



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

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

18th July 2025

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another bustling school year, it's time to reflect on everything we have accomplished as a school and the many memories we've created together. The final two weeks have been particularly eventful, filled with activities that highlighted the incredible talents and hard work of our school community. Although not in school myself last week, I have heard that Year 5's Greek Day was a resounding success, with the children immersing themselves in Ancient Greek culture through a variety of engaging activities, including art and history.

Miss Evens led Shine Day, a much-anticipated event that showcased the diverse talents of our children from Reception to Year 5. I heard that the variety on display was nothing short of spectacular—ranging from vibrant dance performances and beautiful singing to captivating magic tricks and dramatic acting. Miss Evens shared that the joy and pride in the children's faces as they took centre stage was a testament to their hard work and courage, and it created a truly uplifting atmosphere for everyone watching.

I would also like to acknowledge and say thank you to the PTA for organising two wonderful events last week: a delightful cupcake decorating session and a fun hour full of tombola and raffle activities. The enthusiasm and engagement from parents and children alike made these events a major success. Their hard work in fundraising for our school is invaluable, and we cannot thank them enough for all they do to enrich our children's educational experiences.

Last week, our Year 6 children ventured on an unforgettable five-day residential trip, where they bravely stepped outside their comfort zones and engaged in a range of new experiences. From team-building exercises to adventurous outdoor activities, this trip not only fostered strong bonds among the children but also encouraged personal growth and resilience. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the teachers who dedicated their time to accompany the children on this remarkable journey, giving up their own time and families in order to support the Year 6 children; your commitment made this experience all the more special. Additionally, I want to say a huge thank you to our Deputy Head, Miss Evens, for managing the school seamlessly while I was away, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Whilst the Year 6 were on residential, SATs results were released. Miss Cutler and I were up early trying to find a good wifi connection ready to download the results. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Year 6 for achieving an outstanding set of SATs results; we are immensely proud of each and every one of you! Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off. Parents should have received an email containing their child's end-of-year report along with any statutory test results.

Today we had the thrilling Year 6 versus staff rounders match, where the staff demonstrated their competitive spirit and emerged victorious! It was a fantastic match filled with laughter and camaraderie, showcasing the strong relationships we cultivate at our school. Also today, our Year 6 leavers service was a particularly poignant occasion, offering a beautiful farewell for our Year 6 children as they prepare to transition to the next stage of their education. As they embark on this new adventure, I encourage them to always remember our school's Christian values; these principles will guide you and help you navigate through challenges in the years to come.

As we conclude the year, I would also like to take a moment to bid farewell to two valued members of our community: Faye Manton, our lunchtime supervisor, and Kate Dickin, our Forest School Lead. Both have made significant contributions to our school, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. On a positive note, we are excited to announce that Kim Truslove has been appointed as our new Forest School Lead. She comes with a wealth of ideas and exciting plans for the development of our Forest School programme, which we believe will greatly enhance our children's educational experiences.

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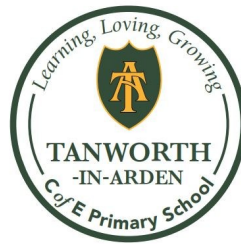
In other news on Thursday we held a special assembly for Miss Battey, who will be getting married to Mr Woodward over the summer. The assembly was a joyous occasion, with Miss Evens putting together a memorable episode of MAFS (Married at First Sight), featuring a guest appearance from Mr Woodward himself. This light-hearted celebration was a lovely way to send Miss Battey our best wishes as she prepares for her wedding day.

As we end this school year, I wish the families with Year 6 children who are ending their Tanworth journey all the best. I'd also like to say thank you for all of your support over the past 7/8 years. A special good bye also to those children in other year groups who are moving on, we will miss you all but wish you all the best in your new schools.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff a restful and rejuvenating summer holiday. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, support and teamwork; you truly make our school the best it can be.

Here's to a wonderful summer and an exciting new year ahead!

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher



### NURSERY NEWS

We had 19 children graduating from Nursery this week. Wishing them all the best as they now start their school journey.



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## VALUES SERVICE TUESDAY 15th JULY 2025

On Tuesday, we had our final Values Service of this school year recognising children who have demonstrated the Christian value of 'wisdom'.

### Reception

In Christianity, wisdom is understood as a gift from God, encompassing both knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge to life. It's not only about intellectual understanding, but also about discerning what is right, just, and good, and living accordingly. Dominic has demonstrated this value throughout this term by being not only able to make good choices but also being able to help other children make those choices too. Dom uses his wisdom in class every day by applying his knowledge to different situations and sharing this with his classmates. Dom comes into school every day ready to learn with a huge cheesy grin on his face and his enthusiasm for learning shines. Every lesson he will ask questions to extend his learning and will often use this new knowledge in his play. Dom has also persevered with his reading and as his phonic knowledge has grown he has applied that to his reading. We are so proud of you Dom. Well done!

### Year 1

This half term, we have chosen Teddy from Year 1. He is incredibly knowledgeable about a wide range of topics linked to his interests — from science and history to technology — and I certainly know a lot more about Minecraft this year thanks to him! A couple of weeks ago, during our Friday church service, Rev. Chris spoke about wisdom. He explained that wisdom isn't just about being clever; it's about knowing when to ask for help, knowing who to ask, and recognising that we all need others to support us. That is Teddy. He shows wisdom when he checks which grapheme he needs for his spelling. He shows wisdom when he asks thoughtful, interesting questions. And he shows wisdom when he takes a risk and tries out his own ideas. Congratulations, Teddy — you are very wise!

### Year 2

I have chosen Lydia for our Wisdom certificate because when I think of words to describe Lydia, the word sensible always comes to mind as she shows such maturity with her choices every day inside and outside of the classroom. When a problem comes up, she stays calm and thinks carefully about the best way to fix it. Lydia takes her time to make thoughtful choices that help everyone around her. Lydia is someone who will always listen to others, showing kindness, and always tries to do what's right. She understands how other people might be feeling and tries to help them with care and thoughtfulness. Her wise words and gentle actions make her someone that others in the class look up to and want to be around! Well done, Lydia

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### Year 3:

Will demonstrates the Christian value of wisdom through the thoughtful choices he makes both in and out of the classroom. On the playground, he shows a clear sense of right and wrong and chooses to step away from situations that aren't helpful. In his learning, Will always tries his best and shows a genuine desire to improve. He also shows good judgement by recognising when he needs help and confidently seeking support from an adult, showing maturity and self-awareness. I am incredibly proud of all that Will has achieved this year, which is in no small part due to the wisdom he continues to show each day.

### Year 4:

Myles has been chosen for the wisdom value certificate this half term for the thoughtful and mature way he approaches both his learning and his friendships. Myles shows great wisdom in the way he makes decisions, always thinking carefully about what is right and fair as he always tries to do what is best for himself and those around him. He listens closely to others, gives sensible advice to his friends, and approaches challenges with a calm and measured attitude. Myles also shows wisdom in knowing when to seek support and does so in a thoughtful and independent way, whether that's by asking questions, using classroom resources, or quietly checking in with an adult or friend. He always finds the right balance between working things out himself and knowing when a bit of guidance will help him grow. Keep this up, Myles!

### Year 5:

Savannah has been awarded the Christian Value Certificate for Wisdom in recognition of the calm, thoughtful, and mature way she conducts herself each day. Her classmates see her as someone they can turn to when they need advice, reassurance, or simply a kind and steady friend. Savannah shows a true love for learning, always approaching new challenges with enthusiasm and curiosity. She is not only wise beyond her years but also demonstrates deep compassion and empathy for others, always willing to listen and offer a helping hand. Savannah's ability to stay out of classroom dramas and bring a sense of peace and balance to those around her speaks volumes about her character. It is no surprise that she received the majority of the votes from her peers; a true reflection of the deep respect and trust they have in her. Savannah shows us that wisdom is not just about knowledge, but about kindness, understanding, and offering gentle guidance to those in need.

### Year 6:

Bella - Bella is naturally very bright and has made great progress this year but what truly stands out is her wise approach to learning - she knows when to keep going on her own and when it's the right time to ask for help, showing both great judgment and perseverance. Bella also shows wisdom beyond her schoolwork and shares this readily with her peers by offering thoughtful advice and support to her friends. Whether it's through her humour, her kindness, or knowing when someone needs a distraction, Bella instinctively understands what others need to feel better. Most importantly, Bella shows wisdom in knowing herself well - understanding her own strengths, needs, and feelings - which gives her the confidence to be true to who she is and not follow the crowd. Her maturity and self-awareness show a deep inner wisdom that is very inspiring! Well done, Bella!

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# OPAL NEWS

We will be continuing our OPAL journey in September and have shared with the children 'OPAL Bingo'.



## OPAL BINGO CHALLENGE

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CLASS \_\_\_\_

To win this challenge....

Working as a class you must collect all of the items on your Bingo card. If you collect all of the items and shout 'BINGO' your class will be given 15 minutes extra OPAL play.

If you collect the starred item your class will be given 30 minutes extra OPAL play.

Your class teacher will mark off when each item has been brought in.

Any small world figure	Plastic pipe	Wood Pallet	Cable reel	Bed sheet
Garden canes	Cone	Pool noodle	Suitcase	Plant pots
Wooden planks	Old headset/over head earphones	 Guttering	Tarpaulin	Dressing up clothes
Astro turf	Storage box with a lid	Picnic blanket	Shower curtain	Cardboard box
Fence panel	Flag bunting	Bread crate	Trowel	Sun hat/cap

Good luck with your OPAL hunting!

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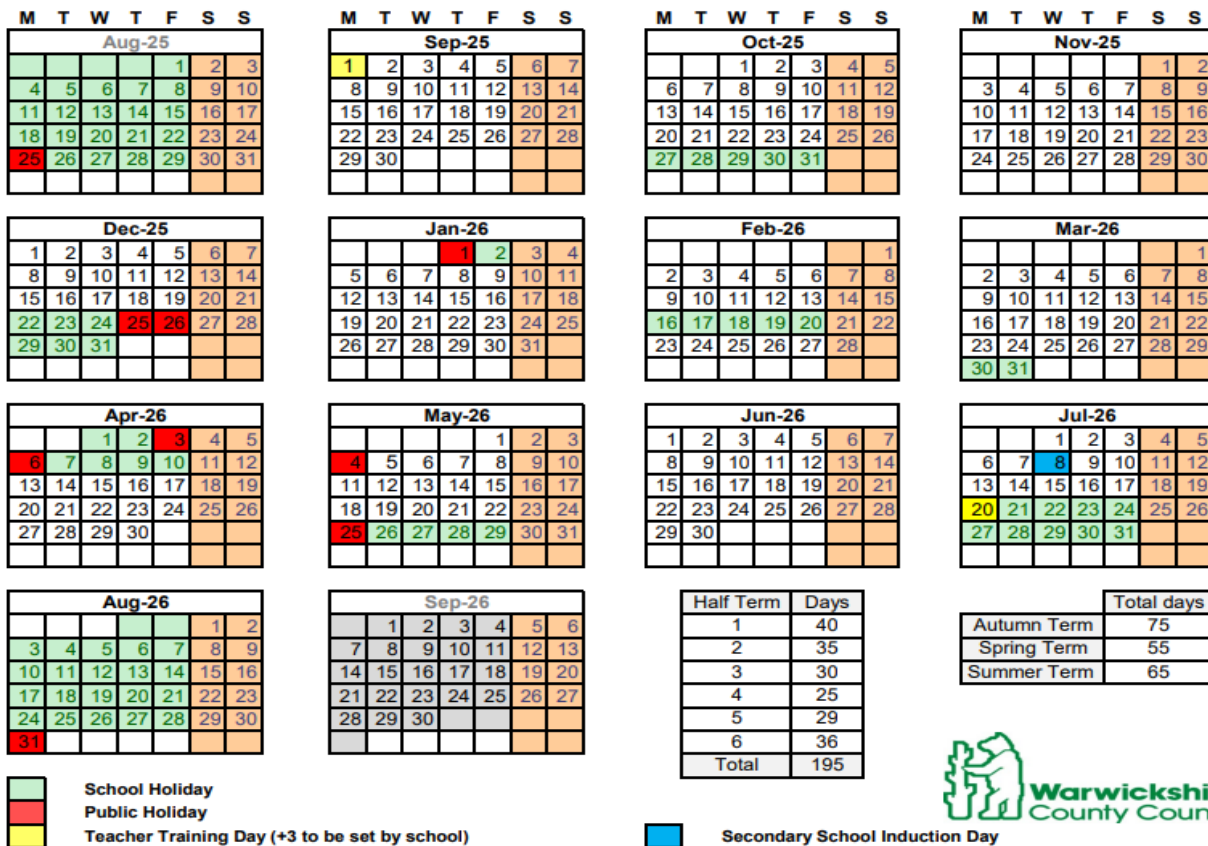
**AUTUMN TERM**

**SPRING TERM**

Monday 1st September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 2nd September School and Nursery open  
 Saturday 13th September Flower & produce show (see attached)  
 Tuesday 21st October Parents Evening  
 Thursday 23rd October Parents Evening  
 Friday 24th October Teacher Training Day School and Nursery Closed  
 Monday 27th October-Friday 31st October Half-term  
 Monday 3rd November Autumn 2 begins  
 Friday 19th December School breaks up for Christmas

Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open  
 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

**Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26**



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

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27

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Half Term	Days
1	39
2	35
3	30
4	24
5	34
6	33
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	54
Summer Term	67

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 23rd October, and Monday 7th June plus 1 further day TBC for Teacher Training

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA

We want to say a huge thank you to everybody for all of the support throughout this school year! We've raised over £15000 for the school since starting in Feb 2024, which shows such generosity amongst parents and Tanworth families. Thank you so much!

So far we've fundraised for the new library, and we are almost at target to create a new Art and DT space!

Another huge thank you to every helper this year, whether it was for half an hour or every event, thank you so much for supporting your PTA! A massive thank you to Sarah and Gemma too who have organised so much and really gone above and beyond pulling everything together to make the summer events possible!

Without helpers, the events would not be possible, if you can spare any time in the next school year we'd love you to get involved, share ideas and be involved in your child's time at Tanworth! Get in touch at [pta3311@welearn365.com](mailto:pta3311@welearn365.com)



Thank you and have the most amazing Summer holidays! We can't wait to share ideas for the new school year!

\*\*If you are having a clear out over summer please hold onto your clothing for when we will have a clothing collection in the new school year!\*\*

Our next meeting is Monday 8th September at 7pm in The Bell. Everybody is welcome!

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