



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

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

12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school. Our Year 4 pupils have successfully completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), while our Year 1 children have been working hard on their Phonics Screening Checks throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the positive attitude and determination they have shown. The results of both the MTC and the Phonics Screening Check will be included in children's end-of-year reports, which will be emailed to parents and carers on Friday 10th July.

On Thursday, we also welcomed an unannounced Phonics Check monitoring visit. Mr Barrow from Warwickshire visited the school to ensure that the phonics checks were being administered correctly and in line with national guidance. I am pleased to report that Mr Barrow left satisfied that all procedures had been followed accurately and that the checks had been conducted appropriately.

The week began on a high note with Year 3 bringing history to life during their exciting Roman Day. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and fully immersed in the experiences of Roman Britain. I firmly believe that it is these memorable experiences that children will remember long after they leave primary school. We are able to provide such enriching opportunities thanks to the generous support of the Tanworth Educational Foundation, who donate funds to the school each year. Their contribution enables us to offer experiences that school budgets alone simply could not support, and we are extremely grateful for their continued generosity.

On Tuesday, you should have received a copy of our draft Relationships Policy, along with a Google Form to enable you to provide feedback as part of our consultation process. This consultation is an important opportunity for parents and carers to review the proposed policy and share their views. You can also find full details of the consultation, together with the draft policy documents, on the school website under the Parents tab. I would encourage all families to take the opportunity to read the documents and provide any feedback before the consultation closes.

Unfortunately, the weather has not been as cooperative this week. On Thursday, a group of eight children were due to attend a tennis competition at Henley-in-Arden Tennis Club, but persistent rain meant that the event had to be cancelled. We have also made the difficult decision to postpone our Sports Day due to the wet conditions and the state of the field. Sports Day will now take place on Friday 19th June, and we hope the weather will be much kinder to us then.

On a brighter note, the children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the PTA's Pop-Up Father's Day Shop today. Thank you to our PTA volunteers for organising this popular event and helping the children choose special gifts for the important people in their lives.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say Happy Birthday to Mrs Hemming, one of our support assistants, who has a special birthday on Sunday. Today in worship we surprised her with gifts and by singing Happy Birthday to her whilst she sat on the 'celebration chair'.

I am also delighted to share some lovely news from our school family. Mrs Woodward welcomed her baby boy, Freddie on Sunday. I am sure you will join me in sending our warmest congratulations to Mrs Woodward and her family on the arrival of their beautiful son. We wish them lots of happiness as they enjoy this very special time together.

Finally, we are currently recruiting for a SEN teacher and a Finance Assistant. If you know anyone who may be interested or to find out more please go to our school website or telephone the school office.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Despite the rain, it has been another week full of learning, achievement and opportunities for our children to flourish as we continue to live out our vision of "In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best."

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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# ROMAN DAY



Our Roman Day was an exciting and memorable experience where everyone stepped back in time to learn about life in Ancient Rome. The hall was filled with children dressed in colourful tunics and armour, and we were introduced to Roman soldiers and important figures from the past. Throughout the day, we took part in a range of hands-on activities, including practising marching drills, using shields, trying out archery, and handling artefacts. Some groups explored Roman crafts and games, while others acted out scenes to understand Roman daily life. The experience was fun, lively, and full of learning, helping everyone to imagine what it might have been like to live in Roman times.



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## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will now be on Friday 19th June. Children will need to come into school in their PE kit but wearing a plain coloured t-shirt of their house. The house colours are:

Magdalene: Red

Arden: Blue

Tanworth: Yellow

Umberslade: Green

If you are not sure what house your child is in then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Children will also need a water bottle and a sun hat and sun cream (if it is a sunny day)

Parents are invited to join us for the day.

Time (approx)	Event
8.45-8.55	All children should go to their classrooms for morning register. Parents may go down to the football field to set up. Parents are invited to bring chairs/blankets to sit on.
09:15	EYFS & KS1 Novelty Races
10:00	KS2 Novelty Races
10:45	EYFS & KS1 Sprint races
11.15	KS2 Sprint Races
11.30	School children will all return to their classrooms.
11.40	Parents who are staying for the picnic can go to their child's classroom to sign their child out so that their child can join them over lunch.
11.45	Nursery Races
12.00	Family Picnic and drawing of Hamper Raffle We invite parents to bring a picnic for a whole school picnic on the field.
1.00	All children return to their classrooms for afternoon register
1.15	KS2 Relay races
1.30	Presentation of Sports Day Cup
1.45	Rainbow Run

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## DATES FOR DIARIES

### SUMMER 2

### Autumn 1

Monday 15th June Athletics event at St Nicholas Alcester  
 Tuesday 16th June Teaching & Learning Review  
 Thursday 18th June Year 1 Visit to Dudley Zoo & Castle  
 Friday 19th June Sports Day and Rainbow Run  
 Monday 22nd June RSE Consultation ends 12.00pm  
 Monday 22nd June Home Learning Gallery 3.15pm  
 Tuesday 23rd June Home Learning Gallery 8.30am-9.00am  
 Friday 26th June Year 6 Big Sell pm  
 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential  
 Wednesday 1st July New Reception parents meeting 6pm  
 Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)  
 Saturday 4th July Church Fete  
 Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction  
 Wednesday 8th July Meet the new teacher drop in after school  
 Thursday 9th July Year 6 Leavers Service Birmingham (children only)  
 Thursday 9th July School discos and Year 6 Leavers Disco  
 Friday 10th July Music Concert pm (TBC)  
 Friday 10th July End of year reports to parents  
 Monday 13th July Year 6 production pm  
 Tuesday 14th July Year 6 production evening  
 Friday 17th July Year 6 Leavers Service am  
 Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays  
 Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day  
 Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day  
 Thursday 3rd September School & Nursery open  
 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  
 Monday 2nd November School & Nursery open  
 Friday 18th December School & Nursery close for Christmas  
 Monday 4th January Teacher Training Day  
 Tuesday 5th January School & Nursery open

### Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

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School Holiday

Public Holiday

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

Secondary School Induction Day

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### 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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Half Term	Days
1	39
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4	24
5	34
6	33
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



School and Nursery will also be closed on: Wednesday 2nd September, Friday 23rd October and Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training

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