



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

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

14th November 2025

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week in school with a visit from OPAL to see the progress we have made and to update the action plan, Remembrance Service in Church, two writing workshops for parents, two Open Day sessions, MAT writing moderation for all teachers and then today the Children in Need cake sale.

Year 6 did an amazing job leading the Remembrance Service in Church on Tuesday reading their prayers and poems. It was also very moving when the names of the Tanworth service men were read out and the children lined the aisle, holding aloft their crosses. Well done Year 6 and also well done for then leading their Reception Buddies to the War Memorial to lay the crosses.

Year 6 also did a fantastic job on Wednesday when we had our last daytime Open Day for parents looking for a school place in September 2026. The Year 6 children did guided tours of the school and once again without exception the feedback from the parents was how polite and well informed the children were. The Year 6 children are a real credit to our school, so thank you.

On Monday Ruth and Kayleigh (OPAL) came into school to see how we are progressing with our OPAL offering. As you know Monday was very wet and although the children had a great time playing in the mud, the aftermath at 12.45pm was shocking! The mud was everywhere! I would like to say thank you to those parents who took the time to email in their kind words of reassurance that mud washes off, and what a great time their children had and also it's great that the children get the opportunity to be outdoors and be allowed to be children, your emails meant such a lot.



We did then have a special assembly on Tuesday to talk about muddy play and the 'dos and don'ts'. We do have some waterproof trousers in school but if your child has an all-in-one waterproof suit then please send that in. We also need lots of the following - spare socks and tights, gloves and also any old waterproof coats that are no longer used. If you have any of these then please send them into class.

I would also like to reassure parents that children are not forced to play on the field. Children can stay on the playground and play there if they choose to do so. Although, we are asking children what is it they would like on the playground to play with so that we can offer more play opportunities. Children do however need to wear wellies and at the moment waterproof trousers to go on the field.

I hope the parents who attended the writing workshops this week found the sessions informative. If you were not able to attend, all of the Information shared will be on the class pages of the website.



Today was Children in Need, thank you for all of the cake donations. The children really enjoyed choosing a cake at playtime. We will share next week the total raised for Children in Need.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

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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.

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Did you know that today it is World Diabetes Day? The Diabetes UK charity are launching their new campaign to Strike Out Stigma 'starting by challenging some of the common misconceptions and hurtful comments that people with diabetes receive every day. Because it's not just a comment, or a joke. Our words matter.'

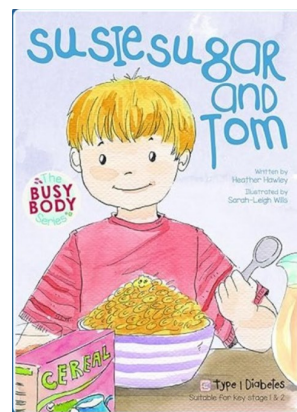
You can find all the information here: [World Diabetes Day 2025 | Diabetes UK](#)

The Diabetes UK website also includes information on 'Children and diabetes: Are you worried your child has diabetes? Find out the symptoms of diabetes in children.'

Diabetes UK have also produced A parent and carer's guide to type 1 diabetes which is available as a PDF to download [here](#)

There is also a story "Susie Sugar and Tom" which has been written for children, although adults frequently learn from it too. Fun illustrations by popular artist Sarah-Leigh Wills makes learning about diabetes a pleasure.

School are purchasing some copies so if you would like to borrow one then please contact us.



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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA



Counting down to Christmas!

Thankyou for your donations to our Christmas shop—there is still time to bring in your gifts next week too!

We are so excited to share “Tanworth Tinseltown” our Christmas fete this year will be celebrated in school on 28th November after school! We hope to see you all there!



There are still a few places left at the wreath making workshop on Thursday 4th December in the school hall. Please see attached flyer for further details.

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Georgina

NURSERY NEWS

This week in nursery we have been focusing on Remembrance Day and in particular poppies. We have enjoyed lots of lovely poppy related activities and the children have produced some beautiful artwork. The highlight of our week was visiting the memorial and the church in the village on Tuesday. The children loved spotting all the poppies around the village, including spotting the fabulous knitted poppies on top of the post box. The Nursery Team.



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You're Invited to

TANWORTH IN ARDEN PRIMARY
SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA'S

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



@ TANWORTH IN ARDEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIME: 6.30 - 8.30 PM
COST: £45PP

Kick off the festive season with an evening of creativity and cheer!
Join us and Tina from Oasis Flowers & Balloons for a night of
wreath-making with refreshments, mince pies, and plenty of
festive spirit – all while raising funds for our school.

Book your place by emailing: pta3311@welearn365.com

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TANWORTH TINSELTOWN

• FRIDAY 28TH NOV • 3.15PM-5PM •

**CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FETE
in our School Hall & Classrooms**

**LOTS OF FUN STALLS THIS YEAR INCLUDING SOME HOSTED BY EACH
YEAR GROUP, YOUNG ENTERPRISE, TOMBOLA & REFRESHMENTS &
EXTERNAL BUSINESS STALLS**

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AUTUMN TERM 2025**SPRING TERM 2026**

Tuesday 18th November Flu Vaccinations
 Friday 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 Fayre in school 3.15-5.00
 Tuesday 2nd December Y4 Bishops Wood
 Wednesday 3rd December Reception Christmas play 9.30am
 Thursday 4th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm
 Thursday 4th December PTA Wreath Making 6.30-8.30
 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
 Thursday 11th December Y5 Cadbury World
 Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Shop and Christmas Jumper Day
 Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day
 Wednesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert
 Thursday 18th December Whole school visit to pantomime
 Friday 19th December Christmas Service in Church Year 3 at 2.00pm
 Friday 19th December School breaks up for Christmas

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

FRI 28TH NOVEMBER, 4.30-6.30PM

FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE SCHOOL, WE ARE SHOWING THE 'SNOWMAN' FILMS WITH SNACKS IN THE CHURCH, BEFORE THE **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP AT 5.30PM** ON THE GREEN

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER. 9.30-11.00AM

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH WITH THE UPLIFTED PUPPETS

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 3.00-5.00PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FILM 'THE STAR', FOLLOWED BY HOTDOGS. SIGN UP FOR FOOD AT HELLO.TANWORTHCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

CHRISTMAS EVE, 2.00 & 4.00PM

CRIB AND CAROL SERVICES WITH RETELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH THE UPLIFTED PUPPETS. COME DRESSED AS A NATIVITY CHARACTER.

FOR MORE INFO GO TO
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Half Term	Days
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Total	195

	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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