



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

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

24th January 2025

Dear Parents,

This week we had our first Celebration Assembly of 2025. Unfortunately, I was on a course, but Miss Evens tells me it was a real celebration of the childrens' effort, attainment, behaviour and manners. It's been lovely reading the reasons the children were chosen, you can find these on the reverse of this newsletter.

I also have a couple of children that I would like to mention and say 'well done' to.

Connor D (Nursery) : On Thursday Mrs Wheildon brought Connor up to my office to show me his drawing of a penguin. Connor had drawn a penguin following some pictorial instructions, which was so good I took a photocopy and have it displayed in my office. Connor also took some photocopies home for Mum, Harvey and Nanny.

Teddy F and Mahiri D-R (Year 3): For demonstrating our values of respect and honesty

Gwendolen S (Year 4): For helping out at After School Club, tidying up the toys and equipment, even the ones that she had not played with or got out.

Eva U and Henry R (Year R): On Wednesday, when in Reception, both Eva and Henry brought their books so I could hear them read. They both did a fantastic job sounding out the words and then blending to read. It was lovely to see the progress they have made with their reading.

Finally, 'congratulations' to all of the Reception children who this week all took home a letter informing them that their art work had been chosen to be published in a book! The children had all entered a competition in school drawing a picture of a family member or their whole family. These were sent off to be judged and have all been chosen to be used in the book. We will receive a copy of the book in school which will be added to our library.

Next week, we will be restarting OPAL so please make sure your child has a named pair of wellingtons in school. We are also asking that children bring in spare socks as we have found that sometimes socks are getting a little wet! We are in the process of ordering spare waterproof trousers but in the meantime if your child has a pair that they would like to bring in then please send them in.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

Headteacher

### TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA



We were excited to see the new library installed last week, along with the delivery of new books that are being sorted ready to go onto the new shelves! We wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Ogden (Eloise, Lydia and Alice's Dad) who kindly donated £500 towards the new books.

Thank you to you all for your kind generosity and support this year in making the new library happen in less than a year! We are excited to share with you what the rest of the money raised will be spent on and what our next fundraiser will be for. We have set our AGM for Monday 24th February at 7pm in school. We would love to see lots of you there to celebrate what we've achieved this year, hear any feedback and plan what's next!

Next for the diary-Friday 31st January- Non school uniform & bring in a Mother's Day gift!

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# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

## Reception

Chester F - We have been so impressed with the effort Chester is putting into all his learning during whole class sessions. He has been working with such determination and really wanting to do his very best! We have seen some fantastic progress with his handwriting, spelling in phonics, and he is also contributing more confidently to class discussions. Well done, Chester! Keep up the brilliant work!

Orla B - We were very lucky to have Orla join our Reception class this term, and she has settled so well into life at Tanworth. She is a very kind and thoughtful girl, and has already formed some lovely new friendships. Orla is super helpful too, and is always the first to volunteer for jobs around the classroom. You are such a delight Orla. Well done for such a super start at Tanworth!

## Year 1

Poppy R— Well done to Poppy who, even though she has her arm in plaster, is still putting 100% effort into every task and achieving high. Poppy is a super speller and now sounds out loud for an adult to scribe during our spelling sessions and is using her left hand so well to complete activities on a whiteboard, that she is almost ambidextrous! Poppy has really shown our school value of perseverance and has adapted well while her arm is in plaster. We are always really pleased with Poppy's work and she deserves a huge well done for coping so well since Christmas. Keep up the super work Poppy!

Darcie C - Darcie is a little 'ray of sunshine' in Year 1, she is so kind, generous and fun that you can always spot her shining in the classroom. She is really good at working with her learning partners and is willing to help anyone in work and play, making tasks fun and encouraging others. Darcie really makes a difference to her teachers and classmates and we appreciate her positivity and how she likes to include us all! Keep shining Darcie!

## Year 2

Harry W — I have chosen Harry for the behaviour and manners certificate because of his exemplary behaviour and outstanding manners. Harry consistently brightens everyone's day with his kind nature and infectious smile. He is always considerate of his peers and goes above and beyond to make others feel welcomed and valued. Harry approaches every task with dedication and a positive attitude. He embodies the core values of our school, always showing readiness, respect, and a willingness to try his best. Keep shining, Harry!

Reggie P—I have chosen Reggie for the effort and achievement certificate because he has shown incredible perseverance in his reading and continues to work hard, making amazing progress. Reggie approaches every task with enthusiasm, always giving his best and doing so with a big smile on his face. His positive attitude and determination are a shining example to others. We are so proud of Reggie's hard work and his commitment to doing his best. Keep up the fantastic effort, Reggie!

## Year 3

Florence B— Florence has been chosen this week for her outstanding behaviour and impeccable manners. Every day, without being asked, she takes it upon herself to tidy the book corner, ensuring it is always neat and inviting for everyone. She also makes sure her table group's resources are kept tidy and organised, setting a fantastic example for her peers. Florence's dedication to learning is truly inspiring; she consistently goes above and beyond with her home learning, often thinking about and working on any little challenges even after the school day has ended. Her commitment, thoughtfulness, and determination make her a wonderful role model for others.

Oliver D— Oliver has been chosen this week for his exceptional effort and achievement. His focus and attitude towards learning are truly admirable, as he always strives to do his best and puts in the hard work needed to succeed. Oliver's determination to achieve is clear in everything he does, and his dedication to his studies is second to none. He was even concerned about missing maths while attending Young Voices last week, showing just how much he values his learning. Oliver's drive and commitment are an inspiration to everyone around him.

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## Year 4

Izzie R – Izzie has been chosen this week for her incredible efforts in our poetry unit. In English, Izzie always listens carefully to advice on structure, vocabulary and devices and for this she has created a beautifully written Kenning poem. Her poem includes all of the features of a Saxon poem as well as some fantastic vocabulary choices which really hint to the reader what the poem is all about. Izzie has said she would love to be a poet when she grows up and I can certainly see this happening! Keep it up, Izzie!

Seb J – I have chosen Seb this week for the growth I have seen in his independence, maturity and work ethic so far this year which he shows in countless ways every day. I have particularly noticed Seb recently for being a great influence on others to 'be yourself'. Seb is not afraid to do what he enjoys doing, stand up for what is right and do the right thing even when others around him may not be doing the same. This has given other children the confidence to do the same thing which just shows that Seb is a great role model. Keep this up, Seb!

## Year 5

Hugo V – I have chosen Hugo for effort and attainment because of his fantastic effort and focus since returning from the Christmas break! Hugo, you've shown great dedication by completing all your tasks on time and staying on track throughout the day. It's been wonderful to see you avoid distractions and remain so focused on your work. Your dedication is having a huge impact on your progress and attainment, and it's clear that your hard work is paying off. You're making excellent strides, and it's truly impressive to see how much you're achieving. Keep it up – you're doing an outstanding job!

Blythe LP- I would like to take a moment to thank you for your lovely manners and your focus in class. You consistently show great learning behaviours, always approaching tasks with care and attention. I've noticed how you politely ask for help when needed, and this shows maturity and a willingness to improve. You have so much potential, and I truly believe that, with a little more confidence in yourself, you can achieve amazing things. It's been wonderful to see you becoming more involved in class discussions recently – your quiet contributions are always thoughtful and valuable. Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to believe in yourself; you are capable of so much more than you realise.

## Year 6

Elsa G – If I could write a job description for the model Year 6 child, Elsa would tick every box! Her behaviour is exemplary – she is thoughtful, polite and kind to everyone she comes into contact with, she demonstrates beautiful manners and consistently does the right thing, even when it isn't the easy thing. She also has fantastic learning behaviours – she listens carefully, makes links between her learning, unflinchingly tries her best and never gives up. We are so lucky to have her as a role model and inspiration to others – well done, Elsa!

Bodhi S – Bodhi could have this certificate for any subject and any lesson. I am confident if you were to open any of his books, on any page, all you would find is his very best work! Bodhi gives 110% to everything he does and works hard not just on the presentation but the content too. I have been particularly blown away by a piece of writing he did before Christmas, which shows his care and attention to detail. His use of vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure is thoughtful and accurate and his work is always a pleasure to read!

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## NURSERY NEWS

This week our story of the week has been 'Jonty Gentoo' by Julia Donaldson, the children have engaged so well in this story of an adventurous penguin. Penguins have really taken over our activities and spontaneous play this week. We have been painting and drawing penguins, painting with frozen ice and taking our small world animals on adventures in real ice. We have also seen some wonderful small world play using the animals both in and outdoors, the children have taken ideas from the story and incorporated them into their play.



### SPRING TERM

Friday 31st January PTA Non-school uniform donation for Mother's Day shop  
 Wednesday 5th February Writing Workshop Reception parents 9am  
 Friday 7th February Open the Book in Church Year 2  
 Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person) 3.30pm –7.00pm  
 Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual) 3.45pm -5.45pm  
 Friday 14th February Values Service in Church  
 Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term  
 Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children  
 Monday 24th February 7pm PTA AGM 7pm in the school hall  
 Friday 11th April Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC)  
 Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open  
 Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed  
 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week  
 Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term  
 Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day  
 Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open  
 Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Conover  
 Friday 18th July School and Nursery close for summer holiday  
 Monday 21st July School and Nursery closed teacher training day

### WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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Half Term	Days
1	40
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5	19
6	36
Total	195

Term	Total days
Autumn Term	75
Spring Term	65
Summer Term	55

School Holiday  
 Public Holiday  
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day

Warwickshire  
County Council

**School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training**

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