



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

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

6th March 2026

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, Year 4 had their Ancient Egyptian workshop. The children made such an effort to look the part and there were Egyptian pharaohs, mummies, queens and kings in our classroom for the day! The children took part in so many exciting activities such as dress-up, puzzle solving, playing authentic Ancient Egyptian games, writing like a scribe, hunting with bows and arrows and even saw a mummification re-enactment! They had a fantastic day and Rhi, the workshop leader, said that the children's behaviour was amazing! Well done, Year 4. *Miss Hodges*



In other news this week:

A big thank you to Gracie B's (Year 4) Dad at SkateHut for donating new equipment for our OPAL play provision. Nursery and Reception will have new balance bikes, the whole school will have more scooters to use at playtimes and new outdoor games like spikeball, slingers and frisbees have also been donated ready to use. We really appreciate the generosity and the children will be super excited to use them all! They will be out on our OPAL days soon!

On Monday, the school PTA held their Annual General Meeting (AGM). Details from the end-of-year report, including both the Chair's and Treasurer's reports, can be found on the school website under the PTA tab. We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising such a wide variety of fundraising events for our school community. These events raise additional funds that help us to enrich the experiences we can offer the children.

As school budgets become tighter each year, the money raised by the PTA through your generous support and donations really does make a difference. It enables us to provide opportunities, resources and experiences for the children that would not otherwise be possible.

On Tuesday, our Curriculum Governor, Catherine Vanderson, spent time in school meeting with Miss Evens and Miss Wilding looking at pupils' books to review the progress being made in writing as part of our School Improvement Plan priorities. It was encouraging to see clear evidence of pupils developing their writing skills over time, with teachers making thoughtful adaptations to support different learners. These included tailored scaffolding, targeted feedback and opportunities for pupils to practise and apply their writing skills. The visit also helped to identify next steps, including a continued focus on handwriting, correct letter formation and joins, to further strengthen pupils' presentation and fluency in writing. Governor visits such as this enable the governing body to see first-hand how school improvement priorities are being implemented and to support the school in its ongoing development.

Finally, two huge 'thank yous' to you. One for all of your fantastic efforts with the World Book Day costumes all of the children looked amazing with such a wide variety of creative and interesting adjectives on display and secondly for all of the donations today for the Mother's Day Shop. We really do appreciate your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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Exciting progress on our new Sensory Garden!

This week our Eco Warriors were incredibly excited to begin mapping out the space for our new Sensory Garden. Armed with bamboo canes, they carefully marked out where the sensory footpath will weave through the garden, where plants will grow and where children will be able to sit quietly and enjoy the space.

We are very grateful to have already received our first donations, including:

- A beautiful rocking bench
- Bark chip for the sensory pathway
- Soil and herbs ready for planting
- Log slices that will become stepping rounds



A huge thank you to **Tops Garden Centre** for their generous support in helping us get started. We also have pallet planters and a bug hotel currently being made, which will help encourage wildlife and support biodiversity across our school grounds.

This project sits alongside improvements to our Prayer Garden and forms part of our wider work to enhance our outdoor spaces, strengthen our OPAL play offer and support our Sustainability Climate Action Plan by increasing biodiversity in the school grounds.

Our Eco Warriors are now busy planning the next stage, but we would still be incredibly grateful for any donations from our school community or local businesses.

We are particularly looking for:

- Plants (perennials or sensory plants such as lavender, mint, rosemary, thyme or ornamental grasses)
- Large plant pots or planters
- Log slices or timber offcuts
- Bug hotel materials (bamboo canes, pinecones, twigs or pallets)
- Wind chimes or outdoor sensory decorations
- Old CDs for reflective displays
- Clean tin cans
- Pony beads
- Compost or topsoil
- Outdoor seating or small tables



Every contribution, big or small, will help us create a calm, sensory-rich space for children to enjoy while also supporting wildlife and biodiversity.

If you or a local business would like to help, please contact the school office.

Thank you again to everyone who has already supported this project — we can't wait to see the garden grow! Mrs Hoskins



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Smartphone Free Childhood

After my email last week about the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, I am pleased to share that we now have 27 families signed up to the pact and are currently joint 16th on the leader board for Warwickshire Primary Schools. If you would like to join then please visit <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/> These are the year groups and the number of parents that have currently signed the pact.

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

Why is this important? Here are some of the facts:

74% of girls who got their smart phone at aged 6 had mental health issues as adults, compared to 46% who got them at 18.

Among children aged 8-17 who are bullied, 8 in 10 experience it through a device.

The average time UK teens spend on their smartphones is the equivalent to a full time job (35 hours).

51% of UK children aged 11-13 have seen pornography, mostly unintentionally.

There are more alarming facts on the Smartphone Free Childhood website, so please take a look.

CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM

Friday 13th March Mother's Day Shop £2.50
 Friday 20th March Red Nose Day (wear PJs to school)
 Monday 23rd March Understanding Christianity week in school
 Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade 1.15pm
 Friday 27th March PTA Cake sale (donations welcome)
 Friday 27th March Easter Service in Church 2.00pm
 Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

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 Class photographs
 Friday 22nd May break up half-term
 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 Whole 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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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NAMES

Year 1:

Isla is an absolutely amazing young lady who brings sunshine into the classroom every single day. She is consistently kind and thoughtful, always ready to help her classmates and include others in games and activities. Isla listens carefully, follows the school rules beautifully, and shows great respect for her teachers and friends. Her positive attitude, lovely manners, and willingness to try her best in everything she does make her a true role model. Isla is a joy to have in class, and her warm smile and caring nature make our classroom a happier place for everyone.

Iver has shown great determination and is starting to make wonderful progress with his handwriting. He is putting in a great deal of effort to improve the way he forms his letters, carefully practising and taking his time to get them just right. It is clear that he wants to do well, and his positive attitude towards improving is something to be very proud of. He even practices in cool and asks friends for help when necessary. If Iver keeps trying hard and continues to focus on forming each letter correctly, he will soon be able to write all of his letters beautifully and with confidence. Keep up the fantastic effort, Iver!

Year 2:

I have chosen **Joshua** for effort and achievement because he has shown wonderful growth in his maturity towards learning this year. He is beginning to understand the importance of quality over quantity, taking care not to rush his work and instead focusing on producing his very best. In English, Joshua has made lots of progress in now being able to edit his work thoughtfully and taking the time to carefully consider and develop his ideas. His increased focus and pride in his learning have become very noticeable in the classroom. Well done, Joshua! Keep it up.

Poppy is a wonderful role model for positive behaviour and excellent manners. She approaches school life with a big smile on her face, whether she is demonstrating positive learning behaviours or communicating with her peers. Poppy has a calm and caring presence that makes her a joy to be around and she consistently shows kindness and respect to everyone. She is always polite, thoughtfully remembering to say "thank you" to both adults and friends. Poppy's warm and considerate nature truly shines every day. Well done, Poppy!

Year 3:

Reggie really could win this every week. He is such a delight to have in Year 3. He brings a little sparkle to our classroom every day. He always shows beautiful manners and respect to everyone around him. What makes me especially proud is Reggie's learning behaviour. He shows real perseverance and determination every single day and genuinely tries his very best, even when something feels tricky. That determination is really paying off, Reggie is now reading books on Accelerated Reader, which is a fantastic achievement for him. I am incredibly proud of how far he has come. Well done, Reggie!

Celeste's writing is an absolute joy to read. It is filled with fantastic vocabulary, ambitious adverbs and beautifully thought-out sentences. She follows her plan carefully and always writes with such purpose and control. Celeste has a lovely turn of phrase and often chooses words that truly elevate her work. I genuinely look forward to reading her writing because I know I am going to be blown away every single time. Well done Celeste! I can't wait to read what you write next!

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Year 4:

Archer has been chosen this week for the effort and achievement award for the brilliant curiosity and growing independence he is showing in his learning. During our recent history workshop, he asked such thoughtful questions that really got everyone thinking and showed how keen he is to understand things more deeply. Archer is becoming much more confident working independently in lessons and is starting to really trust his own ideas. In English, he has amazed us with his vocabulary and imaginative descriptions, including trees that “stood straight like toothpicks,” which painted such a clear picture for the reader. It has been wonderful to see his enthusiasm and confidence grow. Well done, Archer!

Penny has been chosen this week for the behaviour and manners award for the fantastic example she sets every single day. She is always ready to learn, making sure her equipment is organised and prepared so she can get started straight away. Penny approaches each lesson with focus and a positive attitude, showing that she is eager to do her very best. She is a wonderful role model for respect, consistently listening carefully, following expectations and treating everyone around her with kindness. Penny’s responsible and thoughtful approach makes a real difference in our classroom. Well done, Penny!

Year 5:

Gwen has been recognised for her wonderful behaviour and excellent manners. On several occasions, she has been seen going out of her way to help and support others, consistently showing her kind and caring nature. What makes this even more special is that she does it not for praise or recognition, but simply because she notices when someone needs a helping hand. Gwen has also been chosen for her fantastic work ethic and commendable learning behaviours. She is incredibly responsible and never needs reminding about work she needs to complete or catch up on. If she attends a music lesson or any learning outside the classroom, she is conscientious about ensuring she does not fall behind and always completes her work. Gwen puts 100% effort into every lesson and is a wonderful role model to others. Keep it up, Gwen, I am are very proud of you!

Theo has been chosen for this certificate in recognition of both his excellent effort and growing attainment. Last week, his enthusiasm for English was a joy to see! As we have been learning how to write persuasive hotel adverts inspired by our class text, Theo has truly shone. I have never seen him enjoy his work so much. He has worked incredibly hard on crafting descriptive sentences and confidently using persuasive devices, showing a real talent in this area. It has been wonderful to see him feel proud of his writing, eager to read it aloud and share it with the class. Alongside this, Theo has also been putting great effort into his formal multiplication and short division in maths. His focus has been brilliant, and he is trying so hard to improve. Keep it up Theo, you are making fantastic progress and should be very proud of yourself!

Year 6:

Ollie’s beautiful manners go far beyond saying “please” and “thank you” (although he does that without fail!) He is genuinely courteous, thoughtful and aware of the people around him. He’ll quietly hold doors open, offer to hand out books, carry something for someone who is struggling or help to tidy up at the end of a lesson, simply because he wants to make life a little easier and more pleasant for others. Ollie also has a very big heart; he is often the first to offer kind words and reassurance if someone is feeling sad or self-conscious and he cheers on his classmates so they feel valued and supported. In all of these ways, Ollie leads by example and is a wonderful role model to his peers and the younger children. Well done, Ollie!

Veeran brings a wonderful enthusiasm to every lesson because he has a genuine thirst for learning. He is always eager to know more and to take on more, approaching new challenges with a positive attitude. What has been especially impressive over the last few weeks is the maturity Veeran is showing in response to feedback and advice. He is developing a keen eye for detail, taking pride in his presentation, improving the accuracy of his grammar and punctuation and carefully checking back over his work to edit and correct it. This growing care and thoughtfulness are lovely to see and the quality of his work is increasingly reflecting his fantastic potential. Well done, Veeran!

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)
 Secondary School Induction Day



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