



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

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

28th February 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had enjoyable half-term breaks and found time to rest, relax and spend time with friends and family members. Over the half-term, a number of our trees were lopped and the tree chippings have been used to further improve the Year 1 and 2 outdoor area, which is now looking lovely. Steve and Ann were busy throughout the half-term break, repairing and making good our school site. A huge thank you to both of them for all they do.

'Onside Coaching' were also in school running their activity club. I popped in on Thursday to have a look and the children were having a great time. Onside will be running a club over the Easter break on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the first week. Look out for the flyer to book your child on over the next couple of weeks.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, Warwickshire County Council have published the school holiday dates for academic year 2026/2027. I have included the calendars for 25/26 and 26/27 on the reverse of the newsletter to help you plan. Please note there are still three more Teacher Training days to be set for 26/27, as soon as I have confirmation when these are, I will let you know.

On Tuesday this week we had a visit from Adam Walsh, CEO of Arden Forest MAT and Tim Nelson a former Headteacher and now an educational consultant. Adam and Tim spent the day in school focussing on writing and also provision for SEND, they also looked at OPAL and the general behaviour of the children in class and around the school. It was a very positive day with both Adam and Tim commenting on the amazing learning behaviours of the children and the provision in place for all learners. Well done to all the staff and children for all their hard work, not just on Tuesday, but every day.

We are currently experiencing a range of illnesses in school ranging from coughs and colds to sickness and diarrhoea in both staff and children. You may have also seen in the press recently about the increase in the norovirus. I have been asked to share a leaflet with information on how to stop the spreading of norovirus (please see attached). If your child does have sickness and/or diarrhoea they must stay home from school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please remember to update Studybugs daily. With coughs and colds, children can still attend school as long as they do not have a high temperature. NHS England do have a website with information to help you decide when your child is too ill for school, please see the link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

OPAL is gradually developing and we now do OPAL lunchtime on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Our plan is to have OPAL lunchtime 5 days a week starting in a couple of weeks time. This week we have taken delivery of 120 pairs of waterproof trousers which will be available for the children to wear when playing on the field. Children can of course still bring in their own if they wish to. A big thank you to Mr Hemming who has kindly made us another welly storage area. I'm sure many of you know that we have had a few problems with keeping the wellies dry inside, hopefully with a second storage area the children will be able to store their wellies so that they do not get wet inside. We are reminding children every OPAL session to make sure their wellies are put back properly to prevent getting wet inside. Mr Hemming also has made the most amazing mud kitchen for the children to use (see photo).



On Monday this week Miss Chambers arranged for Pete Jeffs to come in to work with Year 4 children to create a Willow Tunnel as part of our OPAL offering. Look out for photos in future newsletters of the willow growing.

Don't forget we still need lots of loose parts so if you have anything that we could use please let us know. You can find a list of things on the website on the OPAL page. We are also looking for an old small caravan that we could turn into a reading caravan or for role play.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

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## PTA NEWS

We hope your children had a fun day today with their sponsored pancake flip! We thank you in advance for all of the sponsorship money which we kindly ask you to bring in on Monday!

We had our AGM on Monday, marking one year of the PTA! Last year all of your generosity has meant we have been able to give back to school:

- A brand new library!
- New school library books
- Cookery equipment
- Each class has had a voucher to spend on class resources

And more!

With the remaining balance we are looking into OPAL equipment, forest school supplies and starting a new Art & DT room!

We will continue to fundraise for this and then our next big fundraiser will be for an Outdoor Classroom!

We really appreciate the support and can't wait to be able to enhance the learning to benefit every child in the school. Thank you.

We are excited to announce this year we'll be bringing a circus to Tanworth in Arden! Please see details below to save the date and we will announce further details soon!



TANWORTH IN ARDEN PTA PRESENTS



**SATURDAY 21st JUNE**

Show times 1pm 2.30pm 4pm

**EXCLUSIVE TICKET PRESALE**

for Tanworth in Arden School

**12th MARCH**

Junior Playground 3pm-3.30pm

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## NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we celebrated and learned all about Ramadan. Our story of the week was 'Ramadan' by Junissa Bianda. This little book helped us to gain a simple understanding of the festival and learn a little about the Muslim faith. The children enjoyed creating their own new crescent moons, which we have proudly displayed in Nursery. The Nursery children have also thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the PTA Sponsored pancake flip today. They are now all very much looking forward to pancake day next week.



# MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team  
**Tips For Wellness**



## Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

### Our Tips for Relaxation:

**1- Try some breathing exercises, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!**



Rainbow breathing

**2- Drawing or colouring can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!**

**3- Practice mindfulness by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.**

**4- Stretch it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!**



Calming yoga stretches

**5- A warm bath or shower can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!**

**In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.**

**MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.**

**Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.**

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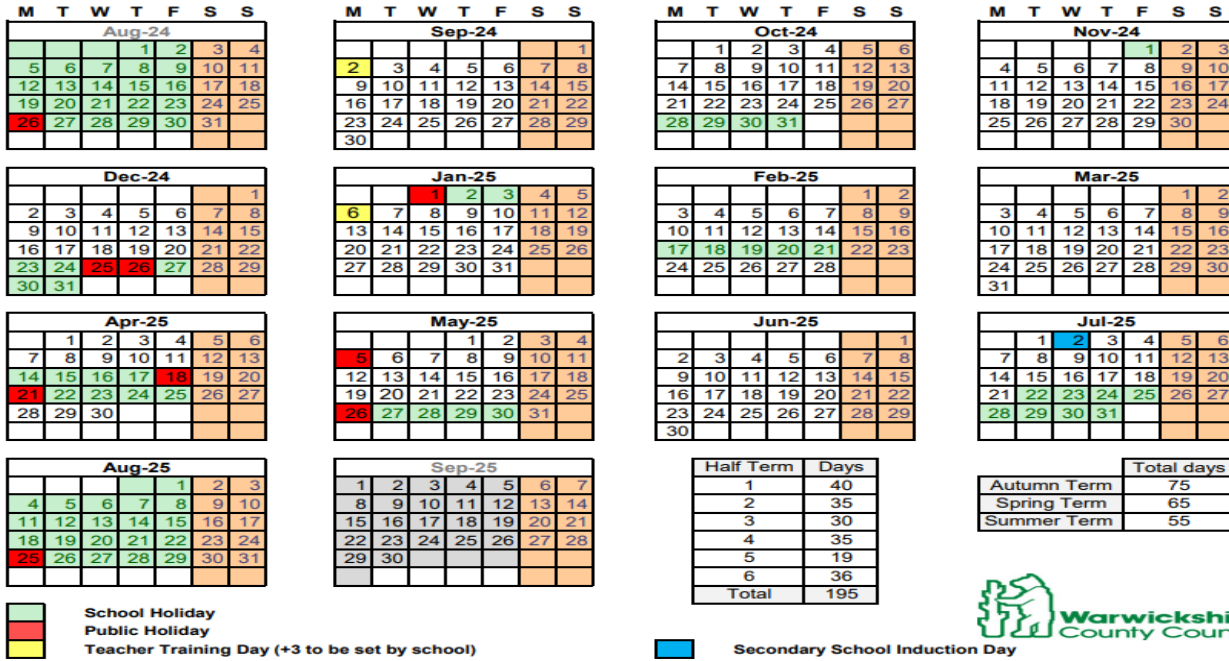
**SPRING TERM**

**SUMMER TERM**

Wednesday 5th March World Book Day workshop in school  
 Thursday 6th March World Book Day  
 Tuesday 11th March Year 3 and 4 girls Football Tournament  
 Tuesday 11th March SATS meeting for Year 6 parents/carers  
 Friday 21st March Comic Relief Day  
 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

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 20th June Sports Day (TBC)  
 Saturday 21st June Circus  
 Friday 27th June Year 6 apprentice Sale pm  
 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 Conover  
 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**



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

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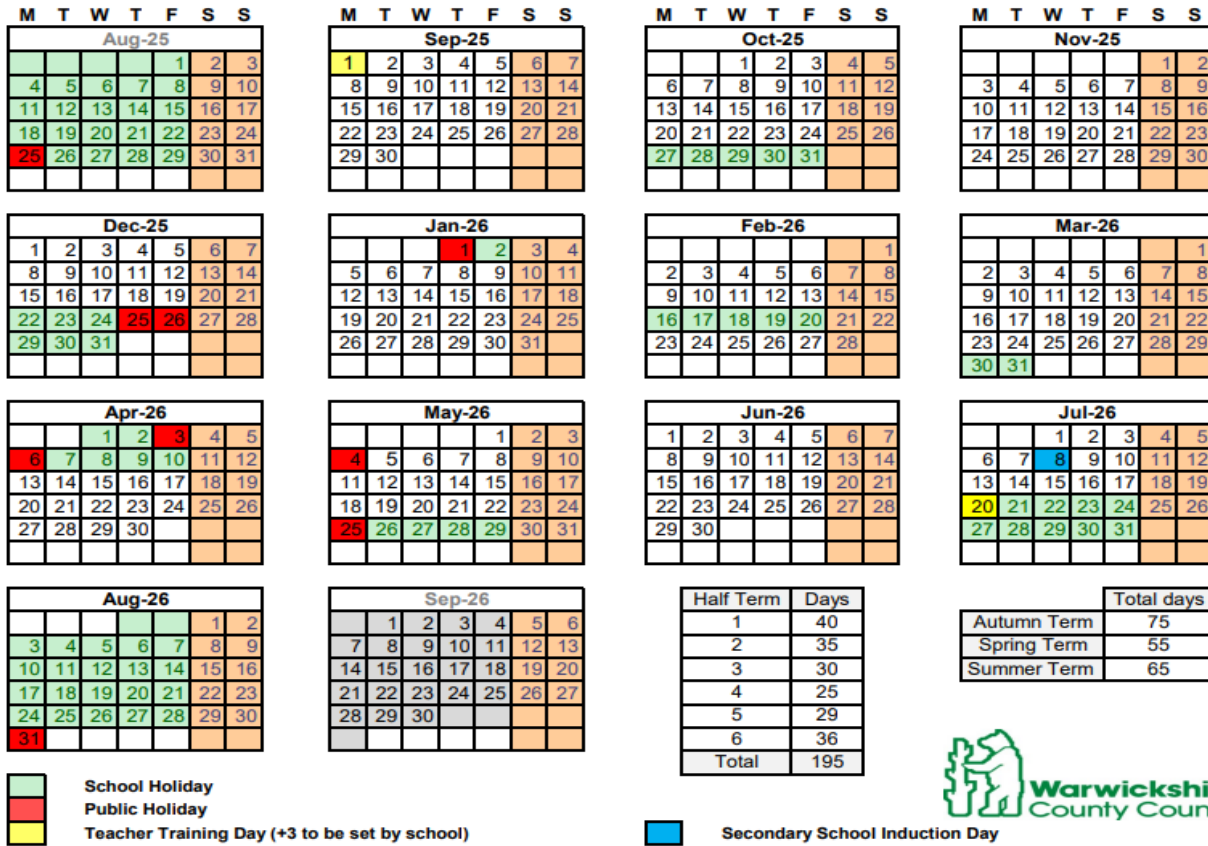
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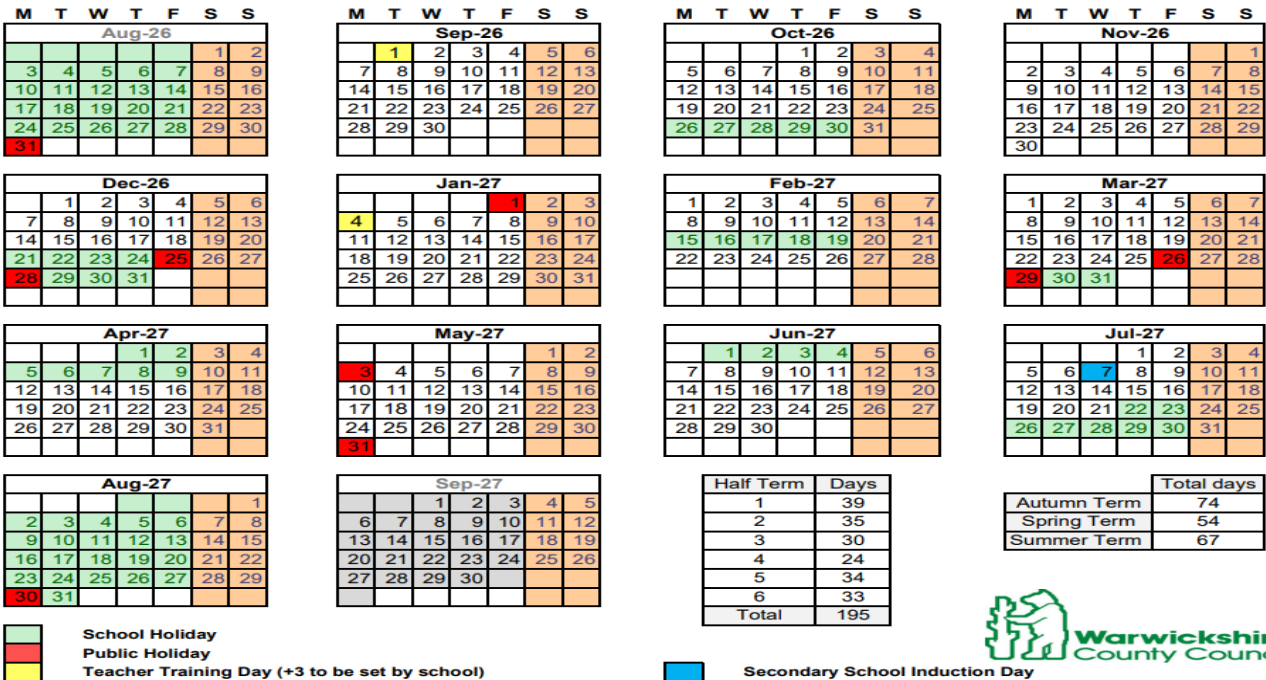


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



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

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