



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

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

7th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Following our public consultation on admission arrangements, the Governing Board of our school has decided to remove attendance at church as a criterion from our admission policies from September 2026. We had 3 responses to the consultation which were carefully considered by Governors. The governors decided that the changes proposed in the consultation should be adopted.

The governors wish to reassure the school community that removing church attendance criteria from the admission process is entirely separate from, and does not change, the Christian foundation and ethos of the school. Our mission statement: 'In God's family learning, loving, growing to be our very best' based on John 10:10, and our stated Christian values, will continue to underpin school life at Tanworth. [Christian Mission Vision and Values](#)

Our Vision and Values shone through today in our Friday Open the Book service in Church led by Year 2. The children retold the Bible story of Joseph and how he showed perseverance to follow God and save others including his brothers. The children did a wonderful job bringing the story to life for us all. I was not able to attend today but Mr Fidler tells me that Year 2 did a fantastic job and were well supported by lots of family members, so thank you.

On Thursday this week the KS2 children joined with Young Voices across the world singing a medley of Bob Marley songs to celebrate what would have been Bob Marley's 80th birthday. The specially arranged selection of Bob Marley's greatest hits included "One Love," "Jamming'," "Three Little Birds,". The singing was led by an 8,000-strong choir live from Co-op Live in Manchester and celebrated Marley's legacy of love, unity, and peace. Thank you to Mr Fidler for arranging for the children of Tanworth to be part of this event.

This week I have a special mention to Ffion in Year 1, who proudly brought me her 200m swimming certificate and badge for me to have a look at. Well done to Ffion, this is a great achievement.



Next week we have our Spring Parents meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. If you are attending virtually on Thursday, you will receive a Teams invite from your child's class teacher. If you have not managed to book an appointment please call the school office who arrange a time for you.

With only one school week left before the February half-term break, don't forget that Onside will be running an activity club here on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Bookings can be made direct with Onside at <https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/>.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

Headteacher

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA

Valentines Treat Friday 14th February after school!

For our first one back we are selling donuts!

£1 cash only please

AGM Monday 24th Feb 7pm at School. Please do come along to share ideas and set out plans for the year ahead.

We also want to ask for any artistic parents, family and friends that could help create a fun mural for our new library space! We want somewhere inspiring and feel art will bring the library to life! Please email us if you can help or have any recommendations at

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Reception

Eva- Eva has blown our socks off with her wonderful sunny learning the last few weeks. She is putting so much effort into all of her work, not only during whole class learning, but during COOL too. Eva is always busy in the Reception environment and always strives to do her best, putting a great deal of care into every piece of work. After learning about the UK this week, Eva spent all afternoon carefully colouring in a Union Jack flag and looking at what colours she needed to use for each section. Keep up the amazing work, Eva. Well done!

Maisie- Maisie is such a kind and caring member of our class who looks out for everyone around her. She is very thoughtful, and always shares and includes everyone in her play. Maisie is a joy to teach with her positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. She also has wonderful manners, not only towards adults, but her peers too. You are such a super member of Reception class, Maisie. Keep shining!

Year 1

Eleanor- Well done to Eleanor who this week has retold our class story 'Lost and Found'. She has used some adjectives, extended sentences and really found her story teller voice. The class really enjoyed hearing her work read out loud in class and agreed it was a super retell! She has worked extremely hard and independently to produce a wonderful story and what was also really nice to see is that Eleanor herself was proud of her work. Well done Eleanor, we look forward to seeing what you will produce next.

Thomas- Thomas is a friendly fun-loving member of Year 1. He is always enthusiastic about school activities and is thoughtful and kind during our class PSHE and topic discussions. Thomas is very clear about how people's actions can have a positive and negative effect on the feelings of others and tries his best to always make good choices in the classroom and outside on the playground. He is a good role model to his friends because he is kind and thoughtful. Our playground is a better place because of Thomas.

Year 2

Henry- This certificate is awarded to Henry in recognition of his behaviour and manners. Henry has demonstrated a positive attitude towards his learning, showing perseverance and resilience even when faced with challenges. He is a wonderful role model in Year 2, showing kindness and compassion towards his peers, and creating a welcoming, supportive atmosphere in the classroom. His big smile and positive energy bring joy to everyone around him, including both peers and adults. Keep shining your positive light, Henry!

George- This certificate is awarded to George in recognition of his exceptional effort and achievement in English. George has shown remarkable dedication and hard work, particularly in his descriptive writing on 'The Storm Whale'. He also continues to try his best in all of our subjects, facing new challenges with a positive attitude and determination. Believe in yourself, like I believe in you George! Well done

Year 3

Aubrey- Aubrey has been specially chosen for her outstanding behaviour and exemplary manners. She is a true ray of sunshine in our school community, always bringing warmth, kindness, and positivity to those around her. Her bright smile lights up every room she enters, and her cheerful nature never fails to uplift her friends, peers, and staff alike. Her positive attitude and hard work are a shining example to everyone, making her a much-loved and valued member of our school. We are incredibly proud of all that Aubrey has achieved, and we know she will continue to grow and succeed in everything she does. Well done, Aubrey! Keep shining bright—you make our school a better place!

Nate- Nate has been chosen for his fantastic attainment in maths last week, a subject that he has sometimes found challenging. However, through perseverance and hard work, Nate had an incredible breakthrough last week when he grasped the concept of division by partitioning. It was a true lightbulb moment. Seeing the pride on Nate's face when he realised he had mastered the method was absolutely heart-warming. His determination and willingness to keep trying, even when things felt difficult, are a testament to his resilience and positive attitude towards learning. Well done, Nate! Keep up the amazing work—you've shown that with persistence, you can achieve great things!

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Year 4

Theo – I have chosen Theo for his effort and progress in all lessons but particularly his maths work more recently. Theo has come on massively in his both his confidence and ability in maths and this is all due to the resilient, positive and hard-working mindset he is putting into each of his lessons. When Theo finds something hard, he no longer thinks that he cannot do it but instead he will find ways to ensure he can do it and dedicates time to learning methods and using helpful tools to access all the learning. He blew me away with his independence in our perimeter lesson as he was able to add all the sides of the shape together and get every answer right! Well done, Theo. Keep going!

Hollie – I have chosen Hollie for the beautiful behaviour and manners I see day in and day out from her. Hollie is such an optimistic, enthusiastic and supportive member of the classroom and she radiates this positive energy across our classroom daily. She is always looking forward to learning and tries her best in everything that we do. I have particularly chosen Hollie this week for the kind and caring way in which she treats others. Hollie's optimism and positivity stretches further than herself as she can often be heard encouraging, supporting and helping others be that in class or on the playground. She ensures nobody is left out and makes everyone feel welcome. Keep this up, Hollie!

Year 5

Elody- Elody could have been chosen for this award each week. I thought I would see if she can keep this up for more than a term and she definitely proved herself right. Elody is so kind and has a calming aura about her. She listens to instruction and always respectfully shows me that she is willing and ready to learn. She listens to feedback and works on improving herself and remembering point we spoke about previously, as to not make the same mistake again. Elody is always grateful of any support I give and shows her lovely manners by thanking me. She is a pleasure to teach and a wonderful member of class 5.

Caleb- have chosen Caleb for his focus and effort in our current writing topic. It has been lovely to see Caleb really invested in a current persuasive piece on Mount Everest. He stood out in particular in our class carousel lesson, where the children could go around the room and cherry pick the information from posters we created from research. Some children took this as an opportunity to have a chat with friends and follow their friends around but Caleb did not. He was completely focussed on the task in hand. He has also been taking it upon himself to better his handwriting and presentation and I have noticed how proud he is becoming of his work and so he should be. Keep up the effort Caleb, it is having a huge impact on your learning.

Year 6

Imogen—I am so proud to have Imogen in my class! She is such a conscientious, caring and kind person, who consistently goes out of her way to set a good example to the younger children and support and help her peers. Her behaviour, learning behaviours and manners are truly exemplary – I don't think there has been a single lesson, let alone day, where Imogen has not tried her best, been focused and attentive and thought carefully about her learning. She could not possibly give anymore and her positive and respectful attitude is inspiring. Well done, Imogen!

George- George has just come alive this half term as we've begun our new topic on World War II. He is incredibly passionate about this period of history and has been wowing us all with his knowledge, sharing interesting facts in class discussion. What is especially lovely is that this enthusiasm is coming through in his written work too – he is taking such care and making such effort in both his English and history work, working hard to improve his handwriting and include extra detail. Keep it up George and you'll continue to make great progress!

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NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery our focus has been 'Children's Mental Health' week. Our story of the week has been 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. This gave the children the perfect opportunity to share their feelings. Our main focus remained around what makes us happy. Throughout the week we shared lots of group time talking about the things which made us feel happy. We also took part in lots of activities which make us feel happy, painting to music, squishing play dough, running in the wind and reading lots and lots of stories.



The PTA have 16 Bamford bars left that have been rebranded for Valentine's Day and are being sold exclusively in Nursery - £3.50 each. There are 4 hidden prizes (3x little dots vouchers and 1 x deli voucher). Please let the Nursery know if you would like to purchase one.

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person) 3.30pm –7.00pm
 Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual) 3.45pm -5.45pm
 Friday 14th February Values Service in Church
 Friday 14th February PTA Friday treat donuts £1.00
 Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term
 Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children
 Monday 24th February 7pm PTA AGM 7pm in the school hall
 Friday 11th April Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC)
 Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter

SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open
 Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed
 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week
 Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term
 Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open
 Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Condoover
 Friday 18th July School and Nursery close for summer holiday
 Monday 21st July School and Nursery closed teacher training day

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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

■ Secondary School Induction Day

School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training.

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