



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

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

17th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable time with your families. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so positively, ready for the term ahead.

We have a very busy half-term coming up, with lots of exciting learning opportunities, events and activities planned. Please do take the time to regularly check the diary dates included in this newsletter so that you are aware of everything that is coming up.

This half-term, our Christian value is compassion, which was introduced during Tuesday's assembly. We will be exploring what compassion means and how we can show kindness, understanding and care towards others in our daily lives.

You should have received an email following Monday's assembly regarding our uniform expectations, along with a copy of the current uniform policy. As a school, we are currently reviewing this policy and would welcome any feedback from parents and carers. If you would like to share your thoughts, please email the school office by Friday 1st May.

Following valuable parental feedback, we are pleased to introduce a new 'termly snapshot' of your child's attainment for pupils in Years 1–6. This short report will provide you with:

- An overview of where your child is currently working within age-related expectations in Maths, Reading and Writing
- Information about key objectives they have achieved or are currently working towards
- A brief general comment from the class teacher
- Attendance information

Please note that you will still receive the more detailed end-of-year report in July. These new snapshots are designed to keep you informed about your child's progress at key points throughout the year.

Moving forward, our reporting schedule will be:

- October – Parents' Evening
- December – Termly Snapshot
- February – Parents' Evening
- April – Termly Snapshot
- July – End of Year Report

We hope this will provide a clear and regular picture of your child's learning journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Smartphone Free Childhood

We remain in 8th place for Primary schools in Warwickshire who have signed up to the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact, with 48 families signing up. These are the year groups and the number of parents that have currently signed the pact. Well done to Year 3 who are still leading the way!



Year / Age	Pacts
Pre-school (2 - 3)	2
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Reception (4 - 5)	4
Year 1 (5 - 6)	5
Year 2 (6 - 7)	10
Year 3 (7 - 8)	13
Year 4 (8 - 9)	4
Year 5 (9 - 10)	8

If you would like to join then please visit <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

CALENDAR DATES

SUMMER 1

Wednesday 22nd April Rags to Riches clothes collection
 Monday 4th May School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
 Friday 8th May OPAL Parent play and stay 2.00pm
 Monday 11th May-Friday 15th May KS2 SATS week
 Friday 15th May Lent Project 'Break the Rule Day' Details to follow
 Friday 22nd May Class Photos
 Friday 22nd May break up half-term

SUMMER 2

Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
 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 8.30-9.00
 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)
 Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction
 Thursday 9th July School discos and Year 6 Leavers Disco
 Friday 10th July Music Concert pm (TBC)
 Friday 10th July End of year reports
 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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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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