



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

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

9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

We were proud to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day — the end of World War II in Europe — with a special week of activities across the school. Rather than focusing on national events alone, we explored Tanworth-in-Arden's own story during the Second World War. Through history, art, writing, and local investigation, the children learned about the people and places that shaped our village's wartime experience.

Here's how each year group celebrated:

Reception – "Village Voices"

- Explored the idea of celebration through songs, bunting, and simple storytelling.
- Created paper flags and wreaths to commemorate peace.

Year 1 – "Remembering Together"

- Learned about Tanworth's war memorial and why we remember.
- Created thank-you posters and poppy-themed crafts.

Year 2 – "Our Local Hero"

- Discovered the story of Pilot Officer Alfred Eric Davies, a Battle of Britain pilot buried in our churchyard.
- Wrote fact files and designed medals of remembrance.

Year 3 – "Through Evacuee Eyes"

- Stepped into the shoes of wartime evacuees who came to villages like Tanworth.
- Created evacuee diaries and countryside paintings inspired by a Tanworth evacuee who later became an artist, Frank Sidney Smith.

Year 4 – "Tanworth's Wartime Story"

- Mapped local and national WWII sites.
- Investigated daily life during the war: rationing, blackout, and farming.
- Discussed how the war changed village life.

Year 5 – "Stories from the War Memorial"

- Researched individuals named on Tanworth's war memorial.
- Created short biographies and a class exhibition to honour their lives.

Year 6 – "Reflecting on Remembrance"

- Designed new commemorative memorials and wrote reflective letters imagining VE Day in Tanworth.



Mrs Hoskins, History Lead.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hoskins for arranging such a wealth of learning activities for the children of Tanworth.

In other news this week, there is important information on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter regarding leave of absence during term time. Please take time to read the information and if you have any questions or queries then please do get in touch.

This week you should have also received an email with a link to a parental survey, if you have not received the link then please do let us know.

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Finally this week, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children a great weekend as next week they will be completing their Year 6 SATS. As always I would like to remind the children that all you can do is 'your' best and to remember that these tests are just a measure of your current abilities in Reading, Maths, Spelling, grammar and punctuation and that each and everyone of you is so much more than a SATS result. We are proud of all of you because of your values and how you demonstrate these every day, your behaviour and manners and your individuality that makes you who you are. So please all have a great weekend, enjoy yourselves but please try not to break any bones!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford, Headteacher

FUNDRAISING FOR DEMENTIA

Many of you will know Sarah Cutler, one of our ex-permanent members of staff and now a regular supply teacher at Tanworth. Sarah is currently in training for the Isles of Scilly Marathon in June. Sarah is taking part in this gruelling marathon to raise awareness of early onset dementia. Early onset dementia is when a person develops dementia before the age of 65 and affects over 70,000 people a year in the UK. All money raised will be donated to Dementia UK. If you would like to donate then please follow the JustGiving page link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-cutler-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Sarah all the best.

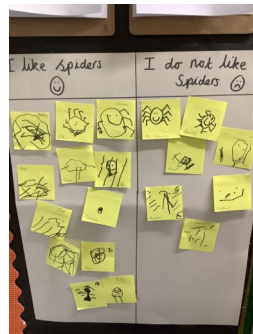
ONLINE SAFETY

Please find below the link to a recording of the Knowsley Online Safety meeting. Please take time to watch the presentation as there is information about current online trends, tips for parents on keeping children safe online and links to signposts for further information.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-may-2025/>

NURSERY NEWS

In keeping with the children's interests our story of the week was another spider related story. With our focus on numbers 'Spinderella' lent itself to being the perfect story. The children have enjoyed joining in and counting the children in the book throughout the week. We have also used numbers in our play dough, numbers in our water play and we thoroughly enjoyed some sensory spaghetti where we had to find the spiders and count them. The Nursery Team .



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED 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 [i.e. 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.

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Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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.

GDPR UPDATE

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Tanworth-in-Arden CofE Primary keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Tanworth-in-Arden CofE Primary requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

*N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.*

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PTA NEWS

Happy Friday, we hope you liked the donuts this week! Thank you for all of your support!

Next Friday 16th is Non school uniform in exchange for bringing in a Father's Day gift! Thank you in Advance!

We have very limited CIRCUS tickets, exclusively priced at £7.50 for Tanworth School families! Please email pta3311@welearn365.com if you're yet to purchase them!

We are also looking for event helpers for a variety of upcoming events! (this can be volunteering from as little as just half an hour of your time- no commitment to meetings etc!) if you can help out please email pta3311@welearn365.com

Thank you for your continued support

Georgina



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TANWORTH IN ARDEN PTA PRESENTS

NATIONAL FESTIVAL CIRCUS

TRADITIONAL FAMILY FUN



SATURDAY 21st JUNE

Show times 1pm 2.30pm 4pm

LIMITED TICKETS REMAINING

At £7.50 for Tanworth in Arden School

EMAIL NOW OPEN £7.50

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SUMMER TERM

- Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week
- Tuesday 13th May Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
- Friday 16th May Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop
- Friday 16th May Open the Book in Church Year 4
- Tuesday 20th May LYFTA Live lesson
- Friday 23rd May Values Service in Church 9.10am
- Friday 23rd May Class Photographs— School and Nursery close for half-term
- Tuesday 27th May—Friday 30th May Onside Holiday Club at Tanworth Book here: <https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/sign-in>
- 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 yrs 3,4&5 4.30pm to 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 s 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 Condover
- 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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| Aug-25 | | | | | | | Sep-25 | | | | | | | Half Term | | | | | | | Total days | | | | | | | |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Spring Term | 65 | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Summer Term | 55 | | |
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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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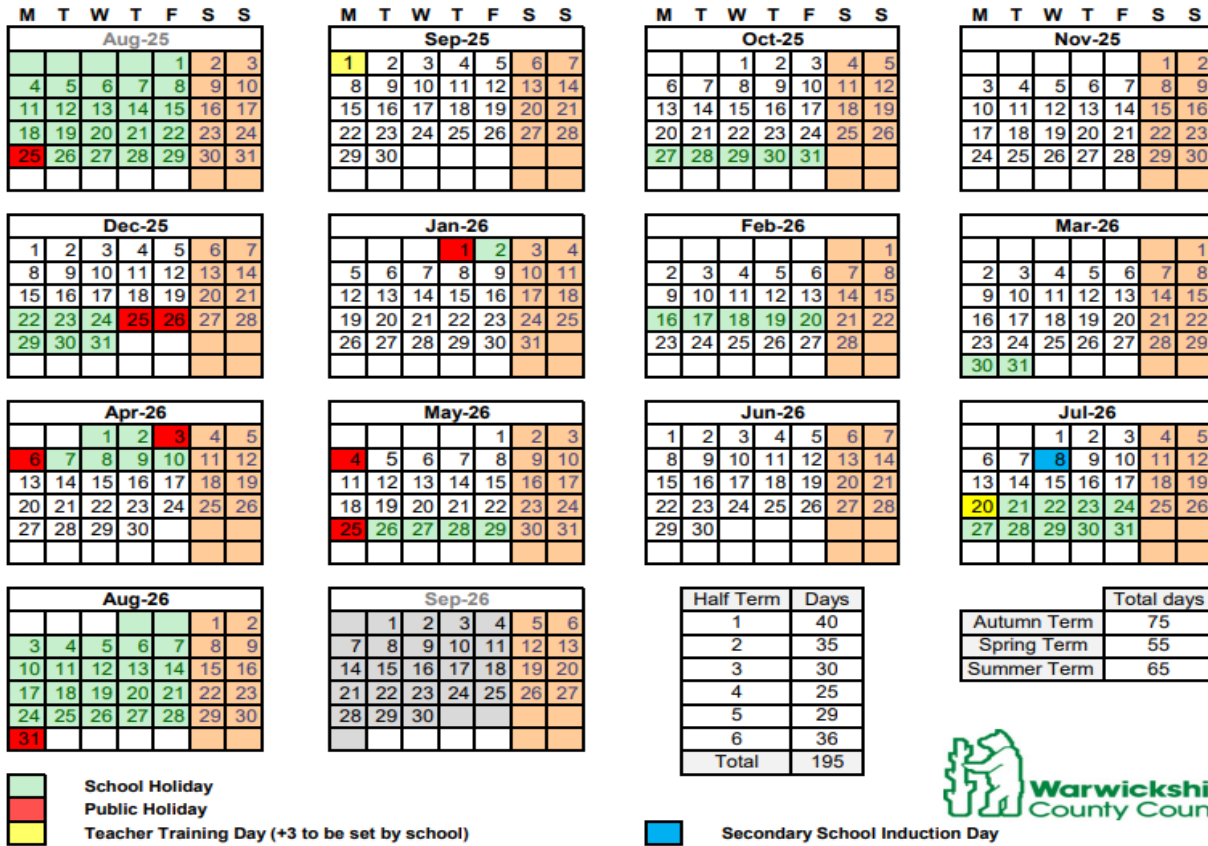
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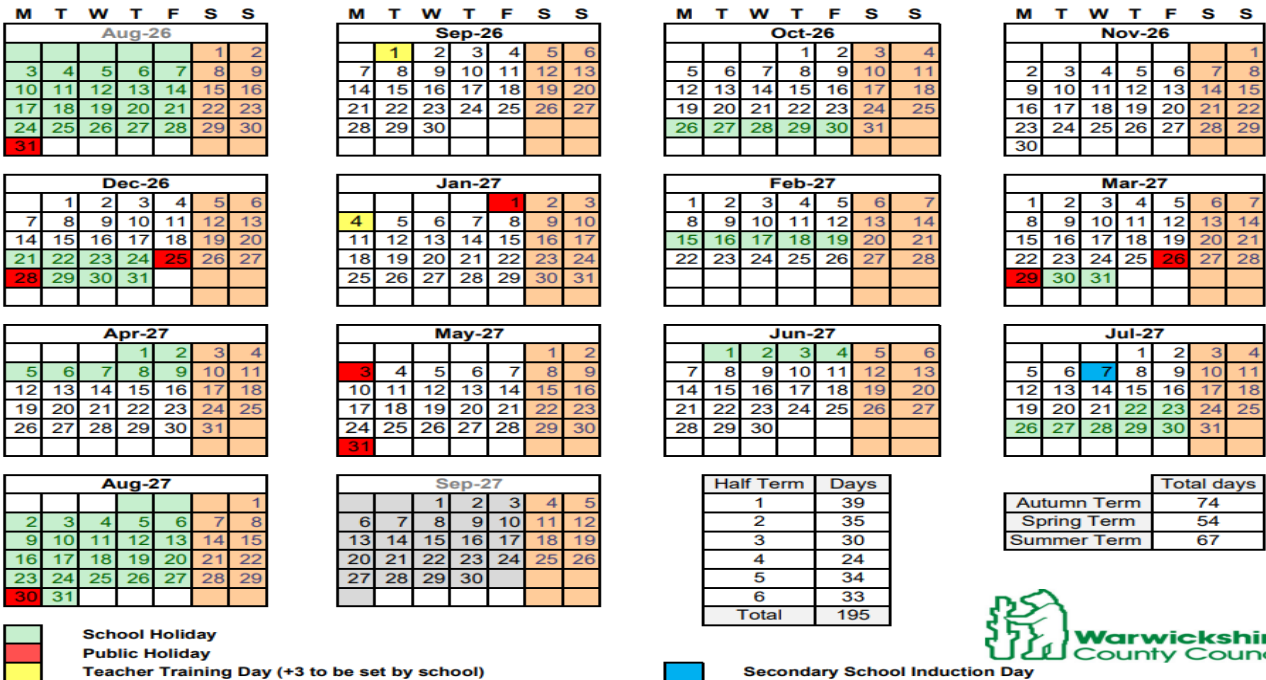


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



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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