



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

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

24th May 2024

Dear Parents,

The school week began with beautiful sunshine but then today it turned quite chilly, not that the children noticed as they were all warm and snug in their PJs and snuggly dressing gowns. Thank you to everyone for joining in and supporting the School Council with their first charity event. The School Council are yet to count the money but will let you know after half-term how much they have raised for their chosen homeless charity.

In other news this week, on Thursday Year 6 led Family Time educating the children about endangered species. This was to link with Endangered Species Day which is held on the third Friday in May. This day was created as an opportunity each year to share the importance of wildlife conservation and restoration efforts for all imperilled species. It is also a perfect time to learn about and celebrate the progress made to protect wildlife since the creation of the Endangered Species Act in 1973. It was a factual, fun filled session. Well done Year 6 for once again doing a fantastic job in teaching the younger children.

As we break up for half-term, and with the sunny weather we had last week, I took the opportunity on Monday to talk to the children in assembly about water safety. In the news last weekend there was the very upsetting news of two young boys who both sadly lost their lives whilst swimming in the river. It's really important that we educate our children about water safety and how they can keep safe near and in water, especially when the sun shines and our first instinct is to go swimming or paddling. This week I also received an email from a parent sharing a link from the RNLI as the RNLI want to make sure as many people as possible know what to do if they unexpectedly get into difficulty in the water.

<https://rnli.org/safety/float>

The link above shares 5 simple steps of what you should do should you find yourself in difficulty in water. Please take a look and share with your children. We will be going over this next half-term in school to reinforce the message.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break,

*Mrs Bamford*

Head teacher

P.S. Don't forget that School and Nursery are closed on Monday 3rd June for training.

Tuesday 4th June is Class photo day, all children are to be in school uniform.

### NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery our story of the week has been 'Mad About Minibeasts' using this story as a starting point we have enjoyed so many wonderful learning opportunities. We have been out about on a minibeast hunt, finding slugs, beetles, a ladybird and many more insects. We have engaged in lots of lovely sensory experience activities including spiders in jelly and insects stuck in cornflour 'mud'. Finally children were thrilled to arrive this morning in their Pyjamas. Thank you to all of our parents for their generous charity donations.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term break.



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## VALUES SERVICE

Today in Church we celebrated the children who had been recognised for demonstrating the half-term value of 'Friendship'. "Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5.11

Reception = Darcie

Darcie was the perfect choice for the value of friendship as she is such a good friend and role model to her peers. She is a cheerleader to every member of our class as she always looks to see the positive in each person and she is the first to celebrate another's successes. When someone is upset or is having a hard time, Darcie is often the first to offer words of comfort and support, and she will always try her best to listen and ensure everyone's ideas are valued. Darcie, you shine your light upon us all, and it has been a blessing to have you in Reception class.

Year 1= Harry D

When choosing someone for the value of Friendship this half term Year 1's choice was really easy. Straight away I thought about Harry who although is a quieter member of the class, is never without a friend. Harry is so warm, friendly and easy going that people are drawn to him and once you are Harry's friend you know that you will always have a kind, happy and considerate partner, whenever you need one. Harry is open and inclusive to all people and will play and work with all his peers. We are very lucky to have him in Year one.

Year 2 = William

William was a very popular choice in Year 2 as someone who displays the value of friendship and it is easy to see why. He is always kind to others and is there to lend an ear when someone needs to talk, being honest and trustworthy too. He also shows inclusiveness, making sure that others can join in and share in the games and fun he is experiencing. William also has a great ability to bring out smiles and excitement in his friends, helping them to be cheerful and have a great day. Well done William!

Year 3 = Matilda

Following a discussion in class, where we discussed how a friend makes us feel and what we look for in a friend, Matilda was voted for by her peers for the value award for friendship. She consistently exemplifies the essence of true friendship, her kindness and empathy are evident in her daily interactions, as she always goes out of her way to include everyone and make them feel valued. Matilda's ability to listen and offer support, along with her willingness to forgive and reconcile, has made her a trusted friend to many. Her actions reflect a selfless love and a genuine desire to see others happy, embodying the spirit of friendship.

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Year 4 = Savannah

Savannah has been chosen by her peers for this value and I could not agree more. She is a super example of what it means to be a good friend. Her caring nature, kindness, and constant positivity create a warm and inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome. Always thinking of others, Savannah ensures that no one is ever left out, going out of her way to make sure everyone is okay. If disputes arise, she steps in with a fair and calm approach. Savannah's dedication to creating positive friendships and her genuine concern for the well-being of others make her a fantastic role model for this value. Keep this up, Savannah!

Year 5 = Maria

I am pleased to announce that Maria has been chosen for our Values Certificate of Friendship. Maria epitomises the values of kindness and consideration in all her interactions, making her a true asset to our school community. Her selfless nature is evident in the way she willingly assists younger children during family time, displaying patience and empathy beyond her years.

What sets Maria apart, is her inclusive approach to teamwork as she consistently ensures that no one is left out, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among her peers. Her ability to collaborate effectively with everyone in the class further highlights her exceptional social skills and positive attitude.

It is with overwhelming support from her classmates, that Maria has been chosen for this nomination, a testament to the impact she has made on those around her. I wholeheartedly endorse Maria for the Values Certificate of Friendship, celebrating her unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of kindness and inclusivity not only within our class but within our school. Well done Maria.

Year 6 = Heidi

Heidi is someone who has consistently shown empathy and support to her classmates this year and because of this, she truly shines as a wonderful friend to everyone in our class. She is always there to lend a helping hand or simply offer a smile to brighten someone's day. She listens when someone is feeling down, encourages them to do their best, and celebrates their successes as if they were her own. What stands out most about Heidi is the genuine care she has for others, which she extends to everyone, whether they are her part of her usual friendship group or not. Her kindness and willingness to include others makes her a joy to be around. Her actions remind us all of the importance of being there for one another to make our school a warm and welcoming place. Well done, Heidi.

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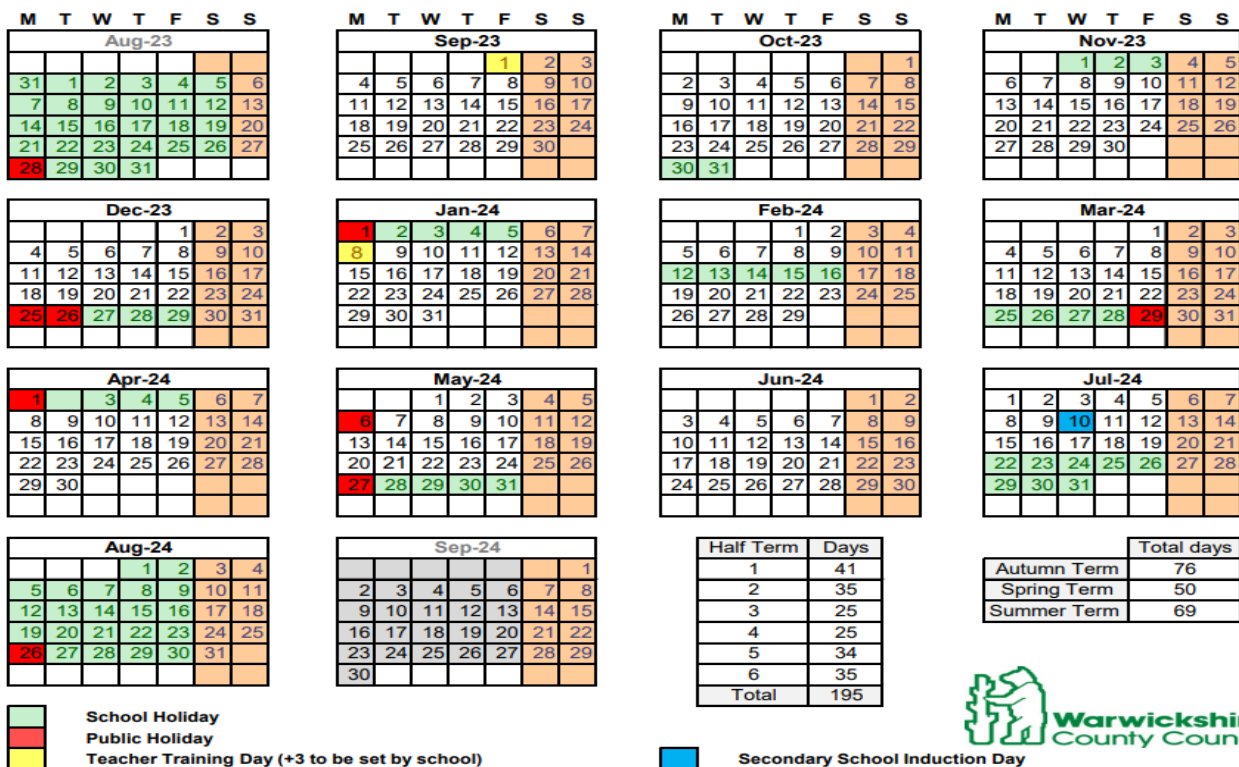
**SUMMER TERM**

Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2  
 Tuesday 4th June Class Photographs  
 Wednesday 5th June Year 1 visit to Tamworth Castle  
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern  
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop  
 Wednesday 12th June Reception class Animals in Hands workshop  
 Friday 14th June Father's Day Shop  
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School  
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop  
 Thursday 27th June Year 3 Roman workshop  
**Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete PLEASE NOTE CONFIRMED DATE**  
 Tuesday 2nd July Year 6 Leavers Service Birmingham  
 Wednesday 3rd July New 2024 Reception parents meeting  
 Thursday 4th July Year 2 visit to Aston Hall  
 Tuesday 9th July Reception class Beach 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

**AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term  
 Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term  
 Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training  
 Monday 4th November School and Nursery open for Autumn 2  
 Friday 20th December School and Nursery break up for Christmas

**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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