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

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

6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! After returning from the half-term break, we began the week with a call from Ofsted on Monday informing us that inspectors would be visiting on Tuesday and Wednesday. As many of you will know, while we are unable to share the outcome of the inspection at this stage, we hope to receive the final report before Christmas and will, of course, share this with our community as soon as we are able.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the inspection process. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the Ofsted Parent View survey and for the many positive comments shared about our school. It was wonderful to see such strong support for our school community. I would also like to thank those parents who took the time to speak with the inspectors on the playground before school. Our sincere thanks also go to the many families who sent in cakes, biscuits and other treats to keep staff fuelled throughout the week. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated and certainly helped keep spirits high during a busy few days!

A special thank you must go to our children. Throughout the inspection they were, as always, a credit to our school. Pupils met with inspectors to discuss all aspects of school life, including the curriculum, behaviour, safeguarding, opportunities beyond the classroom and their experiences of learning at Tanworth. They spoke confidently, honestly and proudly about their school, and we could not have been prouder of them.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, governors and colleagues from Arden Forest C of E Multi Academy Trust. Whilst inspections focus attention on a particular week, they are really about the work that takes place every day. The commitment, care and hard work shown by everyone involved in our school is what makes Tanworth such a special place to learn and grow.

Alongside the inspection, this week has also been an important week of reflection as we mark Remembrance. Children across the school have spent time learning about the significance of Remembrance Day, reflecting on the sacrifices made by others and considering the values of service, courage and peace. Alongside this week's learning, we will also be gathering as a school community to mark Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. Our Year 6 pupils will be leading a special Remembrance Service in Church, reflecting on the significance of remembrance and honouring those who have served and sacrificed. We would like to warmly invite parents and carers to join us for this short service, which will begin at 10.45am. We look forward to coming together in reflection, gratitude and prayer as a community.



A huge well done to Olivia, who gave up her free time over the weekend to help with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by collecting donations. We are incredibly proud of her commitment to supporting such an important cause and of the kindness, service and community spirit she has shown. Olivia is a wonderful ambassador for our school values.

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On Tuesday evening we were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Reception 2027 Open Evening. It was a pleasure to share our school with so many families considering Tanworth for their child's educational journey. Although we have no further Open Days planned, if you know someone who is looking for a school place then please let them know that we do offer individual tours.

We also held a Reception Phonics Workshop on Thursday morning, led by Miss Evens. Thank you to all the parents who attended. The session provided an opportunity to see how phonics is taught in school and how we develop the early reading and writing skills that form the foundations of children's future learning.

As we move into the remainder of the term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we continue to live out our vision: "In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best."

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Shelley Bamford
Headteacher

PTA NEWS

Thank you for your generous donations for the Tombola!
Our next non school uniform day is Friday 20th November for our popular Christmas Shop gifts! Please donate suitable new and unused gifts for your children to choose for their family members! (Please note we are a nut free school so please ensure any food items do not contain nuts!) Thank you for your support! The PTA

Don't Forget Children in Need 2026



Children in Need Day is on Friday 13th November and our School Council will be organising a fun fundraising challenge for all children to take part in.



This year, we will be holding a "Challenge Yourself Coin Trail" competition. We are asking children to collect and bring in 1p, 2p and 5p coins to add to their class coin trail. On Friday 13th November, each class will build its trail and the class with the longest coin trail will win a special class prize.

All money raised will be donated to Children in Need.

Children are also invited to come to school wearing something spotty and/or bright on the day to help us celebrate and support this fantastic cause.



Please make sure that all coins are sent into school by Friday 13th November so they can be added to your child's class trail. If you would like to make an additional donation, this can also be done via ParentPay.

We are looking forward to seeing which class can create the longest trail



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Charity Night in Aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

Join a fantastic charity evening hosted by Sonia and Dave Whitehouse this February in support of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

This special event forms part of the fundraising efforts of Sonia and Dave as they prepare to take on the London Marathon. Every penny raised will help support seriously ill children and their families through the incredible work of the charity.





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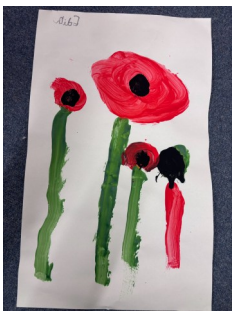
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NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery our focus has been Remembrance. We have taken time to share a remembrance book together and think about the importance of poppies. We have watched the short CBeebies animation 'Poppies' to help us gain a better understanding. We have also enjoyed sharing the story 'Paper dolls' by Julia Donaldson which has a lovely message about memories and remembering. The Nursery Team.








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 2	Spring 1
Friday 13th November Children in Need	Monday 4th January Nursery and school closed for training
Saturday 14th November Cross Country event	Tuesday 5th January Nursery and school reopen
Monday 16th November Year 2 Visit to Warwick	Thursday 11th February PTA Valentines Disco R-Y6
Friday 27th November PTA Christmas Market	Friday 12th February Nursery and school close for half-term
Wednesday 2nd December Reception Nativity am	Monday 22nd February Nursery and school open
Thursday 3rd December Reception Nativity pm	
Friday 4th December Year 4 visit to Bishops Wood	
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play am	
Thursday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm	
Tuesday 15th December Pantomime R-Y6	
Tuesday 15th December Nursery Xmas Craft pm	
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	

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Half Term	Days
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Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	54
Summer Term	67

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

Secondary School Induction Day

Warwickshire County Council

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

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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.

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.

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