



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

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

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to share some of the many activities that have taken place behind the scenes and celebrate the opportunities our children have enjoyed. This week has involved a number of important meetings focused on ensuring that Tanworth continues to provide the very best education, support and environment for our pupils.

On Monday, I met with our Targeted Support Officer for Attendance alongside the Chair of Governors. This forms part of a termly review meeting where we look closely at attendance across the school, discuss attendance patterns and consider strategies and support that can help children and families improve attendance. Regular attendance is crucial in helping children achieve their full potential, and these meetings provide an opportunity to ensure that the right support is in place where needed.

On Tuesday, our Health & Safety Governor visited school for her termly monitoring visit. The purpose of this visit is to ensure that our Health & Safety policies and procedures remain up to date and are being implemented effectively. The visit included a walk around the school site to identify any potential areas of concern.

One topic we discussed was the security fencing project. Some of you may remember that in 2025 we were successful in our CIF bid to install security fencing around the school site. This project remains ongoing, and I am hopeful that the revised planning application will be submitted to Stratford District Council shortly. In the meantime, all staff continue to follow enhanced procedures to maintain the security of the site and ensure the safety of everyone within our school community.

On Wednesday, Miss Evens, the Chair of Governors and I attended our termly School Effectiveness Review with Adam Walsh (CEO), Nick Moon and Tim Nelson. This important meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made during the last academic year, scrutinise our self-evaluation and discuss our priorities for the year ahead. It was a valuable opportunity to celebrate the many strengths of our school whilst ensuring we remain ambitious in our plans for continuous improvement.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 pupils to Stratford-upon-Avon, where they took part in Bell Boating. This enrichment activity was introduced last year and has quickly become a favourite. It encourages children to step outside their comfort zones, try something new and develop teamwork, resilience and communication skills. The pupils represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A huge thank you goes to Andy Train, our Bell Boating instructor, for leading such an enjoyable and rewarding session.

Finally, today I attended training on Martyn's Law. This legislation aims to strengthen public safety and security by improving preparedness and protective measures across organisations and venues. The training provided valuable insight into our responsibilities as a school and will help inform our ongoing work to keep our community safe.

It has certainly been a very busy week, but one filled with opportunities to strengthen our school, support our families and provide enriching experiences for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Year 1:

Georgia: This young mathematician has truly blown me away with her fantastic attitude towards maths. She approaches every task carefully and methodically, always taking pride in presenting her work neatly and accurately. I have been particularly impressed with her confidence in writing numbers to 10 both forwards and backwards, demonstrating a secure understanding of number sequences. Her determination, focus, and enthusiasm for learning make her a wonderful role model in our classroom, and she should be very proud of the progress she has made.

Jack is an absolute delight to teach and a wonderful member of our class. He always makes excellent choices throughout the school day, follows our school rules, and treats everyone around him with kindness and respect. His polite manners, caring nature, and positive attitude make him a fantastic role model for his peers. He approaches every day with enthusiasm and a smile, and his considerate behaviour helps make our classroom a happier place. Quite simply, if I could fill a whole class with Jacks, I absolutely would! He should be incredibly proud of the example he sets for others.

Year 2:

Matilda has shown fantastic effort and achievement in her English work, particularly when writing her character description of Sid from Six Dinner Sid. She worked hard to make her writing interesting and detailed, using expanded noun phrases to describe Sid and using and to join her ideas. She also challenged herself to use because to explain why Sid behaves the way he does, showing a really good understanding of his character. Matilda should be very proud of the effort she has put into her writing and the progress she is making.

Edith is an absolute delight to have in class. She consistently makes excellent choices and can always be relied upon to do the right thing, showing kindness, respect and wonderful manners every day. She is an excellent role model to others and sets such a positive example through both her behaviour and attitude. It has been a real pleasure getting to know Edith over the past few weeks, and she should be incredibly proud of the way she conducts herself in school.

Year 3:

In Year 3 **John** has shown fantastic effort and achievement in his work. He has demonstrated excellent presentation skills, making sure that his work is within the margin and showing his beautiful letter formation. I have noticed, particularly in maths his determination to always challenge himself by the effort and focus he has in the lesson to answer reasoning and problem-solving questions. His determination has helped him to make excellent progress and show adults what he is capable of. Well done and keep up the hard work, John.

Ivy always shows excellent behaviour and manners. She treats everyone with respect and is always thoughtful towards others. She uses her lovely manners, listens carefully and is polite and considerate to both adults and her friends. She is a fantastic role model because she understands the importance of following our school rules. Her positive attitude helps to make our classroom a happy and welcoming place for everyone. Keep shining and showing others how wonderful it is to treat people with kindness and respect!

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Year 4:

Harrison is a pleasure to teach. He is a fantastic role model to his peers. Even though he has gained this award for his effort and achievement, his behaviour and manners are impeccable. He helps his friends at any given opportunity and looks after others selflessly. Every single piece of work Harrison produces, is his best. He presents his work perfectly as his cursive handwriting is wonderful. Not only is his work presented well, the sentences and explanations he gives are outstanding and thoughtful. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching Harrison and I hope he continues to shine throughout his time in Year 4.

Ava is a fantastic member of our class. She always has lovely manners and is consistently a good friend to others. She is kind as well as caring. She is a great role model for her peers. When others are upset, she comforts them and she is always making sure to make others feel included. She has made me feel very welcome and is keen to learn every day. She is an absolute joy to have in the classroom and I'm sure she will continue to demonstrate her kind and respectable manners throughout her time in Year 4 and beyond.

Year 5:

Corey has been awarded this certificate for his fantastic effort and attainment. He is always focused and determined in his learning, ignoring distractions around him and putting his full effort into every task. Corey manages his time exceptionally well, ensuring that he completes his work within the given time frame. Corey's understanding of the concepts we have covered so far are strong due to the practise that he gets during our lessons. He consistently tries his best across all areas of the curriculum, but what makes Corey particularly stand out is his beautiful presentation. He takes great pride in his work, producing work that not only reflects his ability but that is also neat and beautifully presented. Well done, Corey!

Luke is an absolute delight to teach and truly deserves this certificate for his wonderful behaviour and impeccable manners. He consistently looks for opportunities to help others and is the only child in our class who regularly notices when I need a helping hand and offers his assistance at exactly the right moment. Luke is always ready to learn, making sure he has the equipment he needs and is prepared for every lesson. He is respectful and considerate towards both adults and his classmates, always listening carefully and setting a fantastic example to others. He even reminds those around him of what they should be doing, but always in such a kind and thoughtful way. His manners are exceptional; he never fails to say thank you for anything he is given or any help he receives. Luke is a wonderful role model and a pleasure to have in our classroom, he could quite honestly receive this certificate every single week!

Year 6:

Alex is receiving this certificate for the fantastic care, determination and pride he showed whilst creating a piece of artwork inspired by the artist, Sean Briggs. Alex took his time, working slowly and carefully to ensure every detail was just right. He thoughtfully studied the artist's original work, paying close attention to the shading techniques they used and then applied methods such as cross-hatching and weaving to his own sketch. The finished piece is beautiful but what has impressed me most is the perseverance and dedication Alex showed from start to finish. It has been wonderful to see how proud he is and even better to see this same level of care and attention beginning to shine through in other areas of his learning as well. Well done, Alex!

Ophelia is being celebrated for the exceptional attitude she displayed during our school trip last week. Whilst she was polite, friendly and respectful to everyone she met throughout the day, what really stood out was her enthusiasm for learning. During our time with the Forestry England guides, Ophelia listened with great attention and showed a genuine interest in everything that was being shared. She asked thoughtful, sophisticated questions that demonstrated not only how carefully she had been listening, but also the depth of her thinking. It was lovely to see her showing such appreciation for the experience and engaging so positively. Ophelia was a wonderful ambassador for our school and she should be very proud of herself. Well done, Ophelia!

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GOOD NEWS

NURSERY STAFF BECOME COMMUNICATION CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Jade Wheildon (Nursery Manager) and Louise Stephens (Deputy Manager) from our Nursery team, who have successfully completed the Time to Talk training programme and are now recognised as Communication Champions. This specialist training will further strengthen our support for children's speech, language and communication development, helping to ensure every child is given the best possible start to their learning journey. We are proud of their commitment to professional development and the positive impact this will have on our youngest learners

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHLOE

Well done to Chloe who competed at the Birmingham & Solihull Gymnastics Championships last week and won a gold team medal and a silver individual medal.

Chloe's Mum told us that Chloe was very nervous but is now really proud of herself.

Mum and Dad are also really proud of her, as are we.



WELL DONE JETHRO

We would also like to say 'well done' to Jethro (one of our parents) who last week was awarded the top performer at the Property Investors Network.



Share Your Good News!

We love celebrating success in our school community. If your child or a family member has an achievement, award, sporting success or other special news to share, please let the school office know so we can include it in a future newsletter.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Autumn 1

Monday 5th October Year 3 Prehistoric Day
Thursday 8th October flu immunisation Rec—Yr 6
Friday 9th October Harvest Service in Church at 9.10am led by Year 4
Monday 12th October PTA meeting 7pm in The Bell—all welcome!
Tuesday 20th October Parents Meetings
Thursday 22nd October Parents Meetings
Thursday 22nd October Children break up for half-term
Friday 23rd October School & Nursery closed Teacher Training

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November School & Nursery open
Wednesday 2nd December Reception Nativity am
Thursday 3rd December Reception Nativity pm
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play am
Thursday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm
Tuesday 15th December Pantomime
Wednesday 16th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Wednesday 16th December KS2 Carol Service in Church (evening)
Friday 18th December School & Nursery break up or Christmas
Monday 4th January School and Nursery closed for teacher training
Tuesday 5th January School and Nursery open for children

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27

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

Secondary School Induction Day

Warwickshire
County Council

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School and Nursery will also be closed on: Friday 23rd October 2026 and Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2027/28

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Leave of absence

Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

The Supreme Court clarified 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 their 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 i.e. 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.

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date 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.