



Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery
In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best



21st March 2025

Dear Parents,

It was great to see everyone in their PJs today for Red Nose Day and our PJ Slumber Party. The KS2 children enjoyed their slumber party this morning after Church. I popped to see them in the hall where they all looked very cosy with their throws, blankets and cushions, who knew there were so many different styles of PJs! Then this afternoon it was KS1 and Reception's turn for their slumber party. Where there were party games and a short movie snuggled under blankets with their cuddly toys. Thank you all for your donations for Comic Relief, every penny raised today will be for this amazing charity. We will let you know how much Tanworth raised next week. A huge thank you to Miss Evens and the School Council for arranging a memorable day for the children and all for a good cause.

On Monday this week we had a visit from Ruth and Kayleigh our OPAL Leaders who are supporting us in the development of OPAL at Tanworth. Ruth and Kayleigh observed a lunchtime, met with the OPAL working party and then delivered training to the Play Team after school. OPAL is coming along really well and each week we are creating new play stations for the children to enjoy. The play stations that we currently have include a mud kitchen, stage, sand pit, digging area, slide, tyres, den building, loose parts building, small world dinosaurs, craft table, fixed play equipment, chess and gym bars. As you can see there are a range of stations so that all children can find something that they like to do ranging from the more physical activities to the sitting down and calming activities. The OPAL working party are talking with the children and encouraging the children to share what stations they would like so that new play ideas are incorporated. I must say the better weather this week has really helped and it has been lovely to see the children playing together from Reception class through to Year 6.

We will be holding a parents OPAL session on Friday 13th June, so please make a note in your diaries (more details will follow). Also don't forget to look on our OPAL page on our website for photos of OPAL in action. We are still accepting donations of a wide range of objects so please before you throw anything away please check as we may be able to recycle it. We are short of dolls, doll clothes and pushchairs so if you do have any that you no longer need please send them in.

Thank you to Mr Blundell, Gracie in Year 5's Dad, for the scooters. I know there will be a queue of children waiting to have a go on the scooters when they are introduced in a couple of weeks time.

One of the key drivers for introducing OPAL at Tanworth was that research now tells us that children are on average spending 6+ hours a day on screens and only 5 hours per week engaging in social outdoor play! Each month we send out an online newsletter with information for parents on how they can keep their child safe online and also up-to-date with new apps etc. Attached to the newsletter is this month's online safety newsletter. This month there is information about the use of AI and also Tik Tok. There is also a really interesting article on the impact of smartphones.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to both Mrs Blatchly and Mrs Hewitt at Easter. Both Mrs Blatchly and Mrs Hewitt, are leaving Tanworth to be able to spend more time with their own families and young children. We will give them a proper Tanworth send off at Easter but in the meantime I am pleased to share that after a rigorous recruitment process Miss Francesca Baird has been appointed as Reception Class teacher for the summer term. Miss Baird has been in this week to meet with the Reception class teachers and to meet the children. Miss Baird will be popping in over the next three weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the children ready for when she takes over after Easter. We will let Reception parents know when Miss Baird will be in so they can say hello.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

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NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery children embraced the Comic Relief Pyjama party today. They have loved coming in this morning wearing their pjs, bringing in their blankets and teddies. This afternoon we then cosied up and watched one of our favourite Julia Donaldson films.



TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN PTA

Thank you for your Circus ticket enquiries! They are selling fast! They are exclusively on sale to Tanworth School families until 31/3/25 at £7.50 after this they'll be released to the local community and MAT schools at an increased price so get yours now!

Email us with the circus showing you would like (1pm 2.30pm 4pm) and number of tickets to: pta3311@welearn365.com



EASTER RAFFLE SPONSORSHIP PLEA!

Following the fun Bamford Bars at Christmas, we are doing a similar Easter event, but need some fabulous family themed prizes we have our eyes on!

Do you run or work in a company that could sponsor us from just £20 in return for social media shout outs and advertising and the knowledge it's helping support a brilliant cause?

Please email us at *pta3311@welearn365.com* if you'd like to sponsor some prizes!

Thank you in advance!

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Reception:

Teddy - Teddy has made us smile this week with the effort he has been putting into his learning. He has shown good listening skills during whole class learning and impressed us with his knowledge of numbers to ten. Teddy was also keen to take part in our writing activity this week, and created his own little book about things we can do to help our world. He worked hard to segment words independently and wrote some fantastic sentences. Well done Teddy, keep up the fantastic learning!

Heidi - Heidi could receive the behaviour and manners certificate every week. She is such a joy to teach as she always tries her very best. Heidi listens attentively, follows instructions, is a very kind friend and is always so polite to everyone around her. Heidi is such a positive role model to everyone in Reception and should feel super proud of herself. You are such a star Heidi, keep being lovely you!

Year 1:

John- We have to say a huge well done to Johnny for excellent effort in all lessons recently but especially in his reading and writing activities. He has become much more confident in his ability and has enjoyed using his writing skills in our class projects. Johnny is also working hard at home and school with his reading where he is making good progress. What is also great to see is that he is beginning to enjoy his work! Well done Johnny, keep it up!

Rosie- Well done to Rosie who enjoyed our class workshop on George's Marvellous Medicine for World Book Day. It was lovely to see her engage with our drama leader and follow instructions to take part in our class workshop. Rosie enjoyed looking at the different faces of the Grandma character, performed by her classmates, and stomping around the hall as magnificent George! She was excited and happy to take part in our class activity.

Year 2:

Freddie - I have chosen Freddie for our effort and achievement certificate because he has shown great enthusiasm in our topic work on the Caribbean. He has been super eager to share the information that he has found out with his peers. Freddie is someone who consistently shows perseverance across all of our learning opportunities. He never gives up and he always strives to make his work even better. Freddie has also started to make a real conscious effort to improve his handwriting even further. Keep up the fantastic work, Freddie!

Nancy - I have chosen Nancy for this certificate because of her exceptional behaviour and manners. Nancy truly has a heart of gold and is always ready to help others. She consistently looks out for her peers and is a wonderful listener, always trying her best and giving 100% in everything she does. With her positive attitude towards school, she brightens everyone's day and creates a warm, caring environment. Nancy's kindness and caring nature make her a real joy to be around. Keep being you, Nancy!

Year 3:

Mhairi- Mhairi has been awarded for her outstanding behaviour and manners because she is simply delightful—a joy to be around and wonderful to talk to. She has a fantastic sense of humour and always engages me in warm and interesting conversations, whether she's sharing stories about spotting wildlife in her garden, chatting about her judo sessions, or telling me about the pranks she plays on her brothers at home. Mhairi has a natural ability to connect with whoever she talks to, and it is a real pleasure to get to know her.

Floryn- Floryn has shown a marked improvement in the presentation of her work, really focusing on how her work looks, and it has made a big difference. In fact, in one lesson, I even had to do a double take to check that it was Floryn's book! This improvement has not only boosted her pride in her work but has also helped both Floryn and myself to spot mistakes more easily, allowing her to edit more effectively and make her writing clearer and more coherent.

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Year 4:

Freya - Freya has been chosen this week for her fantastic efforts in her writing recently. Freya has always been a keen writer but in recent lessons, she has really up levelled her work using her editing skills. Freya knows that a piece of work is never done after the first attempt and she always uses her editing time to add in some fantastic vocabulary, reword her sentences and correct her grammar. This has meant that Freya's work is improving with every sentence that she writes and it truly stands out in terms of vocabulary and flair. Well done, Freya!

Hazel - Hazel is new to our school but you could never tell! She has settled in so well and it feels as though she has been here since the start. Hazel has been chosen due to her beautiful manners and positive attitude to others and her learning. Hazel has a 'can do' attitude to school which she shows in every lesson with her motivation and enthusiasm to learn. Hazel makes our classroom a happier place to be by checking in on others, doing little jobs around the room and always being polite when speaking to people. Thank you for making our class even better, Hazel!

Year 5:

Sid- Sid, you take such pride in all your work, and it truly shines through. Every book you complete is beautifully presented, reflecting your dedication and care. You have always given your best, but now you are pushing yourself even further, rising to new challenges- especially in maths. Your commitment to excellence remains unwavering, and your presentation is always impeccable, no matter the subject. Anyone can open your books and see the effort and determination you put into your learning. I always look forward to checking your work. Your perseverance and dedication will certainly pay off.

Heidi- This certificate is awarded to Heidi in recognition of her exceptional behaviour and impeccable manners. Heidi is a quiet and considered member of the class who always listens carefully to instructions and remains fully focused during lessons. Her dedication and attentiveness during teaching inputs set a wonderful example for her peers. Heidi is consistently polite and well-mannered, both when seeking help and when interacting with her classmates and teachers. She demonstrates a strong commitment to her learning, always staying on task and striving to do her best. Her willingness to help others and her inspiring focus make her a role model for everyone around her. She has such a calming impact on our classroom community. Thank you Heidi.

Year 6:

Preston - Preston has been chosen for the fantastic learning behaviours he's showing in his maths lessons. He is becoming more positive and confident during lessons because he listens carefully to instructions about how to set things out, asks for help when he needs it and checks anything he doesn't understand with an adult. He shows perseverance and an open mind when things are tricky and is beginning to make some good progress because of this. He should be so proud of his mature attitude and hard work. Well done, Preston!

Madison - Madison has made such an effort over the last few weeks during maths lessons as we've looked at finding percentages of amounts - a tricky concept that requires a lot of careful calculation and thought. Her determination to understand the concept has been impressive and it's been a pleasure to see her work independently and tackle increasingly challenging questions. She has begun to believe in herself, which is so lovely to see and I sincerely hope this self-belief continues! Keep it up Madison, you can do it!

ACCELERATED READER 500,000 WORDS

Well done to Charlotte, Phoebe C and Corey (Year 3) who all received their certificates for reading 500,000 words.



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SPRING TERM

Friday 28th March Mother's Day Shop
 Friday 11th April Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC)
 Friday 11th April Easter Service in Church 2pm
 Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter
 Monday 14th-Thursday 17th April Onside Activity Holiday Club

SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open
 Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed
 Friday 9th May PTA Treat Friday
 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week
 Friday 16th May Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop
 Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term
 Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day
 Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open
 Friday 13th June Father's Day Shop
 Friday 13th June OPAL Parents session pm
 Friday 20th June Sports Day (TBC)
 Saturday 21st June Circus
 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 Concover
 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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Half Term	Days
1	40
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5	19
6	36
Total	195

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Autumn Term	75
Spring Term	65
Summer Term	55

■ 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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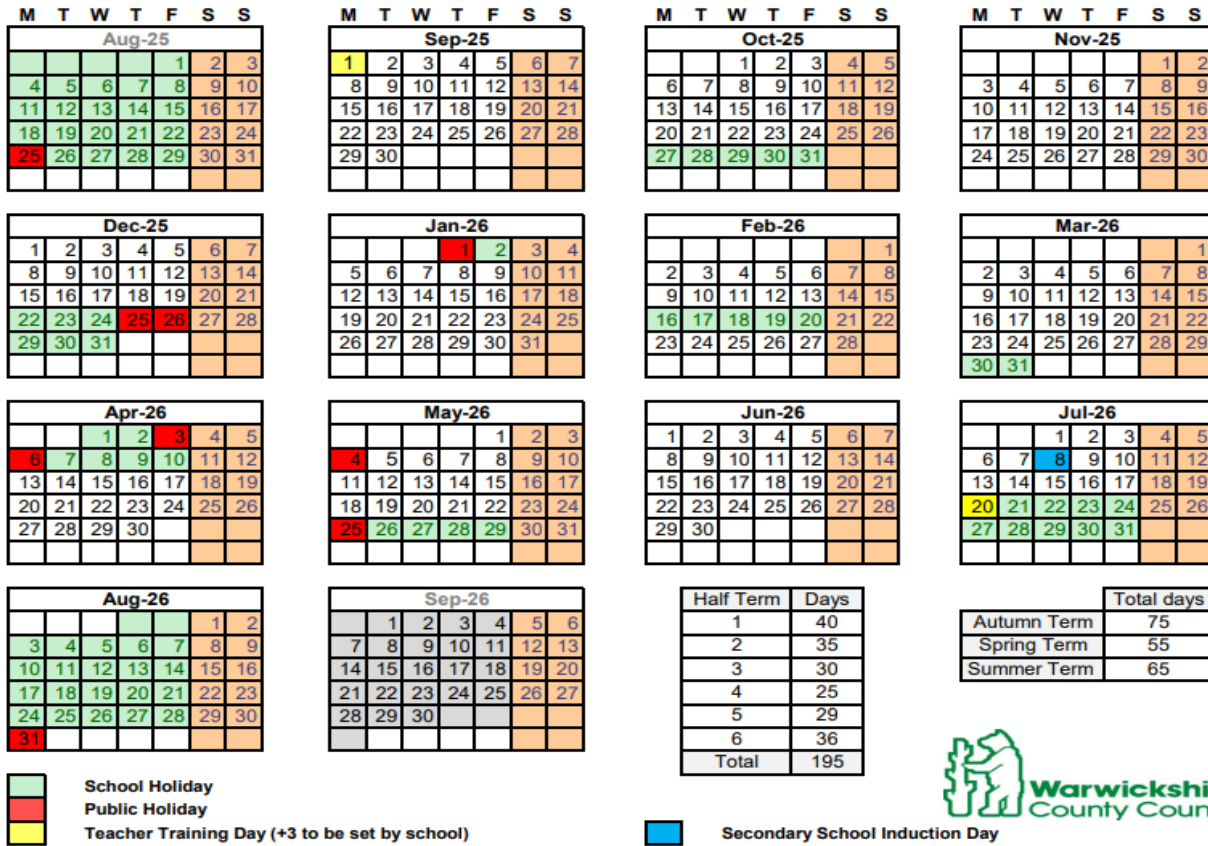
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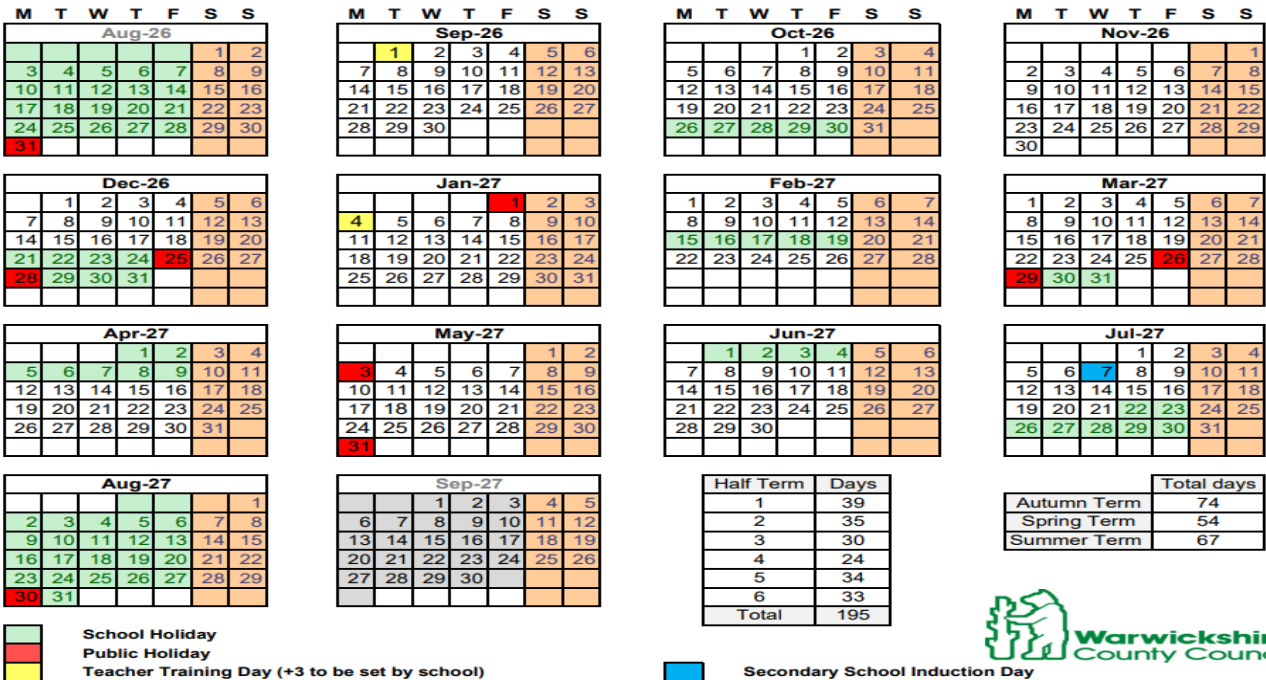


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



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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EASTER ACTIVITIES AT TANWORTH CHURCH

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

10-3PM NATURE & ART ACTIVITY DAY, RUN BY ETHICAL ARTS (6 YEARS+)

Individual workshops, come for one or all! (£4.50+ per workshop).

Email hello.tanworthchurch@gmail.com for more details.

10-11.30AM LITTLE ONES (0-6 YEARS)

Arts and Crafts, storytelling and singing, focusing on Palm Sunday (free).

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

2-4PM MESSY EASTER WORKSHOP

Featuring the Easter Olympics, crafts and Uplifted Puppets (free).

EASTER SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL

9-10AM BREAKFAST CHURCH

Breakfast from 9am, followed by a short, half an hour service with an Easter Egg Hunt!



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