



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

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

27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

It was a joy to end this term with our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade. As always, I was absolutely amazed by the creativity and effort shown in the wide variety of bonnets on display – they truly were fantastic! A huge thank you to Chris, our Vicar, for supporting us with the slight change to the parade route and for welcoming us into the church grounds. I hope you all enjoyed this new approach; I certainly felt that being within the church setting made the occasion even more special and meaningful. Also a special mention to Flossy in Year 6 who popped into our Reception class this morning with a spare bonnet for anybody who had forgotten. This act of kindness and thoughtfulness is an example of the values that are lived out daily in school. Well done Flossy!

Our Easter service, led beautifully by Year 5, was a lovely way to conclude the Spring Term. The children showed great confidence in leading the service, and the quality of the singing was, as always, superb. We are incredibly proud of each and everyone of you.

Earlier in the week, Year 6 had a fantastic time during their World War II Day. The children looked incredible in their costumes and fully embraced the experience. Having visiting workshops is such a valuable way to bring learning to life, making it memorable and engaging for the children. My thanks go to Miss Cutler for organising this wonderful opportunity, and also to the Tanworth Educational Foundation for their continued support, which enables us to enrich the children's learning in this way.

On Monday 23rd March, Year 6 went back in time to the 1940s for our WW2 day!

The children looked amazing dressed up as evacuees and members of the military to help set the scene! Matt from Primary History Workshops led the day, which began with a carousel where the children had the opportunity to look at and handle genuine artefacts from WW2 and even try on some real uniforms. After break, the children became spies and were given new identities before being questioned to see if they would reveal themselves under pressure! After successfully surviving the interrogation, children made a morse code machine and did some code-creaking. Finally, Year 6 were put through their paces in military boot camp: firing (wooden) pistols, throwing (beanbag) grenades, climbing through (plastic) barbed wire and clambering through crawl nets! A fantastic day was had by all and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves while learning a lot! Miss Cutler

We have also had a monitoring visit from our SEND and Pupil Premium Governor, Amy Stewart. *"As part of my role as a governor, I (Amy Stewart) recently visited the school to focus on our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) provision and how we are using the Pupil Premium funding to support eligible pupils. During my visit, I met with staff to discuss the impact of current strategies, asked questions about progress and support for pupils, and offered both challenge and support to ensure that all children are given the best possible opportunities to succeed.*

Today we say goodbye to our student teacher, Mrs Hotchkiss, who has been working in Year 4 during her final placement. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success as she now completes her teaching degree. She has been a valued member of our school community and I have no doubt that she will make a fantastic teacher.

As we approach the Easter weekend, we are reminded of the message of hope, new life and renewal that this special time brings. It is a moment to pause, reflect and spend time with those who matter most. We hope that the holiday offers you all an opportunity for rest, joy and time together as a family.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer Term.

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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NURSERY NEWS

A big happy Easter from Nursery! We have had a wonderful term and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support and wish everyone a very happy and healthy Easter break. From Mrs Wheildon and the Nursery team.

Please do take a look at the new guidance published today regarding screen time for the under 5s.

- Under 2 years: Avoid screen time other than for shared activities with family that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- 2-5 years: Try to keep it to 1 hour a day. Less if possible.

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>



PE

As a school we use a PE programme called 'Power Up' which promotes healthy habits, improves focus, and supports mental resilience. This fully inclusive programme combines physical activity and technology to measure and improve children's physical literacy and activity levels throughout the course of the academic year. With simple and effective resources, we support every child to achieve their personal best scores.



Over the last couple of weeks all of the children have been completing PE fitness challenges that are appropriate for their age focusing on agility, balance, coordination and fitness. Your child will have a letter with the details of how you can access their results and track their progress. You will also be able to download their latest challenge card so that they can practise the physical activities at home.

SAFEGUARDING

While the school and nursery are closed for the Easter break, the safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child during this time, please do not wait to seek help. Please contact the local authority where the child lives using the details below:

Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door: 01926 414144

Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS): 0121 303 1888

Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 0121 788 4300

Worcestershire Children's Social Care (Family Front Door): 01905 822666

If a child is in immediate danger, please call 999

For non-emergency police concerns, you can call 101

You may also contact the NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000) for advice and support.

If your concern relates directly to our school community, you can email: head3311@welearn365.com and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible.

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Smartphone Free Childhood



This week we have moved further up the leader board of the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with 46 families now signed up and now we are sitting in **8th** place for Warwickshire Primary Schools. These are the year groups and the number of parents that have currently signed the pact. Well done to Year 3 who are leading the way!

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

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

CALENDAR DATES

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
Friday 22ns May Class photographs
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

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Easter Active Kids Holiday Club with Onside Coaching

All places booked online – www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

This Easter our Active Kids Holiday Club is once again coming to Tanworth Primary School. The club is growing in popularity and our Active Kids club is a great way for children to try new things and take part in plenty of fun activities. Easter dates are online now to book and with spaces limited, book early to secure your child's spot and enjoy 4 days of Easter fun!!!



Easter
Holiday Activities

Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April
At Tanworth-in-Arden Primary School
Bookings now open!

Dates: Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April

Times: 09:30am to 15:30pm

Early Drop Off: Available from 08:30am for £3 additional cost

Cost: £22 per day.

Active Kids Club: Activities include Nerf Wars, Football, Dodgeball, Tennis, Arts, Crafts, Forest school activities and more.

Book Via our Website: www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

Set Location to Redditch and Alcester, select Holiday Childcare, then Tanworth in Arden as the venue.

What will children need? Children will require suitable clothing for outdoor activities including tracksuits and suitable footwear.

Children should have a refillable water bottle and packed lunch.

How to book? Please book online at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk. This ensures that we have all the necessary details on our club register, which is essential for the safeguarding of the children in our care.

Full details of where and how to book can be found overleaf. **SET LOCATION TO REDDITCH AND ALCESTER**

To ensure you have space booked, we require full payment at the time of booking.

Any queries on the club or how to book contact us via email: Redditch.alcester@onsidecoaching.co.uk

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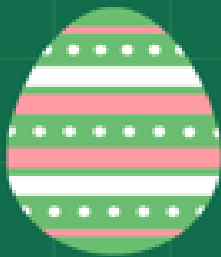
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EASTER CHILDREN'S EVENTS



Wednesday 1st April
10.00am
Little Ones

For 0-7 year olds with craft,
storytelling and singing

Saturday 4th April
2.00pm

Messy Easter Workshop
Activities, egg hunt & the
'Uplifted Puppets!'



ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



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VALUES SERVICE

On Tuesday we had a special service in Church celebrating the children who had been chosen as demonstrating our half-term Christian value of 'dignity'.

Reception:

We have chosen Jack this half term because he is someone who understands that people are special and that every person or animal is important, whether they are young or old, different or similar to him. Jack behaves with kindness and care towards all his peers and adults, and he actively listens to others' ideas and feelings. He is fair and understands that everyone deserves to be treated with care, thoughtfulness and dignity. In the classroom, we often see Jack showing kindness through sharing, giving his time to others, and using his excellent listening skills. He is also very good at offering forgiveness, giving people another chance when mistakes are made. Jack has always recognised the special qualities in others, but what I especially love as his teacher is that this year Jack has begun to believe that he is special and valuable too. His classmates and I truly value having him in our class. Congratulations, Jack!

Year 1:

In Christianity, dignity means recognising that every person is made in the image of God and therefore deserves to be treated with love, respect, and kindness. It reminds us that we should care for others just as we would want to be cared for ourselves.

Since joining us in September, Edith has shown the Christian value of dignity, naturally, in the way she treats people every day. She is kind and friendly to everyone, making sure no one feels left out when playing or working together. Edith is thoughtful in her words and actions, often helping others when they are feeling sad or left out. She is also a great help to both Miss Chambers and myself, always checking if I need any help and asking if we had a nice lunch. She listens carefully to her teachers and friends, showing that she values what others have to say. Through her caring and respectful behaviour, Edith demonstrates a clear understanding of dignity and sets a lovely example for us all to follow. Thank you Edith for being the super star that you are. We are so grateful to have you in Year 1.

Year 2:

I have chosen Joshua for our dignity certificate. Josh always behaves in a calm, kind and respectful way to everyone in our classroom. Josh will always use polite words like 'please' and 'thank you' to both adults and peers and listens carefully when others are speaking. I also asked Josh's classmates how they think he shows the value of dignity, and here are a few things that they said:

- He treats people how he wants to be treated.
- He is happy to play with anyone.
- I hear him saying kind words to people.
- He helps me with my work when I am struggling.

The one that stood out to me the most was "he has a kind heart," and I could not agree more. In Year 2, we always say if you can be anything in this world, "be kind", and Josh truly lives and breathes this. When Josh heard these reasons, he said, "I am so proud of myself", and so you should be, Josh! I am also super proud of you. Keep shining your light because everyone is noticing it.

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VALUES SERVICE CONTINUED

Year 3:

Isaac consistently demonstrates the value of dignity through the way he treats everyone around him. He shows respect to all, using kind and thoughtful language, and is always mindful of including others. Isaac values the ideas and differences of his peers, listens carefully and responds with patience and fairness. He often supports others quietly, without seeking recognition, and handles situations calmly and respectfully. He is a wonderful role model for our class. Well done Isaac!

Year 4:

Luke has been chosen for 'Dignity' for the calm and respectful way he conducts himself each day. He consistently treats others with kindness and fairness, showing respect to both adults and his peers in everything he does. Luke makes thoughtful choices and can be trusted to do the right thing, even when it might be difficult or when others may choose differently. He listens carefully to those around him and values their ideas by responding in a kind and mature way. Luke helps to create a positive and supportive atmosphere in our classroom where he makes everyone feel respected and included. His quiet confidence and the way he shows care and understanding towards others make him a wonderful example of dignity. Well done, Luke!

Year 5:

Gracie is a shining example of the Christian value of dignity and demonstrates this in everything she does. She consistently treats everyone with equal kindness, respect and care, showing patience and understanding to all those around her. Gracie is a fun and positive member of our class, bringing joy to others while also being incredibly thoughtful. She has a wonderful ability to notice when someone may need help or support and offers this so naturally, not for praise or recognition, but simply because it is who she is. Gracie values each person as an individual and ensures everyone feels included, respected and important. Her compassionate nature and quiet acts of kindness make her an outstanding role model and a truly valued member of our school community. Our classroom is brighter for having you in it. Thank you Gracie.

Year 6:

Anyone who has had the pleasure of teaching or interacting with Savannah would agree that she is a ray of sunshine because she brings warmth and kindness to everyone she meets. She has a wonderful way of seeing the best in people, recognising their strengths (even when they can't see these qualities in themselves) and helping them to feel valued and important. Savannah treats every member of our class with respect and care, making sure that everyone feels included and appreciated. Her classmates describe her as "welcoming" and say that her smile "helps people feel reassured and better," which speaks volumes about the positive impact she has on those around her. Savannah demonstrates dignity in the way she consistently uplifts and celebrates others and today it is our turn to celebrate her. Well done, Sav! We are very grateful to have you in our class!

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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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