



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

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

17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday I shared the schools achievements from 24-25 and also the school's priorities for 25-26 at my annual Meet the Headteacher Evening. A copy of the PowerPoint used can be found on the website under the Headteacher Blog tab, but below is an outline of the priorities and what they mean for your child:

## **Christian Distinctiveness - Living our Christian values**

- We are embedding the new RE curriculum across the school.
- Children will take part in courageous advocacy projects (making a difference).
- We are preparing for our next SIAMS inspection by showing how our values shape school life.

## **Priority 1 – Reading & Writing - Helping children become confident writers**

- We are using new books and lessons to make writing exciting.
- Children will have more chances to use new words and practise longer pieces of writing.
- We want reading and writing progress to be equally strong.

## **Priority 2 – Behaviour & Wellbeing - Building confidence and resilience**

- We are teaching children about character, values, and resilience with Beacon 360.
- We are using THRIVE to help children feel safe, happy, and ready to learn.
- Every child will get a chance to take on leadership roles.

## **Priority 3 – Personal Development- Learning about the world and community**

- Through LYFTA, children learn about different people and cultures.
- We will run eco-projects and community activities like litter-picking and charity work.
- Children will learn what it means to be active citizens in their community.

## **Priority 4 – Inclusion - Supporting every child's needs**

- Teachers are training with the PINS programme to understand different learning needs.
- Classrooms will use more strategies to include every child.
- We will strengthen support for children with special educational needs (SEND).

## **Priority 5 – Early Years - Giving children the best start**

- We want our Reception children to reach a Good Level of Development.
- Nursery and Reception focus strongly on communication, play, and physical skills.
- We will support smooth transitions from Nursery into Reception.

Our plan is all about helping your child thrive – in learning, confidence, and character. Together with parents, governors, and the community, we want every child to flourish academically.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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## Did you know that today is DLD Day?

DLD stands for Development Language Disorder. Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is the new term to replace Specific Language Impairment (SLI). Developmental Language Disorder is diagnosed when children fail to acquire their own language for no obvious reason. This results in children who have difficulty understanding what people say to them, and struggle to articulate their ideas and feelings. Recent research has shown that, on average, 2 children in every class of 30 will experience DLD severe enough to hinder academic progress.

You can find out more about DLD by clicking the link <https://radld.org/about/dld/>



## SWIMMING SUCCESS



We are so proud to celebrate a fantastic achievement. Ffion in Year 2 has successfully earned her 800m Swimming Badge — an incredible milestone that shows determination, stamina, and confidence in the water.

Swimming 800 metres is no small feat! It takes courage, focus, and lots of practice. Ffion has demonstrated all of these qualities and truly embodied our school values of perseverance and resilience.

Well done, Ffion— your hard work has paid off! You are an inspiration to others, reminding us all that with effort and belief in ourselves, we can reach our goals

## BELL BOATING

On Thursday, our Year 6 class took part in an exciting bell boating experience — and for many of the children (and staff!) it was their very first time on the water!

From the moment they set off, the children showed amazing teamwork, enthusiasm, and courage — living out our Christian value of Courage beautifully. Even when the boats wobbled or the paddles splashed, everyone gave it their best and supported one another with smiles and encouragement.

The bell boating instructor, Andy Train was full of praise, commenting on how polite, well-behaved, and respectful the children were throughout the session. He said our Year 6 pupils were an absolute credit to the school — and we couldn't agree more!

Well done, Year 6! You truly made us proud.



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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our Values Service is a chance to celebrate and recognise children who have been demonstrating our half-term Christian value of 'Courage'



Reception:

**Nate:** Well done to Nate, who this half term has used his courage to conquer a fear! Nate really enjoys his outside play, especially our OPAL lunchtimes. He was very interested and excited about the big blue slide. Often, he would climb to the top of the steps but not feel quite ready to slide down. Last week, however, Nate took the plunge and conquered his fear! He now loves zooming down the slide. It was wonderful when he came in from lunchtime play and proudly told me that he had been down the slide. He even received a shiny gold sticker for his courage from a member of the OPAL play team, who was also delighted with his achievement. Well done, Nate!

Year 1:

**Alfie:** The courage to explore Christianity involves understanding that it is a journey of faith and requires taking action even when afraid. In year 1, we can definitely see that Alfie is on his journey of courage. Of which, Alfie has demonstrated the most important aspect, to try even when the task seems impossible.

Alfie is taking little steps every single day, inching ever closer to his goals. Alfie has been courageous in overcoming the aspects of writing that he finds challenging and in having the courage to ask for guidance when needed. I am so very proud of Alfie for having the courage to take the first step, and Alfie that first step is often the hardest.

I can't wait to see all the steps you take on your journey to becoming a writer. Well done, Alfie, we are so proud of you.

Year 2:

**Johnny:** Johnny has shown great courage in the classroom this half term. He continues to demonstrate personal courage by asking for help whenever he finds something tricky, showing great maturity and self-awareness. Johnny understands that learning is a journey and that asking questions is a sign of strength, not weakness. Johnny has also shown moral courage, consistently choosing to do the right thing simply because it is right, not because he expects praise or reward. In Maths, Johnny has also shown a real determination to challenge himself and to persevere, even when faced with difficulties. He approaches challenges with a positive attitude and a growth mindset, showing that he is not afraid to make mistakes if it means learning something new. Well done, Johnny! I am super proud of you and your positive start to Year 2

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Courage continued.



Year 3:

**Joe:** For showing remarkable resilience, courage, and perseverance this term. He has faced challenges with quiet strength and growing confidence, showing maturity and kindness in all that he does. I have been especially proud of the way he has returned to school following recent injuries, approaching each day with determination and positivity. He has shown great courage in managing his worries, learning that some challenges aren't always as big as they seem and finding positive ways, like using distraction, to move forward. His calm attitude, perseverance, and gentle encouragement of others make him a wonderful role model for our school community.

Year 4:

**Winnie:** Winnie has been chosen for the value of courage this half term for the brave and confident way she shows who she is every day. She isn't afraid to be herself and doesn't feel the need to follow what others think or do. Winnie has also shown great courage by standing up for what is right, even when it feels hard or a bit scary to do so and this helps others to feel supported and safe too. Her kindness, strength and bravery make a real difference in our classroom and she sets a brilliant example for everyone around her. Well done, Winnie. You should be really proud of yourself!

Year 5:

**Immy:** Immy has shown outstanding courage in so many areas of school life this year. Not only has she been recognised by me, but also by her classmates, who have noticed how she now contributes her ideas more often during class discussions. She has also shown courage in her friendships by stepping out of her comfort zone to make new friends and join different social circles. Immy's bravery shines through in the way she stands up for what is right, even when it's not the easy option. She is a true advocate for fairness and good behaviour, encouraging others to make the right choices through her gentle words and strong example. Immy is a wonderful role model who quietly demonstrates that courage doesn't always mean being the loudest; sometimes it means standing strong in your values, trying something new, or simply believing in yourself. She is an inspiration to others and a real pleasure to teach.

Year 6:

**Primrose:** Primrose demonstrates courage in so many thoughtful and admirable ways. She has a wonderful sense of justice and isn't afraid to speak up for others, especially when someone is finding things difficult or can't find their own voice. In class, she shows bravery by sharing her ideas and opinions with confidence, even when they might be different from others. She also has the courage to explain herself clearly if she feels she's been misunderstood and to disagree respectfully when needed - always with kindness and maturity. Primrose displayed the value of courage yet again yesterday by facing her fears during our bell-boating trip – going from initially feeling nervous about getting into the boat to confidently strutting down a catwalk on the middle of the boat by the end! Primrose's quiet strength and courage to be true to herself make her a shining example to everyone around her. Well done, Prim!

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# TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA



Thurs 23rd October •FUNKY HAIR DAY•

Hair can be creative, fun, crazy! There will be a prize in each class for the best boys hair and best girls hair! Voted for by their classmates!

Please bring £2.50 cash in to school.

We still have a few spaces remaining for our Christmas wreath making workshop - if you would like to come along please email [PTA3311@welearn365.com](mailto:PTA3311@welearn365.com)

For everybody that signs up to easyfundraising this month we get an extra £2! Please support if you can!

[EASYFUNDRAISING](#)



We are also beginning our search for CHRISTMAS RAFFLE prizes! Do you own a local business? Or work for one that could donate a prize or voucher for our raffle this year? Please get in touch at [PTA3311@welearn365.com](mailto:PTA3311@welearn365.com) if you can kindly donate.

## NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we have had a wonderful time focused on pumpkins. Our story of the week was 'Little pumpkin' this taught us all about the life cycle of the pumpkin. Rui wowed us this week in the way he listened and understood the story, finding his own resources to plant his own pumpkin seed. This in turn inspired some of the other children to want to plant their own pumpkin seeds and Rui became the teacher in supporting them to do this. Well done Rui!



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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](mailto:pta3311@welearn365.com)

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**AUTUMN TERM**

**SPRING TERM**

Monday 20th October THRIVE week  
 Tuesday 21st October Parents Evening in person  
 Tuesday 22nd October Current Reception Phonics session for parents 9am  
 Thursday 23rd October Mad Hair Day PTA event  
 Thursday 23rd October Parents Evening Virtual  
 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 Service (in the Church)  
 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)  
 Tuesday 2nd December Year 4 trip to Bishops Wood  
 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  
 Thursday 11th December Year 5 trip to Cadbury World  
 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 Aladdin  
 Friday 19th December Christmas Service in Church Year 3  
 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

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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Half Term	Days
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6	36
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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