



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

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

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and were able to make the most of the lovely sunny weather that many of us were fortunate enough to enjoy. Sadly, this week has seen the return of the rain, although it certainly hasn't dampened spirits in school, and it has been wonderful to see the children returning refreshed and ready for a busy few weeks ahead.

Whilst the children enjoyed an extra day at home on Monday due to our staff training day, teachers were hard at work writing end-of-year reports. These reports provide an opportunity to celebrate the progress and achievements of every child over the course of the year and will be emailed to families on Friday 10th July.

At the same time, our support staff and nursery team took part in face-to-face professional development training focusing on developing positive interactions during play and learning. The training explored when adults should observe children's play and learning and when it is appropriate to engage, question, extend thinking and move learning forward. These interactions are a vital part of supporting children's development, and staff found the session both engaging and valuable. My thanks go to Rachel Wilkes for delivering this training and sharing her expertise with the team.

This week I also met with Mrs Sutton, one of our school governors, to review our work relating to equality and diversity. Together we examined our current equality objectives and began the process of reviewing them for the coming year. Once completed, the review and objectives will be published on our website during July.

Speaking of our website, we are excited to be launching a brand-new school website over the next couple of weeks. The new site will provide a refreshed look, improved navigation and easier access to key information for families. Please keep an eye on your emails for further details and confirmation of when the new website goes live.

Before the half-term break, we were fortunate that the sun shone for our school video day. I have now seen the first draft of the finished video and am delighted with the result. It captures the spirit of our school wonderfully, and I look forward to sharing it with you via the new website very soon.

A reminder that Sports Day takes place next week. We are looking forward to a fantastic event and hope to see many of you there supporting the children. Full details can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Following Sports Day, we will be holding a Rainbow Run. This special event is held in memory of Anjlee, a much-loved parent who sadly lost her battle with cancer two years ago. The Rainbow Run is not only a fundraiser but also a celebration of Anjlee's life. Anjlee loved running herself and was always smiling; she was a truly special lady whose positivity and warmth could brighten anyone's day.

The event gives our school community an opportunity to come together, remember Anjlee, and celebrate the qualities that made her so special. The sponsorship money raised will be shared between the school and Team Verrico, the charity chosen at the request of Anjlee's family. Team Verrico provided invaluable support to Anjlee during her illness and continues to support her family today. We are grateful to everyone who takes part and helps us honour Anjlee's memory in such a positive and joyful way.

Finally, a huge well done to Alex, in year 2, who achieved their impressive 1500m swimming badge over the half-term break. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication, perseverance and determination that she has shown in developing their swimming skills. Well done Alex.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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## NURSERY NEWS

This week we have enjoyed telling the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have enjoyed reading different versions of the story in addition to retelling the story as a group from memory. Throughout the week it has been wonderful to see how inspired the children have been by the story. After making porridge for snack time on Tuesday lots of children have been coming in excitedly telling me that they have had porridge for their breakfast at home just like the three bears! The Nursery Team.



## GOOD NEWS

We were delighted to receive the wonderful news that one of our former pupils, Brwyn, has recently been appointed Head Boy at his secondary school. It is always a real pleasure to hear about the achievements of our ex-pupils and to see how they continue to flourish as they move through their educational journey. We are incredibly proud of Brwyn and all that he has accomplished.

What makes this achievement even more special is seeing how Brwyn continues to demonstrate the qualities and Christian values that are so important to us as a school community. Leadership, service, respect, kindness and integrity are values that we seek to nurture in all of our children, and it is heartening to see these lived out beyond our school gates.

We offer our warmest congratulations on this well-deserved appointment and wish him every success in his role as Head Boy. We look forward to hearing about his future achievements and celebrating many more success stories from our former pupils.

## 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>

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## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on Friday 12th 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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## Smartphone Free Childhood



We are still in 7th place for Primary schools in Warwickshire who have signed up to the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with 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!

### 74%

Of girls who got their first smartphone aged 6 had mental health issues as adults, compared to 46% who got them at 18

### 51%

Of parents of kids with smartphones regret giving them one

### 8 in 10

Among children aged 8-17 who are bullied, eight in ten experience it through a device

### 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 2

### Autumn 1

Monday 8th June Year 3 Roman Day  
 Friday 12th June Sports Day + Rainbow Run  
 Thursday 18th June Year 1 Visit to Dudley Zoo & Castle  
 Friday 19th June Father's Day Shop £2.50  
 Monday 22nd June Home Learning Gallery 3.15pm  
 Tuesday 23rd June Home Learning Gallery 8.30-9.00  
 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

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

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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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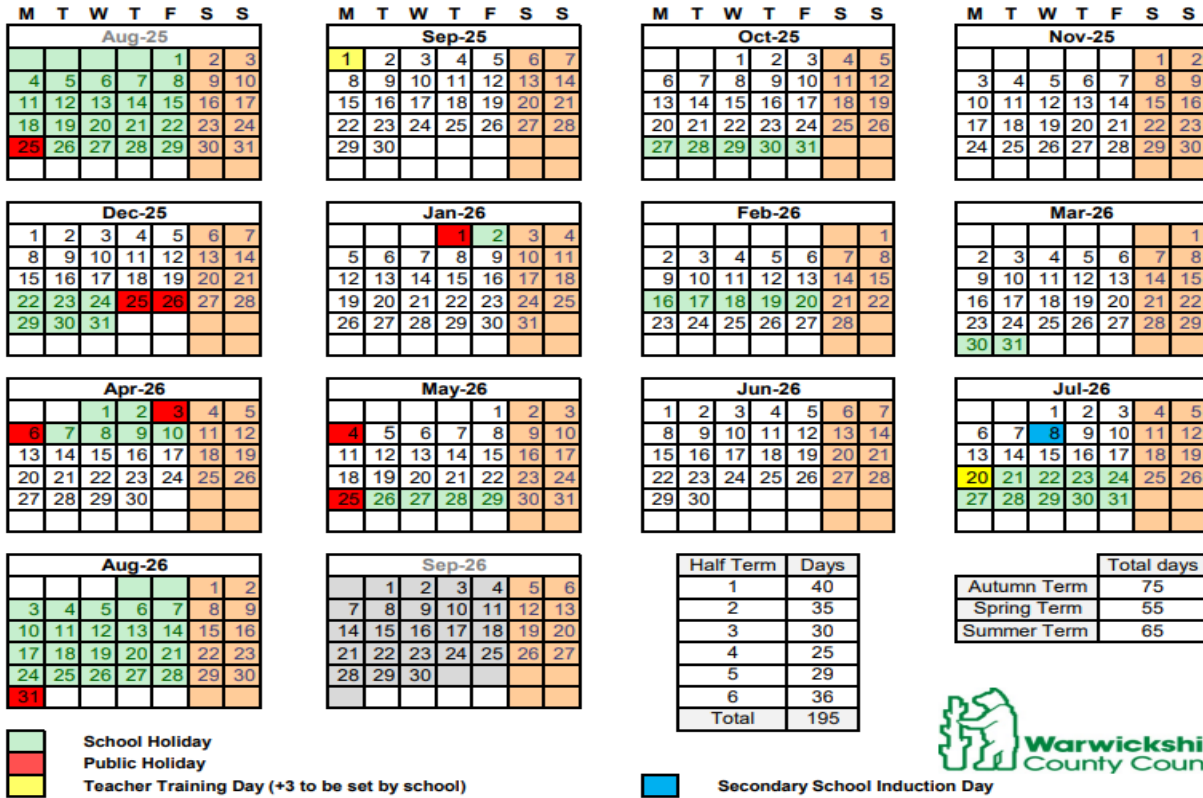
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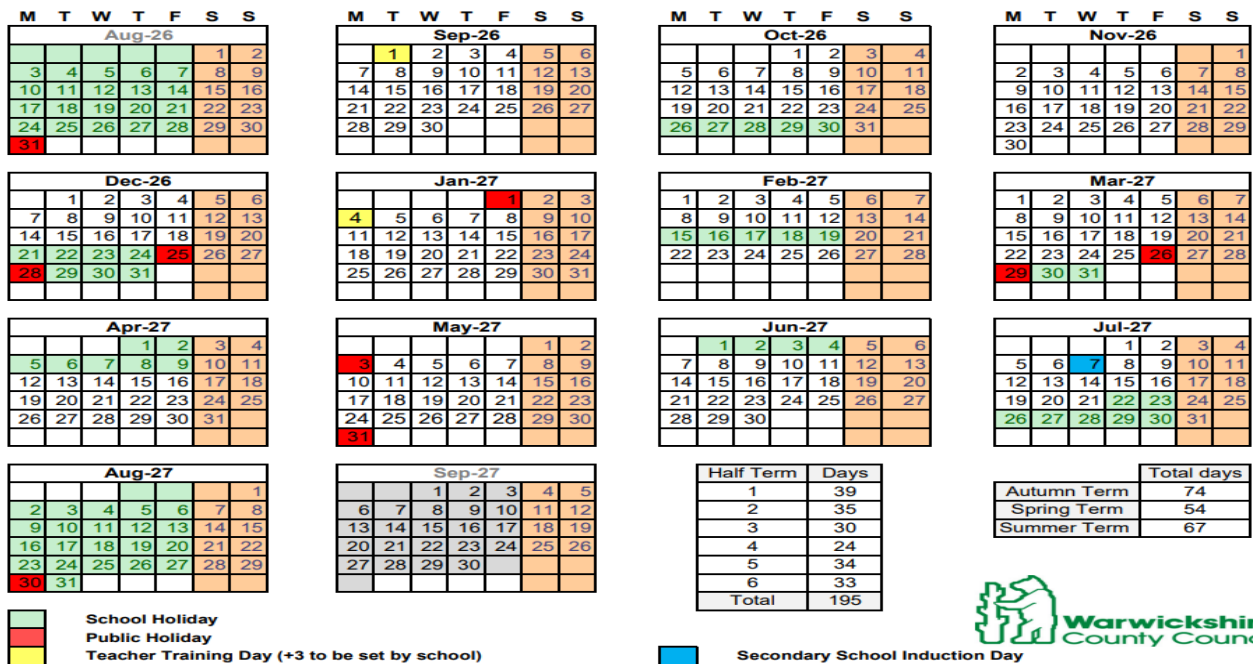


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



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

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27



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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