



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

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

20th March 2026

Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully cosy (and slightly sleepy!) day we have had in school today! The children – and staff – arrived in their pyjamas, ready to support Red Nose Day. It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm for such an important cause, and we are very grateful for your generosity in helping us raise money to support those in need. If you would like to make a donation these can be made via your ParentPay account.

Despite the relaxed start, the day was lifted by something truly special. This morning in church, our newly formed Uplifted Academy Puppet Group gave their very first performance – and what a debut it was! The children retold the Bible story of the Good Samaritan with confidence, creativity and a wonderful sense of joy. Their hard work certainly paid off, and they brought smiles to everyone in the congregation.

The story of the Good Samaritan reminds us of the importance of kindness, compassion and helping others – values we continue to nurture in all that we do as a church school. It was a proud moment to see our pupils sharing this message so beautifully.

A huge thank you Danielle and her daughter Orla ( in Year 1) who led our assembly on Monday this week to help celebrate and create awareness of Sign Language Week. We learnt the importance of using sign language for the deaf community and for how to sign many common messages and even spell the alphabet. We all had a chance to spell out our names and some brave children came to the front to do so. Orla was a superstar, modelling all the signs with great confidence. Well done! Why not have a look at the attached guide and see if you can spell out your names with your children at home. For more information, please go to [www.ndcs.org.uk/advice-and-support/language-and-communication/sign-language/british-sign-language-bsl-videos-and-resources](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/advice-and-support/language-and-communication/sign-language/british-sign-language-bsl-videos-and-resources)

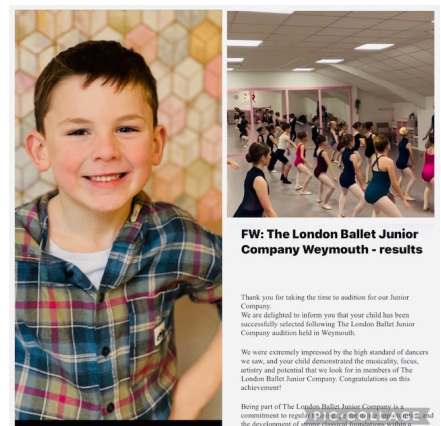
Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade next Friday. We invite all children to bring their Easter bonnets into school on Friday morning, ready for the parade at 1.15pm. There will be a prize for the 'best' creation in each class, kindly donated by the PTA.

Following the parade, our Year 5 pupils will be leading our Easter Service in church at approximately 2.00pm, and we warmly welcome families to join us for this special occasion. The PTA will also be holding a cake sale, so any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into school on Friday morning.

Finally well done to Jack in Year 1 who has been accepted onto the London Ballet Company Associate scheme for 26/27. He was the youngest there but Mum said he did absolutely amazing! Jack will be working on the programme and then he will perform in two performances of 'Cinderella' with the professional dance company! Mum said that Jack is very excited and hopes that one day he will get to do the splits in the air! I am sure that with Jack's determination he will be amazing! Well done Jack!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a restful weekend – perhaps with an earlier bedtime after today's sleepy start!

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher



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## Smartphone Free Childhood

I am pleased to share that we now have moved even further up the leader board of the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with 43 families now signed up and we have moved up to 9th on the leader board for Warwickshire Primary Schools. Well done Year 5 parents you are in the lead!

If you would like to join then please visit <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

These are the year groups and the number of parents that have currently signed the pact.

Year / Age	Pacts
Pre-school (2 - 3)	2
Pre-school (3 - 4)	2
Reception (4 - 5)	4
Year 1 (5 - 6)	4
Year 2 (6 - 7)	8
Year 3 (7 - 8)	12
Year 4 (8 - 9)	4
Year 5 (9 - 10)	7

## NURSERY NEWS

This week we thought we would share some of the beautiful artwork which has been created in Nursery. Our focus of the week has been 'Spring' and our story has been 'That's My Flower' by Alice Hemming. During the week the children studied some real daffodils as they opened up when we put them in water, they then did the most beautiful still life paintings of the daffodils.



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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NAMES

### Year 1:

**Heidi** is a wonderful member of our Year 1 class and consistently sets a fantastic example for others. She always follows the school rules and shows kindness and respect to everyone around her, both adults and her classmates. Heidi is incredibly helpful, often offering support to others, and her lovely manners never go unnoticed. It has been a real pleasure to watch her grow in confidence with her learning over time. She is beginning to put her hand up more often and share her ideas, which is fantastic to see. Heidi approaches her work with a positive attitude and tries her best in everything she does. She truly is a delight to have in class, and her warm, caring nature makes our classroom a better place. If we had a whole class of Heidi's, it would be absolutely brilliant! Thank you for being you, Heidi!

**Charlie** has been working really hard in all areas of his learning this year, and it's lovely to see the effort he is putting in. He is absolutely flying in his phonics and reading, which is fantastic! Charlie has an amazing ability to remember what he has been taught, often recalling lots of the Phase 5 sounds after only seeing them once—and these can be quite tricky. This is a real strength of his and this is helping him to make excellent progress. Charlie has also moved up to the orange band in his reading, where he has been confidently reading longer and more challenging words such as vegetables.

Charlie should feel very proud of himself. Thank you for working so hard—keep up the great work! I have no doubt that when you are in Year 2, it won't be long before you are a millionaire in Accelerated Reader!

### Year 2:

I have chosen **Grace** for our behaviour and manners certificate for consistently demonstrating kindness, respect and a strong sense of doing what is right. She does not seek recognition or praise, but simply acts from a genuine desire to make positive choices and support those around her. Grace makes a huge positive impact on our class through her calmness, kindness and thoughtful nature. She is always willing to help others, whether that means supporting a classmate with their work or offering gentle reminders to help everyone stay on task. Grace is a shining example to the younger children in our school and shows what it truly means to be considerate, responsible and kind. Thank you, Grace!

I have chosen **Ivy** for our effort and achievement certificate for the fantastic progress and determination she has shown in her learning. Over the past couple of weeks, it has been wonderful to see Ivy really blossom and develop a new-found confidence in the classroom. Her learning behaviours have been excellent and she has been eager to show just what she is capable of, whether that is demonstrating her understanding of multiplication in maths, using similes in English, or proudly showcasing her cursive handwriting. Ivy has shown a very mature attitude towards her learning and her hard work and growing confidence are a pleasure to see. Keep it up, Ivy!

### Year 3:

**Harry W** has shown fantastic effort and achievement in his writing. He takes his time to think carefully about his ideas, choosing words thoughtfully to create vivid and engaging descriptions. His attention to detail really shines through in every piece he produces. It is always an absolute pleasure to read his work, and he should be very proud of the progress he is making. Well done Harry!

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### Year 4:

**Aubrey** has been chosen this week for the effort and achievement award for the fantastic progress she is making in maths. She has been trying really hard in lessons and is developing a much more positive and confident attitude towards the subject. Aubrey tackles her work independently and shows a clear understanding of the concepts we are learning. She is also quick to support those around her, explaining ideas clearly and helping others to build their confidence too. It has been wonderful to see her growing confidence and determination in maths. Well done, Aubrey!

**Lyla** has been chosen this week for the behaviour and manners award for the wonderful example she sets to everyone around her. She is a fantastic role model in our classroom, always showing excellent manners and a positive attitude towards her learning. Lyla tries her best in every lesson and consistently demonstrates brilliant learning behaviours. She is also a kind and supportive friend, always willing to help others and encourage those around her. Her positive influence makes a real difference in our classroom and she is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Lyla!

### Year 5:

**Hollie** consistently goes above and beyond to help others in our classroom. She is always eager to lend a hand- sometimes even competing with others for the chance to help! Hollie notices what needs to be done and willingly offers her assistance, especially when someone is absent or extra help is needed. She is kind, caring and inclusive, always making sure everyone feels welcome and valued. Hollie treats others with great respect, which makes her a fantastic role model for her peers. She listens carefully to instructions and always tries her very best in her work, showing wonderful behaviour and manners every day. Keep it up Hollie, well done.

**Isla** could easily receive this award in every subject because of the dedication and effort she shows in all of her learning. She approaches every task with determination, completing her work to the very best of her ability and always presenting it beautifully. Today, however, she has been chosen for her writing. Isla has a natural flair for writing, and the many books she has read clearly inspire her. She confidently experiments with ambitious vocabulary, varied sentence structures and carefully crafted atmosphere to engage her readers. Often, when I read Isla's work, I forget that it has been written by a Year 5 pupil- it is truly impressive and regularly blows me away. Isla, you have a real talent, and I will definitely be expecting a signed copy of your first book when you become an author!

### Year 6:

**Jess** is a thoughtful and caring member of our class who actively looks for ways to help others. With her peers, she shows patience and kindness, happily repeating instructions or offering support when someone is unsure. She also has a brilliant memory and uses it to look out for others by checking in with friends and gently reminding them if they've forgotten something. She is just as helpful to the adults in school too, often volunteering to hand out books or take on small jobs that help the classroom run smoothly. Jess is generous with so many things: her ideas, her encouragement and her time. She is never too busy to help someone else and is truly a fantastic role model for others!

**Matthew** has shown wonderful engagement in our recent history learning about World War II, bringing great enthusiasm and knowledge to our lessons. He contributes thoughtfully to class discussions and often asks interesting questions that show real curiosity about the topic. Recently, Matthew produced a fantastic piece of work about The Blitz and how people in England stayed safe during the war. He worked hard to research the topic carefully, include lots of interesting detail and present his ideas in a creative and thoughtful way. It has been lovely to see the pride he is taking in his work and the enthusiasm he is showing for his learning. Well done, Matthew, we're very proud of you! Keep it up!

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## CALENDAR DATES

### SPRING TERM

Monday 23rd March Understanding Christianity week in school  
 Monday 23rd March Year 6 WW2 Day  
 Monday 23rd March Home Learning displays in classrooms 3.15pm  
 Tuesday 24th March Home Learning  
 Tuesday 24th March Values Service 9.10am  
 Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade 1.15pm  
 Friday 27th March PTA Cake sale (donations welcome)  
 Friday 27th March Easter Service in Church 2.00pm  
 Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 13th April School and Nursery open  
 Monday 4th May School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday  
 Monday 11th May-Friday 15th May KS2 SATS week  
 Friday 22nd May break up half-term  
 Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day  
 Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open  
 Friday 5th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day shop  
 Friday 19th June Father's Day Shop £2.50  
 Monday 29th June Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential  
 Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)  
 Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction  
 Thursday 9th July School discos and Year 6 Leavers Disco  
 Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays  
 Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

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

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Half Term	Days
1	40
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4	25
5	29
6	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

	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



School and Nursery will be closed on: Monday 1st June 2026 for Teacher Training

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Collection Date:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April



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