



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

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

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had lovely Easter Holidays. I know from speaking to the children many of you managed to get away to sunnier climates and as always the sun decided to shine brightly here this week once we were all back to school! It is only a 4 week half-term, so it won't be long until I am wishing you all a relaxing half-term break, again!

With the sunnier days, a polite reminder about correct school uniform. Children may now wear their summer uniform which is a Tanworth green and white striped or checked dress for the girls. Boys can wear grey shorts and white polo type t-shirt (this does not need to have the school logo). As always shoes for both boys and girls should be plain, substantial and have laced or bar fastening and black. Please note that trainers are only allowed on PE days. Hair accessories should be green or white hair ribbons or bobbles or a plain green or black Alice band. Large hair bows, claw clips and flower clips must not be worn. All long hair (girls and boys) needs to be tied back. I have also noticed an increasing number of children getting their ears pierced. Please note only small plain stud earrings are allowed. Earrings for all children need to either be removed for PE lessons or covered over with tape.

We also ask that all children have a sunhat in school and a named water bottle. We ask that where possible parents apply an all day sun cream before school, however children may bring their own named sun cream in for their own use and must be able to apply themselves.

Attached to this newsletter is the May Online safety newsletter. This month there is information about cybebullying, Roblox and Minecraft, so please do take a look.

Also on Wednesday 7th May from 4pm-4.45pm there is an online meeting for parents about online safety run by Knowsley. We will be sending the link out to this meeting on Tuesday and I do recommend that parents attend to find out more about how to keep their children safe online. Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link 4pm on Wednesday to access the session. Cameras and voice/ audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere! We will share the link with you privately.

- Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.
- Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
- What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
- Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025
4PM – 4.45PM

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On Thursday next week it is VE Day. Although we are not holding a celebration/party etc. in school, children will still be celebrating this day through curriculum activities that Mrs Hoskins, our History Leader has planned.

Finally, I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming our 4 new children (3 new families) and of course Miss Baird (Reception class teacher) who joined us this week. We hope that Viktor, Flora, Rocky, Ophelia and Miss Baird have enjoyed their first week as part of the Tanworth Family.

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend,

Mrs Bamford

Headteacher



It won't be long until Sports Day is here and so I would like to give you advance notice of how Sports Day will work this year as we will be doing Sports Day a little differently.

Sports Day will take place on the afternoon of Friday 20th June and will be more of a 'traditional' Sports Day with children taking part in running races and novelty races. Parents will be invited to bring their lunches and join us for a school picnic from 12pm until 12.45pm. At 12.45pm all of the children will return to their classrooms and then at 1pm the races will begin. The KS1 children will compete in their sports races first with parents and KS2 children cheering them on. We expect the KS1 races to last until about 1.45pm and then after the KS1 races the KS2 children will compete in their races with parents and KS1 children cheering them on. Please note KS2 children will stay with their teachers to watch KS1 and then afterwards KS1 children will remain with their teachers to watch the KS2 races.

We will not be having a Summer Fayre, as we have the PTA Circus event on the following day but we will be holding a hamper raffle.

We are asking for any donations for the Sports Day hampers to be brought into school on Friday 9th May in return for a non-school uniform day. The themes are:

Nursery: Day at the beach

Reception: Summer BBQ

Year 1: Garden Party

Year 2: Garden Games

Year 3: Rainy Day

Year 4: Let's have a Picnic

Year 5: Summer Holiday

Year 6: It's Mum and Dads Holiday Too

We have all really enjoyed Sports Day in the past however we appreciate that having a whole day of sports can be difficult for parents and also from our point view there is a lot of organisation and relies very much on additional staffing in order for it to run smoothly. We hope that by moving more towards a more traditional type of sports day everyone will be able to enjoy it, especially the children.

Please note Nursery will have their races at 11.30am for parents to watch.

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NURSERY NEWS

We had wonderful week in Nursery welcoming the children back from the Easter break, it was lovely to hear of all the adventures they had been up to while being away from Nursery. This week our focus has been shape and our story of the week has been 'Walter's Wonderful Web' by Tim Hopgood. Throughout the week children have been drawing their own shapes, making their own shape webs and even looking for Walter the Spider over at Forest School. We have also been painting some wonderful portraits of Walter. The Nursery Team.



OUR OPAL JOURNEY

The great weather we have had this week has meant that all children (and staff) have really been enjoying our OPAL lunchtimes. It has been great to see the children engaging with the wide variety of play activities ranging from the quiet playing with the new pixie garden right up to the building with crates, pipes and tyres. I know some of the older children have enjoyed the new football area that has now been introduced. We have already come a long way on our journey.

In October 2024, we started to work with OPAL in the hopes of improving playtimes by looking at play with a greater importance schoolwide.

In November 2024, we had our first 'Together Tuesday' play session where the children were able to join up across the year groups on the same field and play together. We then had a few more of these days to help practise our new OPAL routines.

In December 2024, we added music to our play times, added lots of new loose parts, play equipment, tyres, crates, small world toys and much more to the field and playground and got the OPAL shed up and running.

In January 2025, we started an OPAL play committee of eager children ready to help make OPAL run smoothly, added a stage for performances and dance routines, added a mud slide to our playing field and, continued to add to our current areas such as digging, sand and large loose parts and added an extra welly store for added space.

In February 2025, we have added a fantastic mud kitchen to our playing area (thanks to Mrs and Mr Hemming) and introduced wheels to play, planted the willow arch and added another speaker to make sure our music is nice and loud across the field!

In March 2025, we took on OPAL every lunch time! We also introduced the choice of outdoor eating for children with packed lunches which the children seem to love! A tree swing has been built and put up and is in the process of being risk assessed - the children were very excited to see this!

In April 2025, we are trialling scooters on the playground and looking to add lots more wheels to our play. We have also sourced a slide which we are getting ready to add to the field. The children are also now swinging on our new gym bars and playing dress up in the stage area!

I wonder what will be happening in May!!!



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SUMMER TERM 2025

- Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed
- Friday 9th May Non-school uniform (item for Sports Day Hampers)
- 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 3.15pm School and Nursery close for half-term holidays
- Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open
- Friday 6th June PTA discos R,1&2 3.15pm—4.15pm then 3,4&5 4.30pm—5.30pm
- 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
- 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 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 for 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

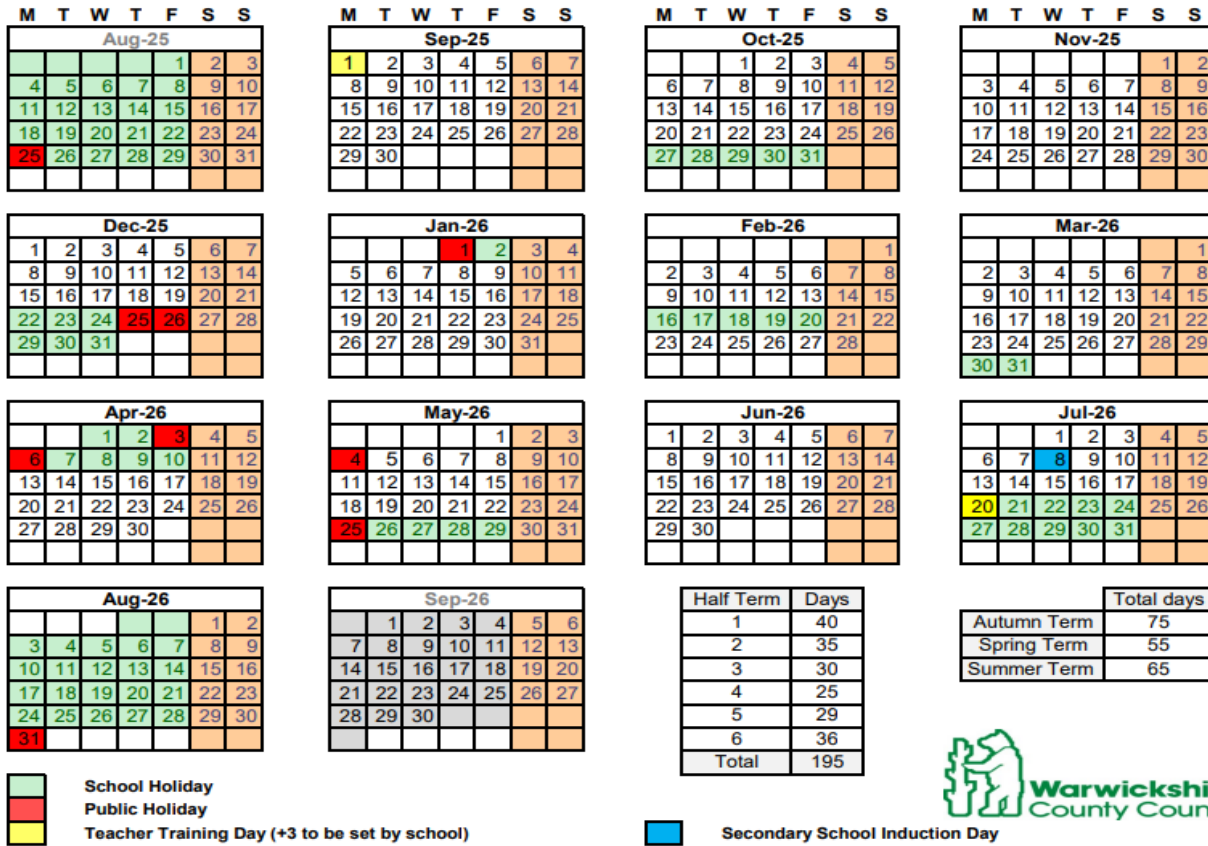


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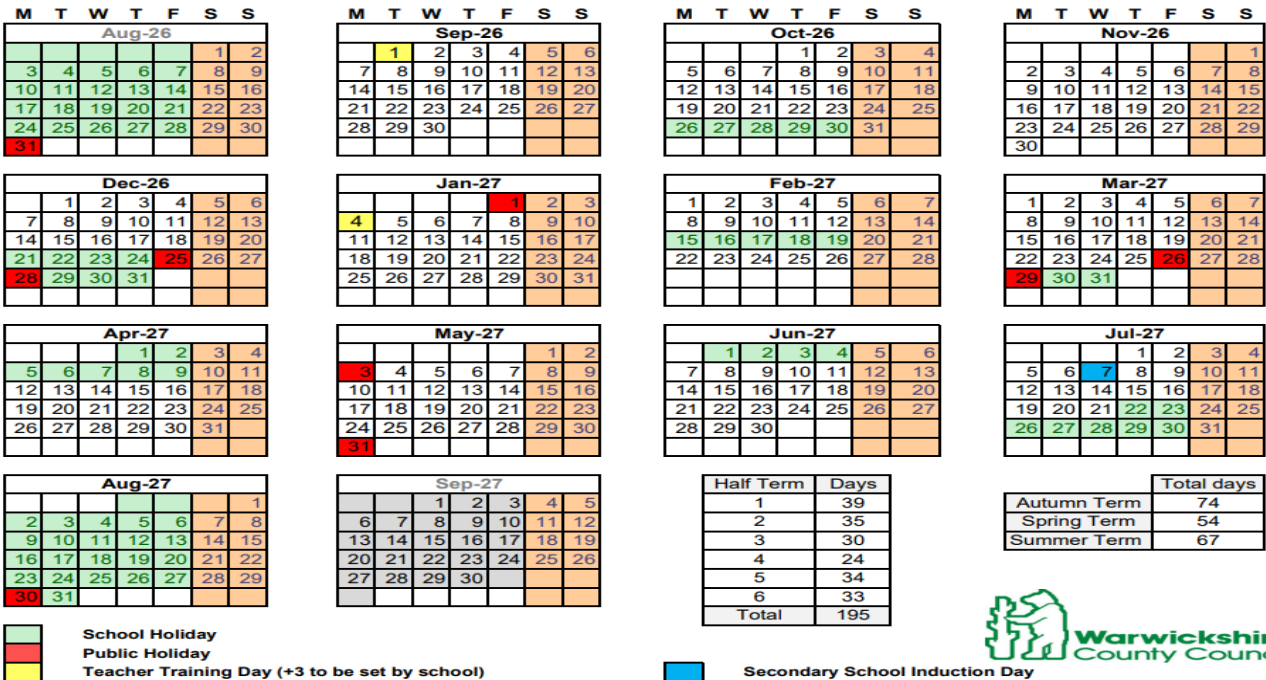


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



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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