



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

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

9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

Although Christmas now seems a distant memory, the last five weeks seem to have gone by in a flash and I can hardly believe it's the half-term break already!

Over the last two weeks I have been popping into classes and seeing not only amazing teaching, but also our conscientious and engaged learners. It is always one of my favourite roles as Headteacher just to walk around popping in lessons, speaking to the children about their learning and having a look in their books. I have also had the pleasure of teaching a few of the classes this half-term. Last week it was a delight to cover in Year 4, when Miss Hodges was out with some of the children at a sporting competition. The Year 4 children really are a credit to Miss Hodges, their learning behaviours and general classroom behaviour really was outstanding, I could tell that these behaviours were embedded and just part of their daily routine. Well done Miss Hodges.

Polite reminder about school uniform: In the winter months the uniform is as follows:

Grey skirt/pinafore or grey trousers (not leggings) for girls with white shirt and tie (white polo shirt in summer) with school green jumper or cardigan

Grey trouser for boys with white shirt and tie (white polo shirt in summer) with school green jumper

Shoes for both boys and girls should be plain, substantial and have laced or bar fastening. Shoes must be black. Children are only allowed to wear trainers on PE days.

For PE days, children should wear either the school green tracksuit or children can wear plain black or school green jogging bottoms (not leggings) and a plain school green sweatshirt with white t-shirt.

Children may wear the school fleece over the top for outside play/PE but this should not substitute the PE sweatshirt.

Our School Uniform Policy is on the website under the parents tab. We do have a large selection of good quality used uniform so if you need anything please let us know.

As you know one of our school improvement priorities this year is to develop pupil leadership opportunities. Last week Tia and Olivia in Year 6 took it upon themselves to lead a school assembly on 'Developing Good Mental Health'. The girls did an amazing job talking about different strategies to ensure good mental health. Well done!

Then this week our Year 6 children led a Family Time linked to Internet Safety Day. The Year 6's shared ideas of how we can stay safe online, giving strategies of what to do and who to speak to if they are not feeling safe online. As always the Year 6 were super 'mini teachers' and the children were great learners listening attentively. Attached to this newsletter is another Internet Safety newsletter with more tips for you as parents.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term,

*Mrs Bamford*

Head teacher

P.S. Don't forget to join our Lego LYFTA challenge over the half-term, details can be found attached to this newsletter.



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## NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 9th FEBRUARY 2024

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed celebrating Luna new year. As it is the year of the dragon we have engaged in lots dragon related activities. We had a wonderful show and tell session when Maisie brought in some treasures from China, her uncle had brought these back from his travels. Thank you Maisie, your friends loved having a turn with the special stamp.



## SWIMMING SISTERS



Congratulations to sisters Emily and Chloe who have had great success in swimming.

Emily has achieved her 15 metre badge and sister Chloe has achieved her 10 metre badge.



## TESCO STRONGER STARTS

If you have been to Tesco recently you may have spotted that we are part of the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' scheme. It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Last year we applied to support us in securing funding to help us purchase Trim Trails and before Christmas we found out that we have been successful. Tesco customers will now be able to vote in the stores listed below during January to March. The more blue tokens we get, the more funding we will receive. So please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

Barnt Green Bham Express B45 8NE

Redditch Extra B98 7RU

Lodge Park Express B98 7LB

Marlbrook Bromsgrove Express B60 1DL

Redditch Brockhill Express B97 6PH



## PTA AGM

Don't forget to add the PTA AGM to your diary for Monday 19th February at 7pm. This will be the first meeting where the key posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed. Please come along to support the new PTA. You may have an idea about a future event or may just be interested in what a PTA does.

Everyone is welcome, and there is no obligation to join.



## GREEN FINGERS NEEDED

Our Prayer Garden has gradually become more of a jungle than an area for quiet reflection. We are hoping to get a group of volunteers together next half-term who would help rejuvenate this area so that it once more becomes a place of tranquillity. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would be willing to help please let us know. Hot drinks and cakes will be provided.



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**RECEPTION:**

Archer: Archer instantly sprang to mind as someone who shows forgiveness effortlessly to those around him. He is able to accept that his friends will make mistakes, even when those mistakes may hurt his feelings, and he is always willing to give them a fresh start. Archer is also able to recognise when he has made a mistake, which is often harder to admit, and he will often try his very best to ensure that he makes it right and it doesn't happen again. Archer, you are a wonderful member of our class who shows great empathy and patience. We are so lucky to have you in Reception!

**YEAR 1:**

Sophie: This half term in Year 1 we have chosen Sophie. When you think about forgiveness, you might think of a person who has to forgive a lot or who does lots of things that need to be forgiven but, that's not Sophie. We have chosen her because she really believes and understands the importance of forgiving and makes a deliberate choice to see the best in people, forgiving others with ease. She is empathetic to others and is always hopeful that in times when she may need to be forgiven, others will treat her in the same way. Sophie knows that forgiveness can make more than one person happy including herself.

**YEAR 2:**

Winnie: Winnie was a popular choice in our class vote and it is easy to see why. She is always so thoughtful and builds good relationships with others in the class. I have particularly noticed that she is a child who will not bear grudges and if anyone has upset or hurt her she is always quick to forgive and to share a smile so that everyone can move on with their day. This is a great attribute to have. Well done Winnie. Keep it up!

**YEAR 3:**

Isaac: Isaac was nominated for this award by a friend. Their friend explained how no matter the differences in opinion or disagreements they have, Isaac still puts their friendship first. Isaac let's go of the differences of opinion and does not refer back to the mistakes made by their friend and welcomes his friend back with open arms ready to move on with their friendship.

**YEAR 4:**

Barclay: In the classroom, Barclay's ability to forgive shines. As a class, we decided on Barclay as he is able to forgive the small things every day and turn them into positive learning points. He is always saying things like 'It's okay!' and 'Don't worry about it!' when others accidentally create small problems that might affect him slightly. His warmth and empathy create a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels valued and accepted. Due to this, he teaches those around him the power of letting go of grudges and fostering calmness and positivity in every interaction instead. Well done, Barclay.

**YEAR 5:**

Alice: I have chosen Alice for the value of Forgiveness because forgiveness can be one of the hardest things to extend to others especially when we feel we've been deeply wronged. As adults how we perceive playground fallouts is very different compared to the children who are in amidst them. Alice has had her fair share of disagreements on the playground, as have many other children in class 5. However, Alice has always confided in me and wanted to make any wrongs right and try and resolve problems. Forgiving others means letting go of resentment and giving up any claim to be compensated for the hurt or loss we have suffered. The way that Alice still treats others with the utmost respect and kindness, even after they have not shown her compassion, is something to be praised. Keep being the kind and considerate person that you are Alice because you are wonderful.

**YEAR 6:**

Sam: Sam is someone who accepts that people are not perfect, that they have bad days and make mistakes. He doesn't judge others for this or hold on to anger and resentment and is quick to see and embrace the positive. Sam approaches disagreements with respect for the opinions of others, compassion and a sense of humour! He shows a willingness to move forward with a clean slate and this mature attitude alongside his empathy and understanding is why he was overwhelmingly chosen by his classmates to be recognised for this value.

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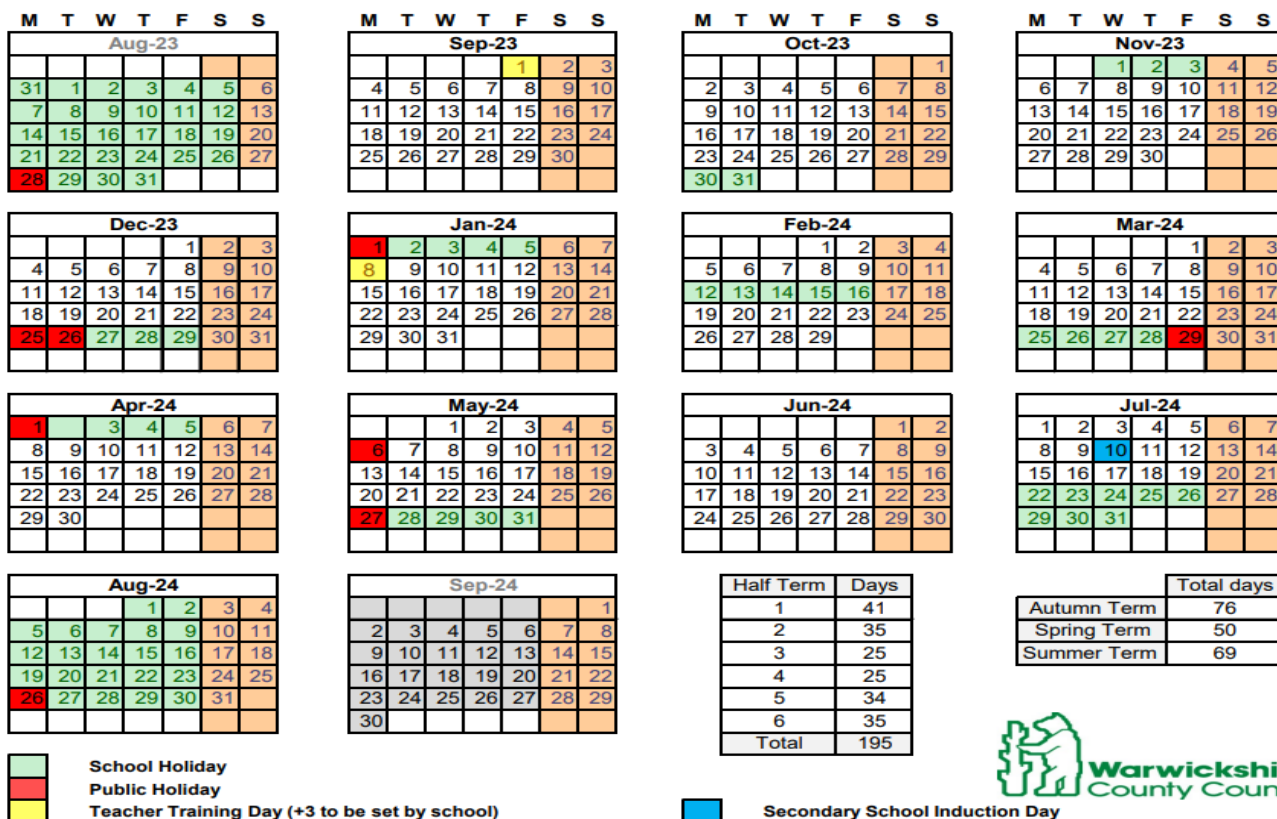
**SPRING TERM**

**SUMMER TERM**

Friday 9th February School and Nursery break up for half-term  
 Monday 19th February School and Nursery reopens  
 Monday 19th February LYFTA challenges in  
 Thursday 22nd February Young Voices  
 Friday 1st March Non-school uniform donations for Mother’s Day Shop  
 Thursday 7th March World Book Day dress as your favourite book character  
 Friday 8th March Mother’s Day Shop  
 Friday 15th March Home Learning in  
 Monday 18th March Home Learning Gallery 3.15  
 Tuesday 19th March Home Learning Gallery 8.30am  
 Tuesday 19th March Parents Evening  
 Wednesday 20th March Year 6 WW2 Workshop  
 Thursday 21st March Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop  
 Thursday 21st March Parents Evening  
 Friday 22nd March Easter Service in Church Year 5  
 Friday 22nd March School and Nursery close for Easter

Monday 8th April School and Nursery reopen for summer  
 Monday 8th April Shakespeare Week in school  
 Monday 6th May May Day School and Nursery closed  
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May KS2 SATS week  
 Friday 24th May Break up for half-term  
 Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2  
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern  
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father’s Day Shop  
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School  
 Friday 21st June Sports Day/Summer Fete  
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop  
 Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete (back up day)  
 Wednesday 10th July Secondary Induction Day  
 Friday 12th July School Disco  
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church  
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday  
 Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed  
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term

**Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24**



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 3rd June 2024 for Teacher Training .

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