



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

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

13th February 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a very busy half term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. It has certainly been a wet and rainy few weeks, but that hasn't stopped the wonderful learning taking place across the school. The children have shown great resilience arriving each day with smiles on their faces, ready to learn. We have also welcomed a number of visitors into school this half term, who have enjoyed seeing our classrooms in action and speaking with the children about their learning. It is always a pleasure to showcase the fantastic work happening every day.

This week we held two Parents' Evenings, and I hope you were all able to attend. These evenings are such an important opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, spend time in the classroom, look through books and see your child's learning journey first-hand. Thank you for taking the time to come along and engage in these valuable conversations.

I have received some very positive feedback about the new timer system, which helped ensure that appointments ran smoothly and on time. If you have any further comments or suggestions about Parents' Evening, we would very much welcome your feedback.

This week we also took part in Safer Internet Day, with all children learning about how to stay safe online, with a particular focus on the safe and responsible use of AI. Alongside this, we marked Children's Mental Health Week, with every class taking part in activities and discussions focused on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. These are such important areas of learning, and we are proud of the thoughtful and mature way the children engaged with both themes.

On Thursday, the Foundation Committee (part of the Governing Body) met with a specific focus on ensuring that our Christian distinctiveness is truly lived out in all that we do. It was a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect and review the many ways our values shape school life, and to consider the positive impact this has on everyone involved in Tanworth School. We are grateful for the support and challenge our governors provide as we continue to develop and strengthen this important aspect of our school.

Today in church, we recognised the children who received a certificate for demonstrating our Christian value of Thankfulness. It was truly lovely to hear the many different ways the children have shown this value in their day-to-day lives, both in school and beyond. More information, including details of who was chosen and why, can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

A special mention this week to Ellie in Reception, who at the beginning of the week came to my office to proudly show me her fact file on whales. Ellie had written four factual sentences and was able to read them and explain to me clearly what a mammal was and also what globe trotter meant. Well done Ellie, you are amazing.

Finally, the highlight of my week was joining Reception for their Forest School session on Wednesday morning. I will admit it is not something I would normally volunteer for, but with a member of staff off ill, needs must — and what a super morning I had! It was a joy to see the children so deeply engaged with nature and exploring the natural environment. Miss Truslove had planned a fantastic mud pancake activity and even Chinese writing using paintbrushes and mud. However, some children were just as happy creating a sledge for the mud slide out of a bread crate, jumping in muddy puddles, and collecting worms to compare which was the longest! It truly was the most amazing couple of hours and a wonderful reminder of the magic of hands-on, outdoor learning.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next exciting half term on Monday 23rd February.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break,

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## VALUES SERVICE

The following children were recognised in our Values Service in Church today.

### **Reception:**

Harriet - Harriet has been chosen to receive the Thankfulness Certificate because she shows a wonderful understanding of what it truly means to be thankful. She notices the good things around her and often shares how grateful she feels for her friends, her family and the special moments in our classroom.

Harriet remembers to say "thank you" when someone helps her and she shows appreciation when others share or include her in their play. Because she understands what thankfulness means, she also takes time out of her day to do kind and thoughtful things for others. She knows that when she is kind, she helps her friends feel happy and valued too.

Harriet makes our classroom a warmer and happier place to be. It is a joy to be her classmate, because she helps others feel what thankfulness is through her words and actions. We are so proud of her caring and grateful heart.

### **Year 1:**

In year 1, this Half-term we did things a little differently. The children were asked to nominate their classmates and give a reason. Within year 1, there was a name that just kept being mentioned and for a range of different reasons. That was Maisie.

Maisie has shown the Christian value of thankfulness in the classroom through her kind words and positive attitude. She regularly says "thank you" to adults and friends and shows appreciation for help and support from others. Maisie is not only thankful for her own success, but she also takes time to notice and celebrate others' successes. I'm sure this is a reason she was nominated by her classmates. This thoughtful behaviour shines through and helps to make the classroom better. The following are a few of the reasons from her classmates.

"Maisie always thanks the teachers for holding the doors"

"Maisie is a good friend and lets everyone play at playtime"

"Maisie never forgets to say thank you to the lunch ladies"

But my favourite nomination was actually Maisie's for another child. Maisie said she was Thankful that they helped her when she was stuck. Maisie's consistent attitude of gratitude shows a growing understanding of thankfulness as an important Christian value, both in and out of the classroom. Well done, Maisie. We in Year 1 are thankful to have you in our class.

### **Year 2:**

I have chosen Rory for our values certificate of thankfulness as Rory is always one of the first to say "thank you", whether that's receiving a resource, being helped by an adult or peer or even when someone simply holds the door open for him. He shows genuine appreciation to everyone around him and never forgets to acknowledge the kindness of others. His positive attitude reflects on those around him, encouraging classmates and adults to show thankfulness too. With a big smile on his face, Rory reminds us all how powerful simple words and thoughtful manners can be. Thank you for being you Rory!

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### Year 3:

Henry has been chosen for demonstrating the Christian value of thankfulness through his thoughtful and reflective approach to school life. Although he is a quieter member of our class, Henry consistently notices and appreciates the small things around him, showing genuine gratitude towards others and valuing the opportunities he is given to learn and grow. He responds positively to feedback, recognises kindness, and quietly gives kindness back to those around him. Henry's calm, appreciative attitude helps create a positive and respectful classroom environment and he shows us that thankfulness can be expressed through actions just as much as words.

### Year 4:

Will has been chosen for this half term's value 'Thankfulness', as voted for unanimously by his classmates. Will shows gratitude in all that he does, always remembering to say thank you and showing genuine appreciation for the support and kindness of others. He is grateful for the little things in his life and often takes time to recognise them, which is a wonderful quality to see. Will always thanks other children for their support and encouragement, showing that he values those around him. His thankful attitude creates a positive and uplifting atmosphere in our classroom, and it is clear why his peers feel he represents this value. Well done, Will!

### Year 5:

Myles is a truly deserving recipient of our Christian Value Certificate for Thankfulness. In our class vote, he received the most nominations, with his friends sharing thoughtful reasons such as, "He always says thank you," and "He's always kind and makes sure I am okay." Myles demonstrates gratitude in his words and actions each and every day. Whether someone holds a door open for him or hands out resources in class, he is always quick to say a sincere and heartfelt "thank you." His excellent manners towards staff and his fellow pupils reflect a genuine appreciation for the kindness shown to him. He is especially grateful for the support he receives with his learning and is consistently polite and thankful recognising that it helps him become the very best version of himself. Myles' attitude of thankfulness shines brightly and sets a wonderful example not just in our class but for the whole school.

### Year 6:

Ruby consistently shows genuine appreciation for the opportunities she is given at school and makes the very most of them. In lessons, she is enthusiastic and curious across the whole curriculum, always eager to learn more and grateful for the support and guidance she receives from both staff and her peers. Beyond the classroom, Ruby embraces enrichment opportunities with the same thankful spirit, whether that's taking part in girls' football practice, training to represent the school as part of the football team or playing in the school band. She is always keen to try new things and never takes these experiences for granted. Ruby truly lives out our school motto of living life to the full, and her thankful outlook is a joy to see and be around. Well done, Ruby!

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## NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery children have had a wonderful couple of weeks thinking about their feelings in support of children's mental health week. Each day we have come together at group time to discuss how we are feeling each day and sort our feelings out into our feelings jars. During these group sessions we have also practiced happy breathing with the help of a breathing rainbow, the children trace the rainbow with their finger as they breath in and out. We now understand how this can help us to feel calm when we are upset. We have engaged in lots of lovely mindful activities, painting, walking in nature, yoga and plenty of sensory experiences. Finally the children wowed us in our sports session this week when used their bravery and determination to try out using the big climbing equipment with the support of Richard our sports coach. Well done everyone!



## PTA NEWS

We'd love to see you at our AGM this year! Everybody is welcome without any commitment to attend meetings! It's a great opportunity to voice your thoughts, and give any suggestions for spending and events for the coming year!

We'll be providing wine and nibbles this year too, please email to RSVP so we can cater for you.

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## CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term	Monday 13th April School and Nursery open
Tuesday 17th February Onside Holiday Club at Tanworth	Monday 4th May School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 18th February Onside Holiday Club at Tanworth	Monday 11th May-Friday 15th May KS2 SATS week
Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins	Friday 22nd May break up half-term
Friday 27th February Egyptian Day Year 4	Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
Monday 2nd March Tanworth PTA AGM 7.00pm in school	Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
Thursday 5th March World Book Day 'Dress as an adjective'	Monday 29th June Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential
Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service 1.15pm	Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)
Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays	Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction
	Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays
	Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

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# AGM

TANWORTH IN ARDEN PTA  
INVITES YOU TO

*Short AGM*

*Followed by PTA meeting to discuss event ideas and  
spending plans for 2026. All ideas welcome!*



*Mon 2nd March 7pm*  
TANWORTH IN ARDEN SCHOOL

ENJOY WINE & NIBBLES WHILST GIVING FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS  
& HELPING TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL & LEARNING!

PLEASE RSVP [PTA3311@WELEARN365.COM](mailto:PTA3311@WELEARN365.COM) SO WE CAN CATER FOR YOU.

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