



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

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

26th January 2024

Dear Parents,

This week once more the children have joined another live LYFTA lesson. This time the classes went on a virtual adventure to the heart of creativity and innovation...LEGO. The children were all introduced to Wei Wei, the only female certified LEGO professional in the world. The children discovered how she inspires creativity in thousands of children. We also learnt some amazing facts. Did you know that with 7 8x2 Lego bricks that the number of different combinations you can create is infinite? The children also travelled virtually to Shanghai and were immersed in a culture rich with history and modern marvels. Look out for the next LYFTA challenge for children to complete over the half-term break.

Next Tuesday in Celebration Assembly we will be announcing the winners of our last LYFTA challenge. Look out on next week's newsletter for details of the winner.

We are hearing of an increasing number of 'issues' regarding mobile devices i.e. name calling, unkind messages, unkind videos being posted etc. Along with children accessing sites that are not age appropriate. Please remember that if your child has access to a mobile device to monitor their usage and also what sites they are accessing. There is a wealth of information available to parents with detailed guidance on what apps are suitable for different aged children, how to monitor and how to use parent controls to limit access to unsuitable sites. We have National Internet Safety Day in a couple of weeks time so we will be talking to the children about safety online. Here is a link that contains parental guidance to support you <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>.

Our Local Governing Body is due to meet for their 3rd meeting of the academic year on 30th January and are keen to ensure that you know who we all are as we move forwards.

This week, we are introducing Catherine Vanderson, our Curriculum Governor...

Hello! My name is Catherine Vanderson and I'm the Curriculum Governor. I have a daughter in year 3 and my son finished at Tanworth last year and moved on to high school. I've been on the LGB (Local Governing Board) since September 2022 and am enjoying playing a more active part in the school community. I wanted to become a governor because I really care about the children and staff of our school and I felt my background in education could come in handy.

I am a qualified teacher and have taught classes across the primary age range, as well as having worked as a Nursery Nurse. During my time as a class teacher I also took on subject leadership roles in Numeracy and Music and whilst working in the North East I undertook further training in how to provide communication friendly environments Key Stage 1 classrooms. I feel like my past experiences will help me to offer some support to the wonderful work already happening in our school.

My role involves visiting school (once or twice per half term) to meet with staff and discuss different aspects of the teaching and learning that is being delivered. The topics of our discussions are varied and depend on the priorities identified by the School Improvement Plan. I then feed-back a short summary of my visit to the other governors. Meetings are only once per half term so the time commitment is not onerous.

I hope that gives you a little insight into the role of Curriculum Governor and why I wanted to get involved with the LGB! Catherine Vanderson

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

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NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 26th JANUARY 2024

This week in Nursery we have continued with the icy winter fun. The children have thoroughly enjoyed some sensory experiences in the tough tray including shaving foam snow, icy blue water, ice and sparkly blue play dough. Over at Forest School the children had a wonderful time, hiding in dens, creating pretend camp fires and crossing a bridge over a muddy puddle. They were having so much fun we were nearly late for lunch!



Hannah's fundraiser for Little Princess Trust

Hannah Rose mum to Alex, Isaac and Henry is having her long haircut on Saturday 27th for The Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year. If you would like to donate to support Hannah then please visit the Just Giving page [link](#).

TESCO STRONGER STARTS

If you have been to Tesco recently you may have spotted that we are part of the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' scheme. It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Last year we applied to support us in securing funding to help us purchase Trim Trails and before Christmas we found out that we have been successful. Tesco customers will now be able to vote in the stores listed below during January to March. The more blue tokens we get, the more funding we will receive. So please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

Barnt Green Bham Express B45 8NE

Redditch Extra B98 7RU

Lodge Park Express B98 7LB

Marlbrook Brmsgv Express B60 1DL

Redditch Brockhil Express B97 6PH



PTA AGM

Don't forget to add the PTA AGM to your diary for Monday 19th January at 7pm. This will be the first meeting where the key posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed. Please come along to support the new PTA.

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RECEPTION:

Grace - Grace is such a delight to have in our Reception class. She is beginning to join her peers for activities and has a very kind and gentle manner when working with others. She has excellent learning behaviours and always wants to do her best. You are a star Grace!

Johnny - We have been so pleased with Johnny this week. He is engaging in the provision more and really making an effort with his mark making. He has been working hard in phonics and in the early morning funky fingers exercises too. It has been lovely to see him get involved. Keep it up, Johnny!

YEAR 1:

Phoebe B- We are so lucky to have Phoebe in our class because she is so warm to others and gives so much of herself to the class. She makes teaching easy because she is always ready to give an answer and offer her thoughts. She has super manners when working with her learning partners or in small groups and always behaves in a friendly way. She has lots of friends who she mixes with but is also happy to play and work on her own. Well done Phoebe, we are lucky to have you in Year 1!

Henry- Henry is the Year 1 walking encyclopaedia! He has so much knowledge about the polar regions that it makes our classroom discussions really interesting. As we are learning new facts Henry is remembering them all and using them in his work. Well done Henry we are very impressed. In the assembly this week, Henry said that he thought he was very smart and although he wasn't sure where he got that from, we all agree that he is very smart!

YEAR 2:

Luke - Luke is always showing great learning behaviours in school and working hard to ensure he is on task and focussed on his learning. He is a role model for others, managing any distractions around him and following our school rules. I have really noticed an increased maturity and confidence this term and you've really impressed Luke. Well done!

Teddy - Teddy has really impressed me with his focus and work in handwriting sessions in the last few weeks. He is taking on board the teaching about how to join and is showing determination and concentration in lessons, producing some really neat and well-presented work. Well done Teddy. Keep up the great work!

MILLIONAIRE READERS

Congratulations to Karla in Year 4 who became a Reading Millionaire and was awarded her certificate in assembly. Karla shared that she currently has three books on the go that she is reading! I'm sure it won't be long till Karla will be a Reading Multi-Millionaire.

Keep up the good reading Karla!



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YEAR 3:

Harrison -Harrison has been chosen for effort and achievement this week because he has continually impressed me throughout the week. Each lesson as I was thinking/noticing Harrison, he was constantly working hard no matter what the lesson or activity. I was particularly impressed with Harrison's answers and responses in Maths and Science where he was giving full, well thought put and reasoned responses. Well done Harrison!

Ethan- Ethan is new to our school but it feels like he has always been here and settled extremely well! He has adapted to the new routines and people well, asking questions in a polite manner when he is unsure what to do and has begun making good friendships with his peers. Ethan's learning behaviours are fantastic too, he settles to work well and joins in class discussions eagerly. What a great start Ethan, well done!

YEAR 4:

Savannah – I cannot fault Savannah's behaviour and manners. Since she set foot in Year 4, she has shown herself to be a caring, kind and respectful member of the class who embodies our school rules of 'ready, respectful and safe'. I especially notice this in Savannah's beautiful manners. She always says please, thank you and excuse me and speaks to others so respectfully. I have noticed that because Savannah does this, others follow suit and copy her good behaviour. For this, you are becoming a fantastic role model Savannah. Keep it up!

Louis – I am super impressed with Louis' consistent and conscientious attitude to learning that he is showing at the moment. Despite being poorly at the beginning of term, Louis has been determined to learn and know as much as everyone else – even asking for extra help at lunchtimes or the start of the day! Louis' determination and motivation to learn is infectious as this often rubs off on others around him as he sparks their desire to learn alongside him. Keep up this enthusiasm, Louis!

YEAR 5:

Theo- I have chosen Theo for his effort and attainment because he has wowed me with the knowledge that he already has on mountains and volcanoes. He has shared trips he has been on, facts he knows and his enthusiasm with the topic has been really infectious. Theo was also one of the only children who had a good go at long multiplication in the challenge to work out how many steps were done per child, in our 5000 Mount Everest climb challenge. Keep up this enthusiasm Theo, it is lovely to see.

Imogen- Imogen could have this award every week. She is always polite and well-mannered and she always makes good choices and follows the classroom and school rules. However, I have chosen Imogen for her conscientious learning behaviours. I love how when Imogen finds something tricky, she asks if there is a spare worksheet that she can use to take home and practise. If she doesn't get all her spellings in a test, she will note them down and again, practise them at home. It is really lovely to see her taking ownership of her learning and always trying to better herself. This care and consideration will help her to be the very best that she can be. Well done Imogen. Keep up the hard work.

YEAR 6:

Kairav – Kairav has developed such a mature, thoughtful and positive attitude to his learning over the last term in Year 6. He is consistently engaged and focused in class and has constantly got his hand up to get involved in class discussion and share his ideas and opinions! As well as this, he shows an eagerness to help myself and others – offering to hand things out, collect things in and offer support if someone is finding a question tricky. I hope that he keeps pushing himself to go that extra mile and be the best he can be because he is an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom!

Fraser – I couldn't choose anyone else to receive this certificate this week because the effort that Fraser has shown since we began our WW2 topic is just incredible! He has been researching in his spare time, coming into school and amazing us with his knowledge. In class, he asks thoughtful questions that show his passion for the subject and hunger to learn and his written work is detailed and beautifully presented. His enthusiasm is infectious and just spreads throughout the room, leading to great discussion and learning for everyone. Well done, Fraser, you're a star!

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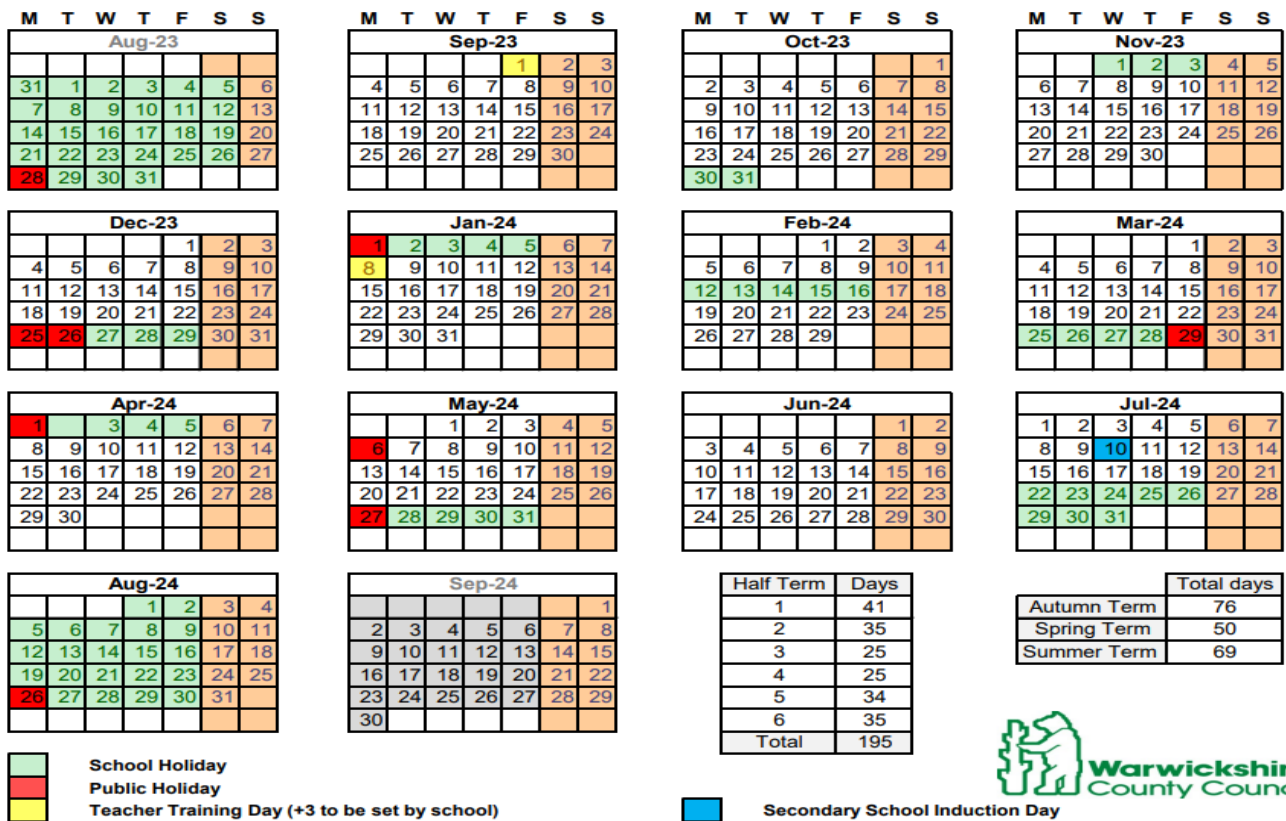
SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 6th February Year 3 Botanical Gardens
 Friday 9th February School and Nursery break up for half-term
 Monday 19th February School and Nursery reopens
 Monday 19th February LYFTA challenges in
 Thursday 22nd February Young Voices
 Friday 1st March Non-school uniform donations for Mother's Day Shop
 Thursday 7th March World Book Day dress as your favourite book character
 Friday 8th March Mother's Day Shop
 Friday 15th March Home Learning in
 Monday 18th March Home Learning Gallery 3.15
 Tuesday 19th March Home Learning Gallery 8.30am
 Tuesday 19th March Parents Evening
 Wednesday 20th March Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Parents Evening
 Friday 22nd March Easter Service in Church Year 5
 Friday 22nd March School and Nursery close for Easter

Monday 8th April School and Nursery reopen for summer
 Monday 8th April Shakespeare Week in school
 Monday 6th May May Day School and Nursery closed
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May KS2 SATS week
 Friday 24th May Break up for half-term
 Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School
 Friday 21st June Sports Day/Summer Fete
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop
 Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete (back up day)
 Wednesday 10th July Secondary Induction Day
 Friday 12th July School Disco
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday
 Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 3rd June 2024 for Teacher Training .

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Messy



Church



Join us on the first Sunday of every month at 9:30 am, for Messy Church.

Each service is based around a different theme and includes lots of fun craft activities, songs and refreshments.

Perfect for families with school age children, there's something for everyone!

Join our Facebook group

Messy Church in
Tanworth - In - Arden

WHAT'S ON IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Messy Church, with Uplifted Puppets on Sunday 4th February at 9.30

Pancakes in the Pews on Tuesday 13th February at 4.30 Join us for pancakes and more!

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