



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

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

16th May 2025

Dear Parents,

I'd like to start this week by recognising our Year 6 pupils and the maturity and positivity they demonstrated this week whilst taking their SATs. The children completed six tests over four days, under test conditions, covering spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and mathematics (x3). On Wednesday we had an unannounced monitoring visit from the Local Authority to quality assure our test administration. Emma was in school from 8am until 12 midday checking the storage, handling and test conditions were all as they should be and sat in on the two maths tests. I'm pleased to say that everything was as it should be and Emma left Tanworth happy. We find out the results of the SATs in July and Year 6 parents will be informed as part of their child's end of year school report.

Although the SATs are over for the Year 6 pupils, they still have 8 weeks left at Tanworth and there is still much to be completed including their writing which is teacher assessed. We may be moderated on writing. This is where Miss Cutler will take the children's writing evidence and have her teacher judgements verified, so year 6 children still have to keep working hard.

Miss Cutler did arrange an 'after SATs' treat for them this afternoon as a 'well done', but it is back to business as normal on Monday for them.

Year 3 were out and about on Tuesday with a visit to the Botanical Gardens.

"On Tuesday, Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Botanical Gardens, where the children took part in an engaging and informative workshop all about plant growth. During the session, they learnt about the different parts of a plant and explored the fascinating processes of germination, pollination and fertilisation. The hands-on activities helped to deepen their understanding of the Science work we've been doing in class and brought the topic to life in a real-world setting.

After the workshop, we continued our Science learning by exploring the gardens, identifying different plants and applying what we had learnt earlier in the day. In the afternoon, our focus shifted to Art, where the children took time to sketch a variety of plants in preparation for our upcoming topic on botanical illustration. They observed the shapes, textures and details of leaves and flowers closely, showing great care and creativity in their drawings. It was a brilliant day that supported both our Science and Art learning beautifully."

Mrs Hoskins

Once again we have had a week of sunshine which has been lovely. Please remember that all children need a sunhat in school every day along with their water bottle. All classrooms have water so that children can top up their bottles during the day. Thankyou to Mrs Whitehouse who kindly donated melons for the children in Year 1 and Year 2 to enjoy today. The children truly enjoyed this refreshing treat on such a lovely sunny day.

Well done to Year 4 for a super Open the Book today in Church. Unfortunately I was in a meeting, but both Miss Evens and Mr Fidler told me what a great job Year 4 children did acting out and retelling "The story of Jeremiah". Thank you to the parents and family members who joined the children today in Church.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

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Barley's Adventures

Barley, Tanworth's school prayer bear, has enjoyed his first weekend away from school, with Matilda from Reception Class.



He had a great time exploring Packwood House, meeting the minister at Shirley Baptist Church, joining in with activities at Rainbows and also playing in the garden. Matilda took time to write 2 prayers with Barley, thanking God for the fun times with her family and at the weekend and asking God to be with us all during the week at school. Well done Matilda and Barley!



This weekend he'll be having an adventure with a child from Year 1. I wonder what he'll get up to this time.

Mr Fidler

NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we have had a very fun frog filled week. We were delighted to discover after the weekend that one of our tadpoles had become a fully fledged tiny frog. The children have loved observing the tiny frog and its movements around the tank alongside monitoring the development of the other tadpoles. A special mention goes to Ethan for his fantastic froggy number work. This afternoon we will be taking our tadpoles back to Forest school to release them back into their own environment before nursery is over-run with tiny frogs.



FUNDRAISING FOR DEMENTIA

Many of you will know Sarah Cutler, one of our ex-permanent members of staff and now a regular supply teacher at Tanworth. Sarah is currently in training for the Isles of Scilly Marathon in June. Sarah is taking part in this gruelling marathon to raise awareness of early onset dementia. Early onset dementia is when a person develops dementia before the age of 65 and affects over 70,000 people a year in the UK. All money raised will be donated to Dementia UK. If you would like to donate then please follow the JustGiving page link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-cutler-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Sarah all the best.

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PTA NEWS

Thank you for your generous donations of Father's Day gifts! If you have any extras or spares we'd be hugely grateful if you can bring them in next week.

Our next event is School Discos for years Reception-Year 5!
Please add it to your diary!



COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
CIRCUS FUN DAY

SATURDAY, 21ST JUNE AT **UMBERSLADE ESTATE - BUTTS LANE, B94 5AE**
GATES OPEN 12.30PM

CIRCUS PERFORMANCES: 1PM, 2.30PM & 4PM

FREE PARKING

NATIONAL FESTIVAL CIRCUS
TRADITIONAL FAMILY FUN

Also Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Stalls & Refreshments

Circus tickets are £8.50 and can be booked via:
Email: pta3311@welearn365.com
or
Text/ WhatsApp: 07725 054449



DISCO

FRIDAY 6th JUNE
3.15pm-4.15pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2
4.30pm-5.30pm Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

£3.50
Crisps & Drink included

We are also excited to share

Due to the kind support of Umberslade Estate, please note we will be relocating the Circus to Umberslade. Parking will be free for the event and there's plenty of space. Please can you share this with family and friends to make this a lovely community event? Thank you! 🙏
Tickets still available!

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SUMMER TERM


- Tuesday 20th May LYFTA Live lesson
- Friday 23rd May Class photographs
- Friday 23rd May Values Service in Church 9.10am
- Friday 23rd May 3.15pm School and Nursery close for half-term
- Tuesday 27th May—Friday 30th May Onside Holiday Club at Tanworth Book here: <https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/sign-in>
- Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open
- Wednesday 4th June 5.30pm Year 6 parents Teams meeting for Condoval Hall
- Friday 6th June PTA discos—see poster
- Friday 13th June Father’s Day Shop
- Friday 13th June OPAL Parents session pm
- Monday 16th June Year 4 Black Country Museum
- Thursday 19th June Year 1 & 2 West Midlands Safari Park
- Friday 20th June Sports Day
- Saturday 21st June PTA Circus event at Umberslade Estate
- Friday 27th June Year 6 apprentice Sale pm
- Friday 27th June Year 6 Leavers Disco 5pm-7pm (details to follow)
- Monday 30th June Year 6 production (afternoon)
- Tuesday 1st July Year 6 Production (evening)
- Wednesday 2nd July Year 6 induction day to secondary/move up morning for Years R-5
- Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Condoval
- Friday 18th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church am
- Friday 18th July School and Nursery close for summer holiday
- Monday 21st July School and Nursery closed teacher training day

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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

Secondary School Induction Day



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training .

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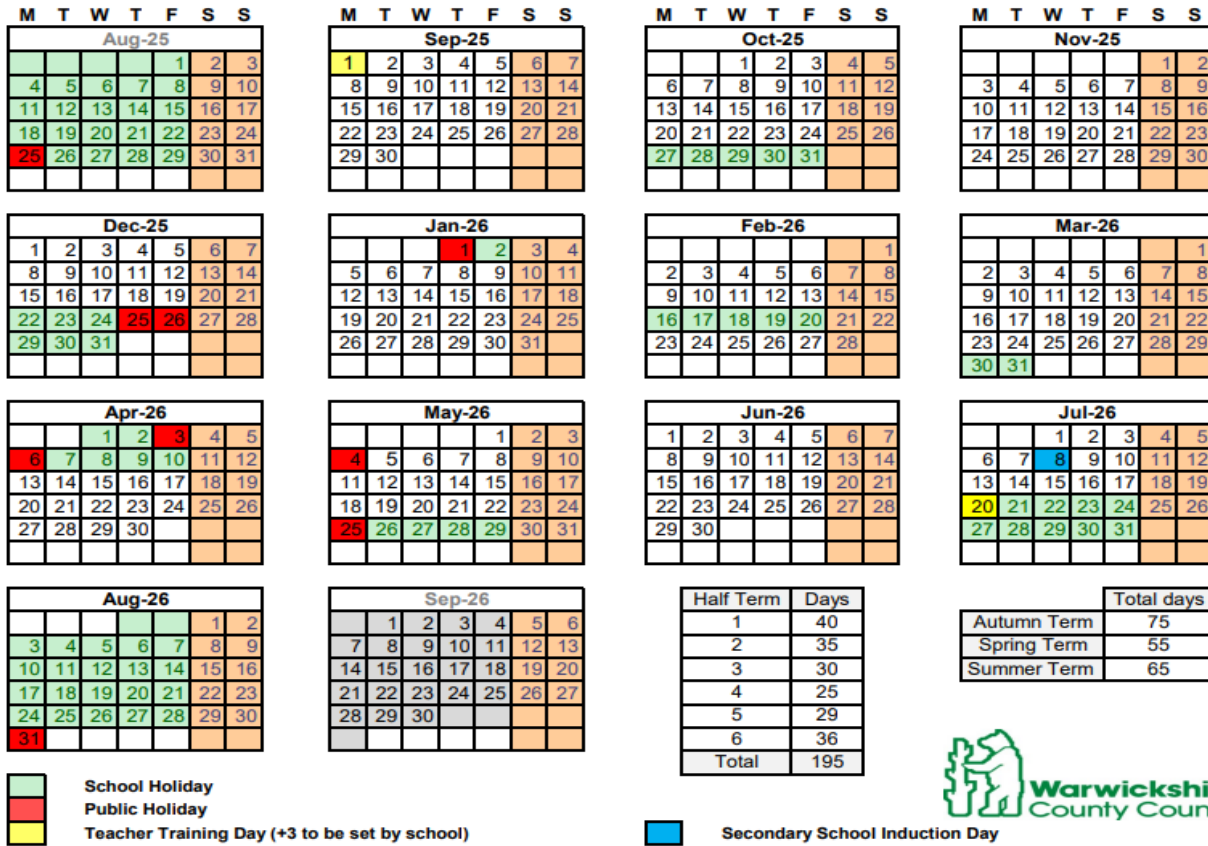
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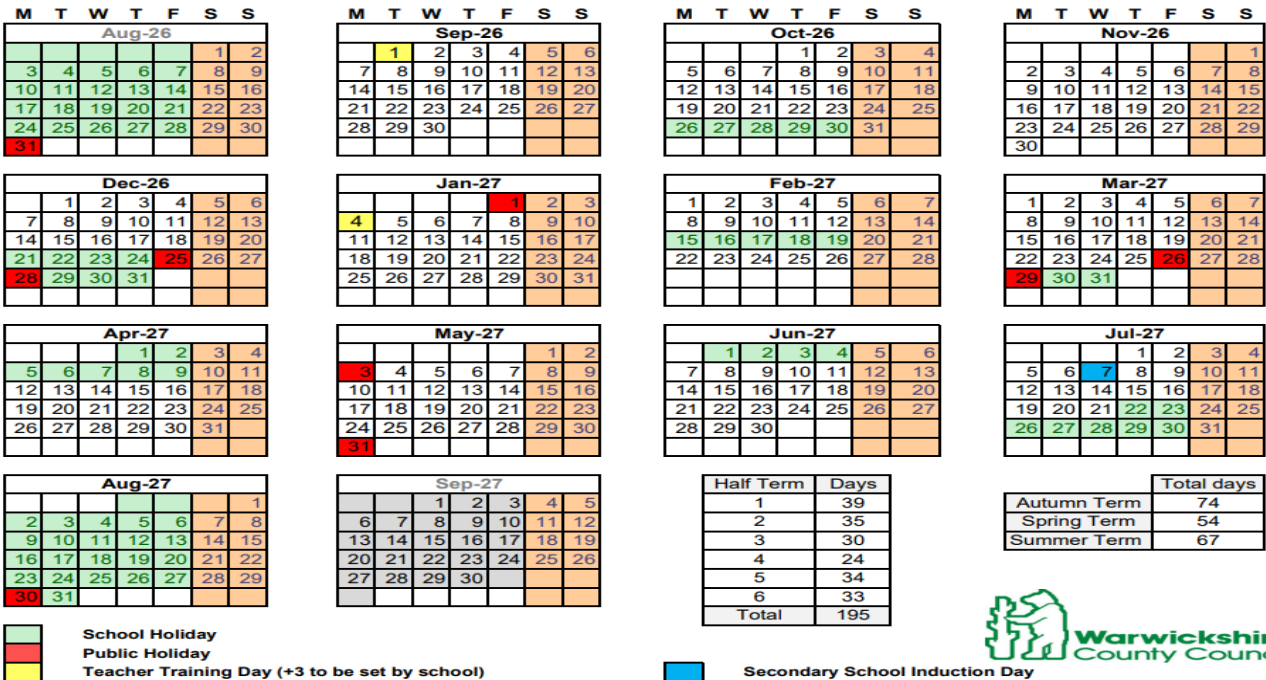


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



School and Nursery will be closed on: Friday 24th October, Monday 5th January and Monday 1st June for Teacher Training

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED 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 [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.

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Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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.

GDPR UPDATE

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Tanworth-in-Arden CofE Primary keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Tanworth-in-Arden CofE Primary requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

*N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.*

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