



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

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

29th November 2024

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we had our Celebration Assembly (details on the reverse) but there are a couple of other children this week who also deserve recognition for a variety of reasons.

A special mention first to Dom and Thomas, both in Reception. Mrs Hemming brought the boys up to my office as she was so impressed with their reading. I must say I was also very impressed. On Thursday Dom read his book to me sounding out all of the letters and then blending them together. He even sat in my swinging chair to read! Then today Thomas came up to show me his reading and he read his book so well, reading on sight many of the words and even self-correcting when he knew it did not sound right. Well done boys it was a pleasure to hear you both read.

On Thursday Ollie in Year 5 was so kind, caring and helpful to James in Year 2, who had fallen in the mud during OPAL. Ollie was just amazing helping James and staying with him, calming him down and telling him he would be alright and he would help him. Ollie even missed most of his OPAL time because he stayed with James. Thank you Ollie.

Today we packed 7 boxes of plastic items into the boot of my car for the Terracycle project. We will update you on where we are on the leaderboard, but there is still time to drop off your hard plastic items. Our final day for collecting will be Friday 13th December, so please drop your hard plastic items in the box on the top car park.



It has been lovely to see the Home Learning coming in today. Next week the gallery will be open, in the hall, after school on Monday 3.15-3.45 and before school on Tuesday 8.30-9.00. There is still time to bring Home Learning in and this time each teacher will be nominating someone in their class for a special Home Learning award for their Home Learning contributions. These children will feature in next week's newsletter.

Finally, can I please ask that all children have their shoes named. OPAL is working really well and the children are really embracing all of the play opportunities on offer, however finding our correct shoes at the end can be problematic, especially when shoes are not labelled. We still have one pair of unclaimed shoes, a young man with no school shoes and then today somebody with the wrong shoes. Please check your child's shoes today, name them, if they are not already, and let us know if your child has the wrong shoes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery our story of the week has been 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children have loved this story and have become fully involved in joining in and helping to read the story as a group at story time. They have enjoyed lots of activities such as making gold crowns just like the one that the giant wears, designing socks for the giant and using their funky fingers to wind ribbon scarfs around the giraffes necks. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed lots of spontaneous building activities this week where they have showed real team work when working together on a project.



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday in our Celebration Assembly we celebrated the children who had been chosen for outstanding behaviour & manners or for outstanding effort & achievement.

Reception:

Theo - It has been lovely to see Theo joining in with some of our whole class learning activities the last few weeks. He loves our Dough Disco sessions and has really enjoyed having a go at writing some of the 'curly caterpillar' letters in handwriting. He has shown focus during these sessions and it is a joy to see his excitement when he shares his finished handwriting. We are so proud of you Theo, well done!

Henry - Henry is such a kind and thoughtful member of our class. He is very considerate of others feelings, and he is always very patient when working with anyone in Reception class. He also has a lovely calm nature towards his peers in the classroom and playground, making him an excellent role model. He is a real delight to have in Reception class. Keep shining Henry!

Year 1:

Well done to Ffion who was so excited to receive her certificate this week. Ffion is a delight to have in the classroom and is positive, kind and inclusive to all of her classmates. She is very well behaved and is a happy member of Year 1. She works with lots of different children and is caring and kind to all, always sharing resources and making sure that everyone is having as much fun as her. Thank you Ffion and keep up your super manners and thoughtfulness.

Congratulations to Joshua who is one of our super historians in Year 1. I really like the way that Joshua explains his thinking behind his answers. We have been learning about Guy Fawkes and Joshua has come to the conclusion that for some people, Guy was a good man and trying to help people. Joshua is like a mini teacher in the class during our history lessons. Well done Joshua!

Year 2:

I have chosen Harry for our behaviour and manners certificate this week as Harry is always polite and well-mannered, showing kindness and respect towards both adults and peers. He generously shares with others, always looking out for his classmates and supporting those around him. Harry takes great care with his work and ensures that every task is completed with attention to detail and excellent presentation. Harry's positive attitude and thoughtful nature make him a valuable and appreciated member of our class. Keep being you, Harry!

I have chosen Ivy for effort and achievement in both English and Maths this week. Ivy demonstrated her creativity by writing a beautiful poem in English about poppies, using descriptive vocabulary. From the start of Year 2, Ivy has also consistently shown determination in her Maths lessons. She is always eager to take on new challenges and push herself further. Ivy also takes great pride in her work, ensuring that her presentation is neat. Well done, Ivy! I am super proud of you.

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Year 3:

Teddy– Teddy has been awarded the behaviours and manners certificate for his improved learning behaviours during our English lessons, particularly his enhanced focus and determination. By discovering what helps him concentrate best, Teddy unlocked his full potential, allowing him to compose a truly fantastic piece of writing. This achievement showcases what Teddy is capable of when he is focused and genuinely excited about his work. This certificate is a well-deserved recognition of his hard work and progress. Well done Teddy, keep it up!

Charlotte– Charlotte has been working her socks off in Maths, showing incredible dedication and enthusiasm. She has mastered the concept of column addition, even taking the initiative to practice at home by creating her own calculations. This extra effort demonstrates her hard work, perseverance, and determination to succeed. Charlotte's commitment to improving her skills is truly commendable, and she should be proud of the progress she has made through sheer determination and resilience.

Year 4:

Gwendolen- Gwendolen has been chosen for her fantastic work in history! Gwendolen has shown incredible dedication and enthusiasm throughout our Anglo-Saxons and Vikings topic. She has produced excellent research on the Gods, created informative fact files on Saxon villages and demonstrated impressive knowledge about Danegeld. Her hard work and passion for the subject have truly stood out and she should be proud of her achievements. Well done, Gwendolen!

Matilda T - Matilda has been chosen for her superb behaviour and manners. Matilda consistently sets a shining example for others with her respectful attitude and thoughtful actions. She always follows the school rules, uses kind words like "please" and "thank you," and is quick to offer a helping hand to both classmates and teachers. Her kindness and supportive nature make her a valued member of our class, and she should be very proud of her positive attitude. Well done, Matilda!

Year 5:

Savannah has been chosen for her behaviour and manners because quite frankly, she is delightful! She is polite, kind and considerate of everyone in the class. She treats everyone with respect and she encourages others to carry out the correct learning behaviours. When I am trying to settle the class to listen, I can always count on Sav to be instantly ready, looking and listening. I love how conscientious she is with her work, if she hasn't finished something, she will remember and she endeavours to complete it. She has a real eagerness to learn and do her best, which means she is making amazing progress already this year. Keep up that dedication Savannah. Well done.

Ollie has blown me away with his writing. We are currently writing newspaper articles related to our class text of Edward Tulane and Ollie seems to have the formal style of writing down to a T. He can switch between author's tone to an informal direct quote with ease. Not forgetting the fact that he always remembers punctuation and his spelling is really great too. I always look forward to reading Ollie's writing as I can tell he puts a lot of thought and effort into it. I look forward to reading work that he is yet to produce. Keep up the great work Ollie!

Year 6:

Edward – Edward consistently makes a huge effort to do the right thing, follow the rules, and show a positive attitude. What's especially impressive is how he actively looks for ways to improve his own learning as well as help others with theirs. Even with a broken finger, Edward has shown incredible resilience, taking full ownership of his learning. He's been resourceful, saving typed work, photographing whiteboard tasks, and still striving to do his very best. Well done, Edward – your determination and kindness are truly inspiring!

Grace – Over the past few weeks, Grace has worked incredibly hard to develop her skills, thoughtfully choosing her vocabulary and experimenting with different types of sentences and grammar. What is especially lovely to see is how proud she is of what she's producing, even copying up parts so she can share it with people at home! Her dedication and enthusiasm for improving her writing makes her shine in our English lessons. Well done, Grace!

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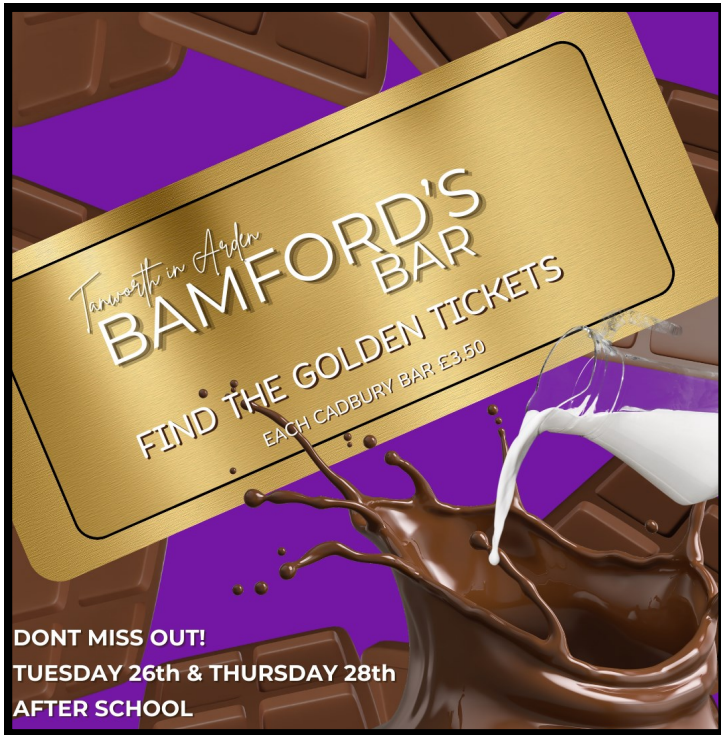
TANWORTH PTA



IT'S TONIGHT FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Market and Light Switch on where we have teamed up with The Church to bring you a community celebration! Bring family and friends and let's celebrate the beginning of the festive period! Thank you in advance for your support!

Friday 29th 3.30pm-7pm Thank you



Golden Ticket winner
Rex

Golden Ticket winner
Jack



TANWORTH IN ARDEN
CHRISTMAS MARKET
⊗ LIGHT SWITCH ON

3.30PM SCHOOL BAND ⊗ CHOIR
5PM CHURCH BELL RINGING
5.30PM LIGHT SWITCH ON
6PM UPLIFTED PUPPET SHOW

BOTTLE TOMBOLA		LETS GLOW FACEPAINTING
SWEET/TOY TOMBOLA		KRAFTED BY KELLY T
NAME THE ELF		PRELOVED KNITS AND STITCHES
BAMFORD BARS		WOODIES CAKES
TEACHERS STALLS		PINKS FLORIST ⊗ WREATHS
TANWORTH IN ARDEN GIN		SWEETS ⊗ TREATS BY VICTORIA
		HELEN HAWKES HONEY
		BRWYN FUNDRAISER FOR KENYA EXPEDITION

SAUSAGES/BURGERS £3.50

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AUTUMN TERM

SPRING TERM

Wednesday 4th December Reception Christmas play 9.30am
 Thursday 5th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm
 Friday 6th December PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop
 Tuesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm
 Wednesday 11th December KS1 Christmas Play 5.30pm
 Thursday 12th December Y5 Cadbury World
 Friday 13th December Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
 Monday 16th December School visit to pantomime
 Tuesday 17th December Nursery Christmas Craft event pm (TBC)
 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

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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Half Term	Days
1	40
2	35
3	30
4	35
5	19
6	36
Total	195

	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



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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TANWORTH – IN – ARDEN TENNIS CLUB

Crowdfunding to carry out necessary court resurfacing

Tanworth-in-Arden Tennis Club need to raise at least £15,000 from 100 people or more to secure match funding from Sport England.

These vital improvements form part of a longer-term project to reinvigorate the Club and ensure this is a thriving community hub for the Village and surrounding area.

The crowdfunding link will be live from **19th November** and **will be open for 4 weeks**. Please scan the QR code below or enter the URL to donate – any contributions would be welcome!

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/tanworth-in-arden-tennis-club>



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Please see below a letter from Stratford Climate Action/Stratford Net Zero

To all the children of Stratford upon Avon,

I need your help!

After years making toys, the world is so full of them that I'd like to use my magic to help us share them, instead of just making more.

So, in the first week of December, I need you to do a very important job. Please find some things you no longer play with and take them to a charity shop where my elves and I will collect them. Then, on Christmas eve when I visit your house, I can include some things that other children have loved and that I think you will love too.

If we all share what we have, we'll make the world a better place - but I can't do it without you... Will you help me?

Love from,
Circular Santa



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