



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

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

7th November 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had enjoyable half-term breaks and that your children are all rested and ready for the half-term ahead. Every half-term is busy, but this one being the Christmas one is always extra busy. Miss Evens even commented that it is only 4 weeks until the Reception Christmas play! We have been sharing the dates of all of the Christmas events on the newsletters so please remember to take a look.

On Monday in assembly I reminded the children of our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe and the importance of following these at all times not just in the classroom when learning. We discussed the importance of walking in school and how we ensure that we are following the rules to ensure the school is a safe place for everyone. We have all had a reset and are all trying really hard to adhere to the rules, even when we are eager to go out to play, in the corridors and in the cloakrooms. You can find a copy of the slideshow about our school rules on the website.

This week has been Remembrance Week in school with all the children engaging in learning activities about Remembrance Day and the importance of remembering. Year 6 children joined with their Reception Buddy to write Remembrance Prayers and Reception have made their own collage poppies.

Next week the Year 6 children will be leading a short service on 11th November. Traditionally this has been on The Green by the war memorial, however this year we will be holding the service in the Church. The service will start at 10.50am with Year 6 children reading poems and prayers that they have written. We will then all observe a 2 minute silence. During the service the names of all of the Tanworth members of the armed forces who lost their lives in battle will be read out. Parents and villagers are most welcome to attend this short service.

On Thursday we had a visit from the MAT CEO, Adam Walsh and an Educational Consultant, Tim Neilson, who carried out a Teaching and Learning Review. Adam and Tim spent the day observing lessons across the school and Nursery and chatting to pupils and staff. The focus of the visit this time was very much on the Early Years and writing across the school (two of our key priorities for this academic year). The visit was very positive with Adam and Tim acknowledging the progress we have already made and agreeing that the plans we have for continuous improvement are accurate and align well with expectations. They both commented on the focussed learning behaviours in class, well done everyone.

We are currently looking at our Homework Policy and you should have received an email with a link to a short survey along with a copy of our current Home Learning Policy. We do really appreciate your comments and feedback so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts.

Next week on Friday 14th it is non-school uniform day where the PTA are asking for donations for the pop up Christmas shop. It is also Children in Need Day, which I know the children really enjoy taking part in. Children may wear Pudsey ears etc to school on Friday, and we thought it would be nice to have a cake sale to raise money for Children in Need. We appreciate it is short notice but we would be grateful of donations of individual cakes and biscuits that the children could then buy on Friday morning at break time. Please send any cake donations on Thursday. The School Council will then run the cake sale and count up the money raised. Please remember we are a nut free school, so no cakes or biscuits that contain nuts.



I hope the parents who attended the Year 3 and 4 writing workshop today found the session informative. If you were not able to attend, all of the Information shared will be on the class page of the website. Next week we have writing workshops for Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday and Years 5 and 6 on Thursday. These are opportunities to find out how writing is taught and also complete an activity with your child.

Finally, there is important information about attendance and requests for term time absence on the reverse of this newsletter.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

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The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

DIGITAL SAFETY

As part of our Digital Safeguarding subscription with Warwickshire ICT our parents can get access to the Online Safety Hub: <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

In addition to access to the website, Smoothwall also host a parent Digital Safeguarding Workshop.

The workshop is on Monday 10th November 7pm-8pm and you can access the event

<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgiu-fbj?pli=1>



smoothwall
by Qoria

FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.

Mon 10th
NOVEMBER 7pm-8pm



Speaker
LYNDSEY VAUGHTON
Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)
Smoothwall



Access the event here:

<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgiu-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA



We hope you had a lovely half term and now we are counting down to Christmas!

Friday 14th is Non School Uniform! Please bring in gift donations for our Christmas Shop!

We are also excited to share “Tanworth Tinseltown” our Christmas fete this year will be celebrated in school on 28th November after school!

We hope to see you all there!



There are still a few places left at the wreath making workshop on Thursday 4th December in the school hall.

Please see attached flyer for further details. Georgina

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NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we enjoyed welcoming the children back from half term and hearing all about their adventures from the previous week. Our focus this week has been fireworks and the children have spent lots of time mark making in lots of different ways to create their own fireworks. They have used chalk, paint and have even been creating large scale fireworks using powder paint and brooms out in the garden. They have also enjoyed lots of potion making activities, including their own drinkable fruity potions. The Nursery Team.



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You're Invited to

TANWORTH IN ARDEN PRIMARY
SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA'S

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



@ TANWORTH IN ARDEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIME: 6.30 - 8.30 PM
COST: £45PP

Kick off the festive season with an evening of creativity and cheer!
Join us and Tina from Oasis Flowers & Balloons for a night of
wreath-making with refreshments, mince pies, and plenty of
festive spirit – all while raising funds for our school.

Book your place by emailing: pta3311@welearn365.com

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TANWORTH TINSELTOWN

• FRIDAY 28TH NOV • 3.15PM-5PM •

**CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FETE
in our School Hall & Classrooms**

**LOTS OF FUN STALLS THIS YEAR INCLUDING SOME HOSTED BY EACH
YEAR GROUP, YOUNG ENTERPRISE, TOMBOLA & REFRESHMENTS &
EXTERNAL BUSINESS STALLS**

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AUTUMN TERM 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

Tuesday 11th November Remembrance Service **(in the Church) 10.50am**
 Wednesday 12th November Writing workshop for parents Year 1 and Year 2 9.15 am
 Thursday 13th November Writing workshop for parents Year 5 and Year 6 9.15am
 Friday 14th November Non-school uniform and Children in Need
 Friday 14th November Cake Sale for Children in Need at break time
 Tuesday 18th November Reception—Yr 6 Flu immunisation
 Wednesday 19th November Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights
 Monday 21st November Home Learning in
 Monday 24th November Home Learning gallery 3.15-3.45
 Tuesday 25th November Home Learning gallery 8.30-9.00
 Friday 28th November PTA Christmas Tinsel Town Event 3.15-5.00
 Tuesday 2nd December Year 4 trip to Bishops Wood
 Wednesday 3rd December Reception Christmas play 9.30am
 Thursday 4th December Reception Christmas play 2.00pm
 Thursday 4th December PTA wreath making event 6.30pm
 Tuesday 9th December KS1 Christmas play 1.30pm
 Wednesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
 Wednesday 10th December Nursery Christmas Craft pm
 Thursday 11th December Year 5 visit to Cadbury World
 Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Shop
 Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day
 Wednesday 17th December KS2 Carol Concert
 Thursday 18th December Whole School visit to pantomime
 Friday 19th December Christmas Service in Church led by Year 3 2.00pm
 Friday 19th December School breaks up for Christmas 3.15pm

Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open
 Tuesday 10th February Parents Evening
 Thursday 12th February Parents Evening
 Friday 13th February break up for half-term
 Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term
 Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins
 Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service
 Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

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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



School and Nursery will be closed on: Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 5th January 2026 and Monday 1st June 2026 for Teacher Training

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