



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

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

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and successful week at Tanworth, with lots to celebrate across our school community.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Headteacher event on Wednesday evening. The presentation shared during the meeting will be available on the school website for anyone who was unable to attend or would like to revisit the information. The presentation highlighted the many successes and achievements from the last academic year, the progress we have made as a school, and our key priorities as we look ahead to the year ahead.

Also on Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome visitors from another Trust who came to see our OPAL play provision in action. The feedback was incredibly positive. Our visitors were amazed by the breadth of opportunities available to the children during playtimes and commented on how engaged and purposeful the children were in the wide variety of activities on offer. We are very proud of our OPAL provision and the positive impact it continues to have on children's experiences at school.

Today, during our whole-school worship in church, the staff retold the Bible story The Party, helping the children to reflect on this half term's Christian value of Generosity. These staff-led worships are often among the children's favourites, and there was plenty of enthusiasm and participation from everyone. Thank you to all the staff who took part, especially Miss Wilding, who once again did a fantastic job playing the role of Jesus.

This week has also marked an important milestone for our newest pupils as our Reception children began their learning journey at Tanworth. By Thursday, all of the children were attending full-time, and Miss Evens has reported what a fantastic start they have made. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled, and we look forward to seeing them grow in confidence and flourish over the coming months and years.

Although we have only just returned some of you may already be planning your next holiday. I have included the school dates for 26-27 and 27-28 to help. Also following feedback, we always try to give as much advance notice as possible of upcoming events so that families can plan accordingly. So please do take a moment to check the diary dates regularly, as there are lots of exciting events planned for the term ahead. You will also find important information regarding request for holidays taken during term time. We would appreciate all families taking a few moments to read this guidance.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

Head teacher

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## Inspiring Act of Kindness

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the generosity and kindness of two sisters who spent part of their summer holidays doing something truly special.

Over the summer Emily and Chloe, chose to have their hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Charity, helping to provide real-hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions. Such an act requires great thoughtfulness and courage, and it reflects the compassion and empathy that we value so highly within our school.

Well done to both girls on this wonderful achievement. We are incredibly proud of you and thank you for being such positive role models for our school.



### DATES FOR DIARIES

#### Autumn 1

Saturday 19th September Flower and Produce Show 2.15-4.30  
 Thursday 24th September Year 6 visit to APF at Ragley Estate  
 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 3rd December Reception Nativity am  
 Thursday 4th December Reception Nativity pm  
 Wednesday 9th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play am  
 Thursday 10 December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm  
 Tuesday 15th December Pantomime TBC  
 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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| Feb-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Mar-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Jun-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Jul-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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| Aug-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| Sep-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Half Term    | Days       |
|--------------|------------|
| 1            | 39         |
| 2            | 35         |
| 3            | 30         |
| 4            | 24         |
| 5            | 34         |
| 6            | 33         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>195</b> |

|             | 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



| M      | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| Aug-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Oct-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Nov-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 22     | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29     | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Dec-27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Jan-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 17     | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |  |
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| Feb-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Mar-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Apr-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Jun-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Jul-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Aug-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Sep-28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Half Term    | Days       |
|--------------|------------|
| 1            | 38         |
| 2            | 35         |
| 3            | 28         |
| 4            | 35         |
| 5            | 24         |
| 6            | 35         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>195</b> |

|             | Total days |
|-------------|------------|
| Autumn Term | 73         |
| Spring Term | 63         |
| Summer Term | 59         |



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



## Secondary School Induction Day



**FLYFTA**  
**LEARNING LEADERS**



## 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.

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