



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

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15th May 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests, and I could not be prouder of the maturity, resilience and determination they showed throughout the week. They approached each day with positivity and calmness, giving their very best effort in every test and truly demonstrated our school vision of "In God's Family, Learning, Loving, Growing to be our very best."

We now wait until July for the official results; however, there is still lots of important learning to take place, particularly in writing, which is teacher assessed. The children now need to remain focused and motivated, and we look forward to supporting them in the final part of their primary school journey at Tanworth.

A huge thank you must go to Miss Cutler and Support Assistant, Mrs Hall, for the care and support they have given the children throughout the week. Their calm and encouraging approach, alongside the special Year 6 Breakfast Club each morning, helped the children begin each day feeling settled, confident and ready to succeed.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our Governors, who came into school this week to invigilate the Year 6 SATs and ensure that all administration procedures were followed correctly. Their support is invaluable and forms an important part of how they hold me to account for the continued progress and development of the school.

Governors have had a busy week with our half-termly Governors' Meeting on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to welcome Hannah Kennedy to her first meeting as our new Foundation Governor, alongside Laura Turner, our new Parent Governor.

Our Health and Safety Governor, Helena Mikula, has been a regular visitor to school this week as on Thursday, Helena also observed our fire alarm practice. I am pleased to report that the drill went extremely well, with all children safely evacuated in under two minutes, including our Nursery children.

In other news this week, all classes took part in the LYFTA Live Lesson, which focused on sustainability, stewardship and fair trade. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn alongside schools from across the UK and to reflect on how we can all make positive choices to care for our world and support others.

I just wanted to say how fantastic everyone looked today for our "break the uniform rules" day. It was wonderful to see so many creative, imaginative and colourful choices, all in support of such a good cause—thank you to everyone who took part. A gentle reminder that from Monday we return to our usual full school uniform. We take pride in looking smart and ready to learn, so we look forward to seeing everyone back to 'normal' next week.

Mrs Bonell has also been in school this week to help ensure a smooth transition for Year 2, as Mrs Woodward will soon be starting her maternity leave. It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Bonell into school and begin supporting the children with this transition.

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTA, who organised a school clean-up day today, helping to improve both the Prayer Garden and Forest School areas. Please look out for some before-and-after photographs in next week's newsletter. The school grounds are looking wonderful, which is especially timely as we will now be filming our promotional video next Friday. Please note that this has changed from the original Tuesday date. Don't forget that Friday will also be Class Photograph Day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

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NURSERY NEWS

This week in nursery our story of the week has been 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities including creating their own ladybirds, playing sound games, taking part in a round of ladybird bingo and creating their own maps both in nursery and at Forest School. However, our favourite activity of the week was following a secret map all around school and the school grounds to find the hidden ladybird.



Starting Secondary School September 2027

Registration for the 11+ test is now open

If you would like your child to be considered for a Year 7 place at a Warwickshire grammar school in September 2027, then please register your child for the 11+ test by the deadline of 4pm on Monday 30 June.

The 11+ test is used to assess whether a child is eligible for a place at one of the county's grammar schools. The test is open to all children who will be starting secondary school in September 2027 (those currently in Year 5), and registration is now open.

The test itself will take place on 12 and 13 September 2026, and parents will receive their child's results in October, before the deadline to apply for a secondary school place (31 October).

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test>

SPORTS DAY HAMPERS

On Thursday 21st May we will be having a non-school uniform day and are asking for donations for the Sports Day Hampers. Each class will make up a hamper which will then be raffled on Sports Day. The themes for the hampers this year are:

Reception: Let's have a picnic

Year 1: It's time for a garden party

Year 2: Oh no, it's raining again

Year 3: It's BBQ weather

Year 4: Gardener's world

Year 5: Let's play sports

Year 6: It's mum and dad's summer too

Nursery: A day at the beach

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Smartphone Free Childhood



Although, we have remained in 7th place for Primary schools in Warwickshire who have signed up to the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with an amazing 56 families signing up, when looking at % of parents that have signed up we are in 3rd place of Primary Schools in Warwickshire that have joined with 24% signing the pact. Which is fantastic!

Year / Age	Pacts
Pre-school (2 - 3)	3
Pre-school (3 - 4)	3
Reception (4 - 5)	6
Year 1 (5 - 6)	5
Year 2 (6 - 7)	12
Year 3 (7 - 8)	15
Year 4 (8 - 9)	4
Year 5 (9 - 10)	8

DATES FOR DIARIES

SUMMER 1

Tuesday 19th May Values service in Church 9.10 (all welcome)
 Thursday 21st May Non-school uniform Sports Day Hamper donations
 Friday 22nd May School Promotional video recording **Change of day**
 Friday 22nd May Class Photos
 Friday 22nd May break up half-term
 Tuesday 26th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Wednesday 27th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Thursday 28th May ONSIDE Holiday Club
 Friday 29th May ONSIDE Holiday Club

ONSIDE HOLIDAY CLUB

Please book direct at <https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/>

SUMMER 2

Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
 Tuesday 2nd June Year 6 Residential meeting 6pm online
 Thursday 4th June Caterlink tasting for parents (TBC)
 Friday 5th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day shop
 Monday 8th June Year 3 Roman Day
 Friday 12th June Sports Day (details to follow)
 Friday 19th June Father's Day Shop £2.50
 Monday 22nd June Home Learning Gallery 3.15pm
 Tuesday 23rd June Home Learning Gallery 8.30-9.00am
 Friday 26th June Year 6 Big Sell pm
 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential
 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
 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

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May Half Term

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

May
Half Term
Activities



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£22

per day

3 days for **£60**

4 days for **£80**

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Hours

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Early drop off **8.30am** **+£3**

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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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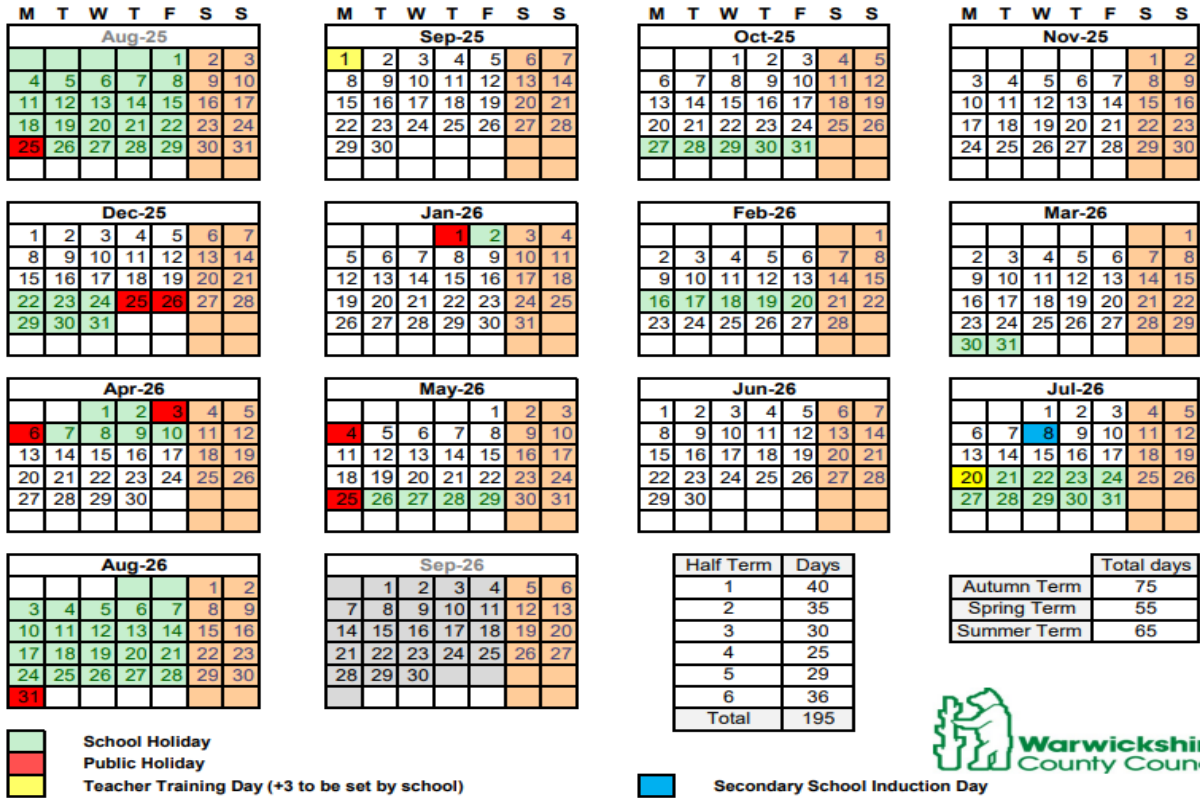
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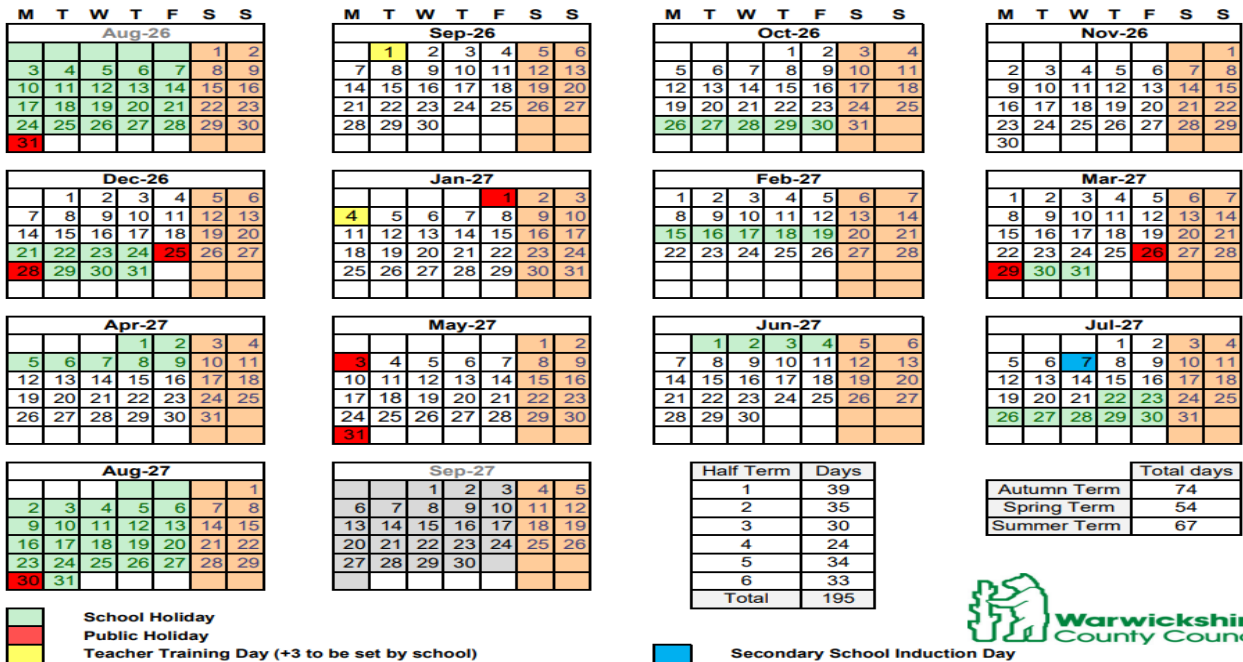


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



School and Nursery will be closed on: Monday 1st June 2026 for Teacher Training

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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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