



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

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

27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

It's lovely to see everyone back in school after the half-term break. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable week. We have certainly been grateful for some dry days and even a little sunshine this week – a welcome change that has lifted everyone's spirits!

The brighter weather has meant that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is back in full swing this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting outside again and making the most of the wide variety of play opportunities on offer. It has been wonderful to see such creativity, cooperation and energy during playtimes. We also have some new additions to our outdoor area, including a swing, which has already proved to be a huge hit!

Although this is a short half-term of just five weeks, it is certainly a busy one with lots to look forward to.

On Friday 6th March, we will be holding a non-school uniform day. In exchange, we kindly ask for donations for our Mother's Day Shop. Suggested donations might include small gifts suitable for mums, step-mums, aunties, grandmas or other special people in the children's lives. Then on Friday 13th March, the children will have the opportunity to visit the Mother's Day Shop and purchase a small gift for someone special.

Looking further ahead, on Friday 27th March, we will be holding our Easter Service at church, led by Year 5. Before the service, at 1.15pm, all children and staff will take part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. We invite every child to create an Easter bonnet or hat at home and bring it into school on the day. There will be a prize in each class for the most imaginative and creative bonnet – we can't wait to see your wonderful designs!

This week we welcomed a visit from the Warwickshire School Attendance Targeted Support Officer. Paula spent time in school discussing attendance, exploring any potential barriers to regular attendance and offering supportive strategies to help families.

If a child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classed as persistent absenteeism. Research consistently shows that poor attendance at primary school can have a significant impact on a child's academic progress, confidence and social development. Children who miss school regularly can find it harder to keep up with learning, harder to build secure friendships and more difficult to develop positive routines. Over time, even small amounts of missed learning can accumulate and create gaps that are difficult to close.

I will be sending letters to parents and carers whose child's attendance is currently below 90%. Please be assured that our intention is to work in partnership with you. We are here to support families in ensuring good attendance. If you would like to meet to discuss your child's attendance and explore how we can help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you to Year 4 parents for their amazing efforts and creativity in their child's Egyptian costumes for Year 4's Egyptian Day today. The children (and staff) all looked amazing and had a great day learning hands on all about Egyptian life. Thank you also to the TEF (Tanworth Educational Foundation) who generously donate money to the school to provide these curriculum enrichment activities. Photos coming next week!

Finally, a special Tanworth welcome to Jasmine (Y5) and Arlo (Y1) who joined us this week. I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming them and their family to Tanworth School and the local community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is set to be a joyful and productive half-term

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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NURSERY NEWS

This week we have had a wonderful week of pancakes! Our story of the week was 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' by Jan Fearnley. The children have loved the story and have been reading along with me throughout the week. Throughout the week we have enjoyed pancake races, a pancake flipping session and painting and cutting out pancake activities. Miss Stephens also set up a little shop in the home corner, just like 'Mother Hubbards' shop from our story and the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking turns to role play being the shop keeper and the shoppers. This morning we are making our own real pancakes to eat at snack time!



CHRISTIAN VALUE

This half-term we are introducing our new Christian value of Dignity. We will be exploring what it means to recognise that every person is made in the image of God and is therefore worthy of respect, kindness and compassion. Through worship, class reflection and daily interactions, we will be encouraging the children to think about how they can uphold their own dignity and the dignity of others in all that they do.



CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Sunday 1st March Messy Church 9.30am	Monday 13th April School and Nursery open
Monday 2nd March Tanworth PTA AGM 7.00pm in school	Monday 4th May School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 5th March World Book Day 'Dress as an adjective' /Character	Monday 11th May-Friday 15th May KS2 SATS week
Friday 6th March Non-school uniform donations for Mother's Day Shop	Friday 22nd May break up half-term
Friday 6th March Open the Book in Church Y4 9.10am	Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
Friday 13th March Mother's Day Shop £2.50	Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
Thursday 19th March Reception class Vision Screening	Monday 29th June Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential
Friday 20th March Red Nose Day	Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)
Monday 23rd March Understanding Christianity week in school	Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction
Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade 1.15pm	Thursday 9th July Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 27th March Easter Service in Church 2.00pm	Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays	Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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Half Term	Days
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6	36
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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Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	54
Summer Term	67

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School and Nursery will also be closed on: Wednesday 2nd September, Friday 23rd October and Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training

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PTA NEWS

Our first event this year is our lovely Mother's Day Shop!

1. Non school uniform Friday 6th March!! Please bring in a gift suitable for a Mum or mother figure.
2. Mother's Day Shop! Please bring in £2.50 in cash on Friday 13th March to buy a Mother's Day gift!

A reminder our AGM is this Monday 2nd March at 7pm in school, we would love to see you there to give suggestions, feedback and plan the events for this year! Please RSVP for us to cater for you!

AGM

TANWORTH IN ARDEN PTA
INVITES YOU TO

Short AGM

Followed by PTA meeting to discuss event ideas and spending plans for 2026. All ideas welcome!



Mon 2nd March 7pm
TANWORTH IN ARDEN SCHOOL

**ENJOY WINE & NIBBLES WHILST GIVING FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS
& HELPING TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL & LEARNING!**

PLEASE RSVP PTA3311@WELEARN365.COM SO WE CAN CATER FOR YOU.

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Messy[®] Church

This Sunday at 9:30am

For creative craft, storytelling and
bacon sandwiches!



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