



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

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

24th October 2024

Dear Parent,

A special mention this week to Freya in Year 4 who came to my office with a gift of a chocolate coin and a tea light. She then began to tell me all about a Hindu festival that she had been celebrating, one that I had never heard of before, called Navratri. Navratri is a Hindu festival that is celebrated every autumn for eight or nine days, usually at the end of September or the beginning of October. The date changes because it's based on the lunar calendar, which means it's not always on the same date each year, and doesn't always even last the same amount of time, despite 'Navratri' meaning 'nine nights'. This was a Hindu festival that I had never heard of before so off we went to share with Mr Fidler (RE Lead). Mr Fidler at the time was planning the in class assemblies and so he said that he would change the theme for the week to Navratri, so that all the children and staff in school could find out about the Hindu festival. A special thank you to Freya for sharing this festival with us and a special thank you to Mr Fidler for supporting everyone in school learning.

I have shared before that one of our whole school targets this year is to improve writing across the school, in order to close the gap between reading and writing outcomes. The last couple of weeks have been full of writing in different ways. We have heard that 16 children, from current Year 6, have had their stories chosen to be published in a book of Historical Stories; Isla C (Year 1) brought me her story of 'The Naughty Bus' to share, which was a story of the Naughty Bus getting into lots of mischief around the school; Mason (Year 6) brought me his letter that he had written to Sir Kier Starmer imploring him to do something about plastic pollution and the impact plastic is having on the world; then in Celebration assembly a number of children had been chosen due to their effort and achievement in writing, which is just fantastic to hear. I have also shared a new writing competition with Key Stage 2, writing a Spooky Story. Children who would like to take part have been given a sheet where they can write their story, it can't be anymore than 250 words. I've already received a couple of entrants, but there is still time to take part. So get busy writing over the half-term break.

Linked to writing after half-term we will be offering an after school writing club on a Thursday (email sent today to Years 4,5 and 6). Miss Evens would also like to remind you that Lego club is on offer for Year 1 and 2 children on a Tuesday, after school, starting after half-term. Please let Miss Evens know if your child would like to join Lego Club.

Tomorrow is a Teacher Training Day and so school and Nursery will be closed to pupils, although all of the staff will be busy training either at Tanworth or at one of the MAT schools. Nursery staff have an external trainer coming in with a focus on Phase 1 phonics and how staff can support children in the Nursery environment through play, to ensure that children leave nursery secure in Phase 1 of phonics. The Reception team and the support staff are off to St Nicholas in Alcester in the morning (one of the MAT schools) with a focus on supporting young children with positive interactions. Then in the afternoon all of the Tanworth staff are having training on OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), which we are all really excited about.

Thank you for the offers of OPAL equipment. After half-term I will be in touch to share where and when items can be dropped off. However, after half-term the first thing all children will need is a pair of wellington boots that stay in school. We are currently in the process of developing a welly storage system and would be grateful of any help from a skilled carpenter who may be able to help us construct welly storage. Please let us know if you are able to help.

It's been a long half-term and I know the staff and children are all ready for a well-earned rest. Please remember to stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break,

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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

This year BBC Children in Need is on Friday 15th November and the theme this year is 'making life lighter for children'.

Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising and high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity. Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, BBC Children in Need are asking for help to make life lighter for children.



The School Council have met with Miss Evens and decided on what we will be doing to support this worthwhile charity on Friday 15th November. Advance notice that the theme will be wear something bright and spotty. School Council have also suggested a whole school cake sale. We will also be selling BBC Children in Need Merchandise with all the money raised going to Children in Need. We have wrist bands, Pudsey ears, metal pin badges and Pudsey pin badges which the School Council will be selling the week beginning 11th November at playtimes. Merchandise prices are between £1.00 and £2.50

TANWORTH PTA

Thank you for today's sweet and bottle donations for our Christmas tombola!

We hope you enjoy the Guy Fawkes trail over half term! (24th Oct-2nd Nov)

Please return your map to school on 4th November.

Upcoming dates:

4th-11th November - Cash for clothes - please have a sort out of clothing childrens/adults over half term, and bring in any bags between 4th-11th November. Items to include clothing, coats, shoes, handbags!

8th November - Non school uniform - please bring in present donations for the Christmas shop!

26th & 27th November - Bamford Chocolate bar sale! Find the golden tickets hidden inside the (Cadbury) Bamford Bars to win lots of amazing prizes (including a Family circus ticket, Hickory's voucher, prosecco afternoon tea at The Limes & many more!)

29th November - Tanworth Village Christmas market- Tanworth School PTA and St Mary Magdalene church have come together to organise a village Christmas market! Further details to follow!

6th December- Christmas Shop

Thank you

Georgina Thompson



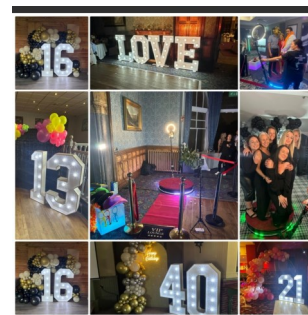
HAVING A PARTY?

Sharp art furnishing is a Tanworth family business dedicated to bringing FUN & FABULOUS party equipment LED to you! They will supply to any and all occasions such as birthdays, weddings, baby showers, hen party's, corporate events, anniversary parties etc.

With 360 photo booth's, led furniture & bars, 4ft light up numbers, light up letters MR & MRS, BABY, LOVE, RAVE, inflatable party houses etc. everything to make your party one to remember.

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VALUES ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 22nd October we recognised and celebrated the children who had been identified as either having 'Outstanding Behaviour and Manners' or 'Excellent Effort and Achievement' in our Celebration Service.

Reception:

Jaxson: Jaxson has really found his feet in Reception now and we have seen his confidence with his learning really grow the last few weeks. It is a joy to see how proud he is of his achievements, especially with his phonics learning and mark making. He has been trying so hard to recognise his Phase 2 sounds and putting a tremendous amount of effort into blending words. Not only that, but he has also been having a go at mark marking different patterns, and even a few cursive letters independently during our COOL time. We are so proud of you Jaxson, well done!

Matilda: Matilda has had such a super start to school and has really shone this half term. Matilda is an excellent role model to her peers and consistently demonstrates our three school rules of ready, respectful and safe. She is eager to learn and is enthusiastic about the school day from the moment she walks through the Reception gate in the morning. Matilda also has the most wonderful manners and is always spreading her kindness around the classroom, not only to her friends, but to the adults in Reception too. Thank you for being such a star Matilda!

Year 1:

Archer: We have been really pleased with Archer in Year 1. He is very polite, kind and thoughtful to his friends and classroom adults and always gets stuck into our classroom activities. He is developing his Year 1 learning behaviours and is keen to work hard in lessons. Outside Archer uses his kind manners to ensure everyone has fun at forest school and on the playground by trying to include everyone. Well done Archer.

Isla: What a superstar Isla is in Year 1. She has had a great start to the year and is a hard but careful worker. She is always happy writing, drawing and completing any of her classwork independently or in a group. Her work is to a very high standard already because she puts so much care and effort into every activity. Her work is a joy to look through and she has had many shout outs this year for her beautiful presentation. Well done Isla keep up the fantastic effort!

Year 2:

Ava: I have chosen Ava for our behaviour and manners certificate as Ava is always polite, helpful, and kind. She consistently follows our school rules and goes above and beyond to look out for others. Her positive attitude and support for her peers make our school a better place be. She always has a smile on her face and approaches all of our learning opportunities with a fantastic attitude. Thank you for being you, Ava!

Leo: I have chosen Leo for effort and achievement in Maths as he has shown incredible dedication by working hard on estimation. Leo has also been listening carefully in class, and using his knowledge to help those around him. He has been continuously challenging himself and it has been so wonderful to see the enthusiasm Leo has for Maths. Super proud of you, Leo!

Year 3:

Luke: Luke is receiving a certificate for his fantastic learning behaviours in class and it is a wonderful recognition of his hard work and positive attitude. He consistently demonstrates qualities like active participation, curiosity, and respect for his peers and myself. His commitment to asking questions, helping classmates, and staying engaged in lessons sets a great example for others. What a great start to Year 3 Luke! Keep it up!

Lyla: Lyla blew me away with her work last week. In particular, her English work! Lyla really focussed in the lesson and applied everything we'd spoken about to create a beautiful paragraph for her letter. She thought really carefully about which time and place adverbials she wanted to use and didn't just use ideas that had been generated as a class or modelled for her but thought of her own. Well done Lyla! I can't wait to read your final piece!

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Year 4:

Carsten: I could choose Carsten every week for his beautiful behaviour and manners as he is always doing the right thing, trying his hardest and following all of our school rules. However, I have chosen Carsten more particularly for the way he approaches and speaks to others. Carsten always speaks to others kindly and calmly and uses supportive and caring language. I have noticed how encouraging he is of others successes and how empathetic he is towards those who may not be having a good day. Carsten always reaches out to lend a helping and supportive hand which just shows what a kind and thoughtful child he is. Keep this up, Carsten!

Isla C :I have chosen Isla unsurprisingly for her fantastic efforts in writing. She has produced they most beautifully written character description all about the hero 'Beowulf' using complex fronted adverbials, conjunctions, detailed description and unique turn of phrase. When Isla was writing, I could tell she was really thinking about everything she wanted to include. She even went back to edit her work and add in more powerful adjectives and correct any mistakes without me asking her to! It is a piece to be really proud of Isla, keep this up!

Year 5:

Karla: Karla really could be chosen for this award each week. Her learning behaviours are second to none. Always listening; respectfully looking at me when I am speaking; double checking that she is completing tasks correctly and staying clear of distractions. She really has a fantastic work ethic and if she keeps this focus throughout her education, we need to watch out for her Karla! She is set for great things! The cherry on top being that she is so lovely; kind and considerate of everyone and always asking is she can be a helping hand. She is a wonderful member of year 5.

Romeo: Romeo has been chosen for his effort and attainment in his writing. We are currently writing a diary from the point of view of a character from our class text, Edward Tulane. Romeo has been so focussed in his writing. He has really considered his vocabulary choices and thought about how the character would say things. He has a really lovely tone to his writing and I have really enjoyed reading his work. It has been so lovely to see Romeo excited by his writing and eager to write more. This is a really great piece of writing and I look forward to seeing what else Romeo produces in year 5. Keep up the great work Romeo- really well done.

Year 6:

Olivia: Olivia has wowed me with her effort and dedication across all areas of her learning this half term but I have been especially impressed with her writing as she has produced not one but two amazing pieces of formal writing! She has been so enthusiastic and passionate about each piece, working hard to use a wide range of vocabulary and carefully structure her work so that it is impactful and clear. Olivia is a reflective writer and soaks up all advice, consistently editing her work and thinking carefully about what she does to make sure that it the very best it can be. I can't wait to see what else she writes this year! Keep it up, Olivia!

Franklin: Franklin is a genuine delight to have around the classroom because he is cheerful, friendly and considerate. Each morning he greets me cheerfully, taking the time to ask me how I am and he consistently checks in with me throughout the day to see if there is anything he can do to help such as hand out books, collect something in or set up equipment for the next lesson. Franklin isn't only like this with me, he's also polite and respectful to his peers, offering them support or encouragement if they're stuck or unsure what to do and help if they need a friend. He has such a positive impact on our classroom and really helps to spread kindness and make Year 6 a lovely place to be. Thank you, Franklin!

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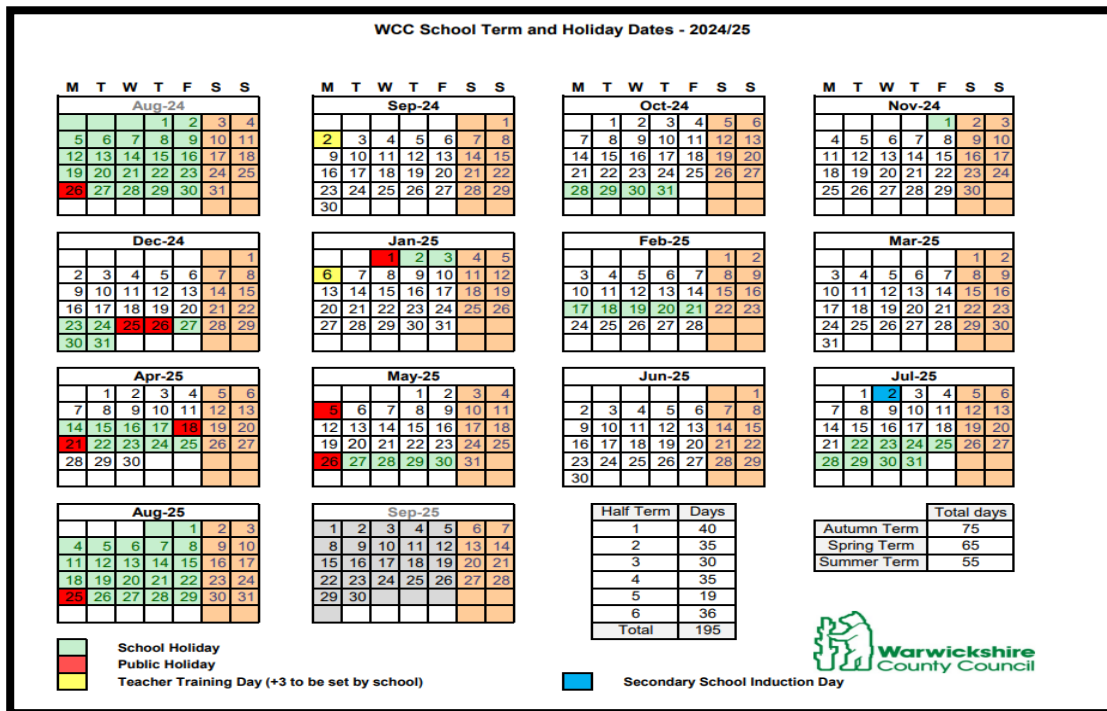


AUTUMN TERM

SPRING TERM

Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term
 Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training
 Monday 4th November School and Nursery open for Autumn 2
 Tuesday 5th November Poppies & Poetry Workshop
 Friday 8th November Non-School uniform PTA present donation for Christmas Shop
 Monday 11th November Remembrance Service on The Green 10.50am
 Friday 15th November Children in Need (details to follow)
 Friday 29th November PTA Christmas Event 3.30-7.00 (details to follow)
 Wednesday 4th December Reception Christmas play 9.30am (TBC)
 Thursday 5th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm (TBC)
 Friday 6th December PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop
 Tuesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm (TBC)
 Wednesday 11th December KS1 Christmas Play (time TBC)
 Monday 16th December School visit to pantomime
 Tuesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert in Church 6.00pm
 Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day
 Friday 20th December Y3 Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm
 Friday 20th December School and Nursery break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January School and Nursery closed Teacher Training
 Tuesday 7th January School and Nursery open for children
 Tuesday 14th January Young Voices (details to follow)
 Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person)
 Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual)
 Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term
 Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children
 Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter



School and Nursery are also closed on: Friday 25th October 2024, Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training .

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