



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

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

26th September 2025

Dear Parents,

On Monday in assembly I spoke to the children about 'Thrive' and what it means to thrive. As a school we are introducing the 'Thrive Approach' and working with Thrive to help create an emotionally healthy learning environment for our children, whilst also providing staff with the tools and training to support mental health and behaviour in schools. As a school our whole ethos, linked to our Christian values and our PSHE curriculum, is already focussed on supporting children emotionally, but with Thrive we will have the tools to assess and track emotional development and behaviour in our school, creating personalised action plans for children that need something extra to our normal offering.

Mrs Wheildon has trained and is our Lead Thrive Practitioner and will be developing the Thrive Approach across the school. Information will be shared through the newsletter and there will be opportunities for you as parents to become involved as there is a wealth of resources to support you in your role as parents. We will also be having a 'Thrive Week' later on this half-term so look out for news about this. There is a Thrive page on our school website under Key Information, where you can find more information and find a copy of the assembly I shared with children on Monday, which was all about our brains and what we need to thrive.

On Thursday this week the Year 6 children delivered their first Family Time session. Family Time is where children across the school are in groups and the Year 6 take on the role of teachers delivering a themed lesson. The theme this time was Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. The children found out all about this special time in the Jewish calendar and also thought about their new school year and what they would like to achieve. Information about Family Time can be found on the website under the Children tab.

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2026? Or do you know someone who is looking for a school place? If yes, then please let them know about our Open Days taking place next week. This is a chance for perspective parents to come and visit the school and see a 'normal' school day. We are offering tours on Monday and Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.00 and on Wednesday and Thursday between 1.30 and 2.30. Just ring the office to book in on a tour.

Don't forget that on Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm there will be an opportunity for current parents to come into school for an information session, where I will be sharing not only recent successes but also the school priorities for this academic year.

Finally, are you enthusiastic about education? Do you have a willingness to be a volunteer? If you answered yes, then look out for information coming next week about becoming a school governor.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

Headteacher

### **STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026**

The application process opens on 1 September 2025 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31 October 2025. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (2 March 2026).

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and won't be processed until after 2 March 2026, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>

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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday we had our first Celebration Assembly of this new academic year. This is a chance to celebrate and recognise children who have either demonstrated outstanding behaviour and manners or outstanding effort and attainment. Two children from each class are chosen and parents/family members are invited in to hear why their child has been chosen and to see them receive their certificate.

### Reception:

I have been really pleased with all the children in Reception this week. They have only been in school full-time for two weeks and they are already so purposeful in their play and choices for C.O.O.L (Choosing Our Own Learning). We had a school visitor in the classroom on Monday afternoon and she commented how calm, happy and purposeful the children were in their play and that they were already independently accessing the classroom areas. Well done Reception, I am really proud of you, you are all stars!

### Year 1:

Viktor - Viktor has been chosen for his super effort and attention in Phonics and Maths. Viktor has been taking an active role in every session, making sure he offers up his own opinion and listens to his friends. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how engaged Viktor has been in year 1. In Maths, Viktor always enjoys working through the problems and has been a superstar comparing groups with ease. Viktor's increased confidence in lessons has been amazing to see, and we are so proud of you, Viktor. Well done.

### Year 2:

Darcie - I have chosen Darcie for our behaviour and manners certificate because she brightens up the room like a ray of sunshine with her beaming smile and positive attitude. She is always eager to help with jobs and shows a wonderful willingness to support others. Darcie tries her best in everything she does, showing determination and effort in all of our subjects. She has started Year 2 with the most amazing attitude and is a great role model in the classroom. Darcie also demonstrates kindness and care towards her friends. Well done, Darcie!

Rocky - I have chosen Rocky for his effort and achievement because he consistently goes above and beyond in his learning across all subjects. In guided reading, Rocky shows great depth in his answers, carefully explaining his thoughts rather than giving one-word responses. In maths, he demonstrates excellent reasoning by not only identifying mistakes but also clearly explaining them. He then uses this knowledge to support and encourage his peers, showing both his skill and teamwork. Well done, Rocky!

### Year 3:

Sophie - Sophie has been awarded the Behaviour and Manners certificate for always being ready to learn, helping others without needing to be asked and consistently showing kindness and respect. She is a delightful role model for our class and can be relied upon. Rising to any task with maturity. Well done!

Markus - Markus has been awarded the Effort and Achievement certificate for showing a mature approach to his learning since returning to school. He takes ownership of his work, moves away from distractions to focus, and consistently produces good level of work. He also contributes thoughtfully to class discussions, demonstrating great engagement and dedication.

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Year 4:

Chloe - Chloe has been chosen this week for the behaviour and manners award because of her thoughtful and selfless attitude in everything she does. She is always looking out for others and shows real patience when helping the children on her table, supporting them with kindness and care. Chloe also does so many little things around the classroom to help, often without being asked and never seeking any reward or recognition and just because she simply wants to make our classroom a better place. Her quiet acts of kindness and responsibility do not go unnoticed. Well done, Chloe!

Jude - Jude has been chosen this week for the effort and achievement award for the levels of consistency he is showing in his work since the very start of the year. In every single lesson, Jude gives his very best and in the past three weeks there has not been a single piece of work where his presentation, handwriting, or quality has slipped. It is clear that Jude takes real pride in his learning and is determined to do well this year. His motivation and high standards are a fantastic example to everyone in the class. Keep it up, Jude.

Year 5:

Carsten - Carsten has had a fantastic start to year 5 and has already shown himself to be a conscientious and thoughtful learner. He takes great care with his work, checking carefully to make sure he is on the right track and listening closely to instructions so he can follow them accurately. He is confident in asking for help when needed, which shows maturity and a real desire to improve. Carsten also contributes enthusiastically to class discussions, sharing his ideas with interest. I have been very impressed with his effort so far and look forward to seeing his progress continue.

Ophelia - Ophelia has impressed me from the very first day with her excellent manners and thoughtful behaviour. She is always polite, whether it is thanking me for something as simple as handing out resources or checking politely before entering the classroom. Ophelia consistently shows consideration for others and a strong sense of doing what is right. Her excellent learning behaviours shine through daily, and she often gently reminds those around her of my expectations. She is a calming presence in the classroom and a wonderful role model for her peers.

Year 6:

Freya – Freya is, quite simply, a delight to have in the classroom. She has the most beautiful manners and speaks to everyone kindly, respectfully and politely. She shows fantastic focus and care in lessons, taking such pride in every lesson and every piece of her learning. She is already an exemplary Year 6 role model and anyone in doubt, should look to Freya as an example of how to behave. Thank you, for being such a superstar! Year 6 is lucky to have you!

Josh – Josh has wowed me so far this year with his quiet enthusiasm and focus in lessons, particularly in English. He is making such an effort with his handwriting and presentation and showing such determination to make progress and improve. He listens well, asks for advice and acts on feedback and this mature attitude means he's had an incredibly positive start to Year 6! Keep up the hard work, Josh!

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## BRASS MUSIC LESSONS

Dear Parents, We currently have some children signed up for trumpet lessons, but not enough for Warwickshire Music to send out a teacher to the school. If your child is in years 3-6 and is interested in individual or group brass lessons and hasn't signed up, please speak to Mr Fidler for more information or email [fidler.p@welearn365.com](mailto:fidler.p@welearn365.com)



## WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

A number of families have asked me about fruit drinks in water bottles. To clarify, in the Reception pack when children start school it clearly states that children need a water bottle in school and that this bottle should contain only water. Children can access water throughout the day.

Please note that water bottles in class are for water only and we ask that these bottles are available in class to keep the children hydrated during lesson times. Only water is to be drunk in classrooms during lesson time. We have recently had a number of leaks and spillages where juice and squash have been spilt on the carpet and on children's books. Not only this but cordial and fruit juices are acidic which increases the risk of tooth erosion along with the high sugar content causes tooth decay. This includes pure fruit juices as well as drinks containing added sugar. Children sipping on these types of drinks throughout the day is a real concern.

If your child would prefer a carton of milk there is the option for parents across the school to purchase milk for those children who would like it. This is then drunk at playtime. Please visit <https://coolmilk.com/> to order your child milk.



At lunchtime water is available along with naturally flavoured water (water flavoured with chunks of watermelon, chunks of orange, strawberries etc.)

Water and milk really are the best drinks to keep your child's teeth healthy.

## NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we have had another wonderful week learning all about ourselves as we have focused on our homes and families. The children have loved chatting all about their families, lighting up as they speak to the group about each member of their family. On Tuesday we enjoyed our outdoor learning session, the children have enjoyed having the opportunity to explore the opal field where they see their older friends and family playing each lunch time. Finally we would like to say a huge welcome to our new friend Darcie and her family who have joined us in Nursery this week.



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# TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA



Thank you for your support with the cookie sales this week we hope your children enjoyed them!  
We've attached a calendar of events for this term for you to see in advance what we have planned!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need strong people able to help repair fencing! This coming week on Monday and Wednesday during school hours we have helpers coming in to repair forest school fences! Are you strong? Can you or your family help for all of some of that time? Let us know [pta3311@welearn365.com](mailto:pta3311@welearn365.com)

And then our children can all use the forest school area again!

Thank you to E H Smith for donating the materials to do the work to the fences and the help of Dave and Matt for organising the repairs!

We are planning another cash for clothes event where you bring in your unwanted clothes so please do keep old/unwanted clothing for our upcoming collection!

Thank you for your support as always!  
Georgina

## PTA UPCOMING Events

**Sept.**  
**TREAT THURSDAY**  
25th- After school cookies £1

**Oct.**  
**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
10<sup>th</sup>- tombola prizes  
infants- to bring toys  
juniors- to bring a bottle

**28th Nov.**  
**CHRISTMAS FETE**  
With St Mary Magdalene Church for festivities & Tanworth in Arden village Light switch on.  
  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

**FUNKY HAIR DAY**  
23rd- £2.50  
Crazy/funky hairstyles!  
Prize for boy & girl in each class

**Dec.**  
**WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**  
4th Dec- evening £45

**TBC**  
**CASH4CLOTHES COLLECTION**  
Bring in unwanted clothing

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP**  
12th Dec- £2.50

**Nov.**  
**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
14th- Bring in Christmas gift shop presents

**2026.**  
**IDEAS...**  
TBC.  
Soak the Firefighter Day (May)  
Family fun run (spring)

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**AUTUMN TERM****SPRING TERM**

Monday 29th September Open Morning for Reception 2026 9.30am  
 Tuesday 30th September Open Morning for Reception 2026 9.30am  
 Wednesday 1st October Open Afternoon for Reception 2026 1.30pm  
 Wednesday 1st October No afterschool ARK due to essential staff training  
 Thursday 2nd October Open Afternoon for Reception 2026 1.30pm  
 Wednesday 8th October Phonics/Writing workshop Reception parents 9.30am  
 Friday 3rd October Harvest Festival in Church led by Year 4  
 Friday 3rd October School photographs  
 Monday 6th October Understanding Christianity week (details to follow)  
 Friday 10th October Non-school uniform (see PTA)  
 Friday 17th October Values service in Church 'Courage'  
 Monday 20th October THRIVE week (more details to follow)  
 Tuesday 21st October Parents Evening in person  
 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 9.15am  
 Tuesday 11th November Remembrance on the green 11am  
 Wednesday 12th November Writing workshop for parents Year 1 and Year 2 9.15am  
 Thursday 13th November Writing workshop for parents Year 5 and Year 6 9.15am  
 Friday 14th November Non-school uniform (see PTA)  
 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)  
 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  
 Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Shop  
 Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day  
 Wednesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert  
 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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Half Term	Days
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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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