace in his daily actions and interactions. He always uses kind words and is often overheard saying "please" and "thank you" to his peers. Archie speaks gently instead of shouting and carries a calm, reassuring presence that positively influences those around him. He shows genuine care and consideration for his classmates by offering help and taking responsibility for his environment, often cleaning up without being asked. Archie listens respectfully when others are speaking and knows when to ask for help if he needs it. His thoughtful, respectful attitude creates a sense of harmony in the classroom, making him a true role model for the value of peace. Thank you for being you, Archie!

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Year 3:

Phoebe shows the Christian value of peace in many thoughtful and practical ways throughout the school day. She speaks gently and kindly, choosing calm words even when situations become tricky, and she always listens carefully so others feel respected and understood. If a disagreement arises, Phoebe is often the first to help friends make up, or she sensibly steps away and seeks support to keep everyone safe and settled. In the classroom, she works with quiet focus, which helps create a calm atmosphere where others can learn well, and she encourages her classmates with positive, reassuring language. Phoebe also takes responsibility for her own feelings by using calming strategies when she feels frustrated, showing real maturity. Through her actions, she brings a sense of harmony to both herself and those around her.

Year 4:

Theo has been chosen for the value of peace this half term for the calm, steady and thoughtful way he helps our classroom feel settled and happy every day. He has a naturally calming presence and is someone others feel comfortable around. When small disagreements or worries come up, Theo is always the first to gently help sort things out by listening carefully and encouraging everyone to get along. He does all of this quietly, without ever wanting praise or attention. It simply comes naturally to him! Theo's honesty, fairness and peaceful attitude make a real difference to our class. Thank you, Theo, for bringing so much peace to our classroom.

Year 5:

Flo has been chosen for the Christian value of Peace not only by me, but by her classmates, too. She is consistently recognised as a calm, steady and reassuring presence in our classroom as she is someone who naturally diffuses tension and helps to restore harmony whenever challenges come up. Flo approaches every situation with patience and understanding, taking the time to listen and gently guide others towards positive choices. Whether she is helping to resolve a conflict, offering support to a friend in need, or stepping forward to volunteer when no one else is willing, Flo does so with quiet strength and genuine compassion. Her kindness, caring nature and thoughtful actions make her a shining example of peace in our school community, and we feel truly blessed to have her among us.

Year 6:

Flossy has a calm and reassuring presence in our classroom and her gentle manner and kind-hearted nature bring a sense of peace to those around her. She is a natural peacemaker as she's someone who can soothe tension, offer quiet support and help others see the best in every situation and other people. What makes Flossy even more special is the inner peace she carries within herself and the way she is always confidently and comfortably herself, which helps others to feel relaxed and comfortable around her. Flossy's ability to bring people together and her kindness wherever she goes is a gift to our class, and we are so grateful for her. Well done, Flossy!

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NURSERY NEWS

This week we have had a wonderfully Christmassy week in Nursery. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the families who came to support us at our annual Christmas craft afternoon, it was a lovely afternoon full for singing, crafts and fun. The Nursery Team.



CALENDAR DATES 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed

Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open

Tuesday 10th February Parents Evening

Thursday 12th February Parents Evening

Friday 13th February break up for half-term

Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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

Secondary School Induction Day



School and Nursery will be closed on: Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 5th January 2026 and Monday 1st June 2026 for Teacher Training

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27

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

Secondary School Induction Day



School and Nursery will also be closed on: Wednesday 2nd September, Friday 23rd October and Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED 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.

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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.

UPDATE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

To help you plan your holidays we have shared the school calendar dates for 25-26 and 26-27. Please note that in September 2026 we will now be having two teacher training dates at the start of September, as a result school and nursery will reopen for children on Thursday 3rd September 2026. Please see the calendars on the reverse for all of the school holiday dates.

Thank you for your continued support!

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