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

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

13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children led a moving Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church. It was a special opportunity for us to come together as a school community to pause, reflect, show gratitude and remember the sacrifices made by so many so that we can enjoy the freedoms and opportunities we have today.

The Year 6 children read poems and prayers beautifully and paid tribute to all those named on the Tanworth War Memorial. Their respectful and thoughtful leadership helped create a service that was both meaningful and memorable for everyone attending. Following the service, the Year 6 children, accompanied by their Reception buddies, walked to the village memorial to lay crosses in remembrance. It was a powerful moment to see our oldest and youngest pupils standing together, honouring those who gave so much for future generations.

A special mention must go to Jack in Year 6, who asked whether he could wear his Sea Cadets uniform to school on Remembrance Day because he is so proud of his involvement. We were delighted to support his request and subsequently extended the invitation to all children involved in youth organisations such as Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and other uniformed groups. It was wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing their uniforms and representing these fantastic organisations. The values of service, teamwork, responsibility and citizenship promoted through these groups align closely with our own school values, and we are incredibly proud of the many children who dedicate their time to being part of them.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this year's Remembrance commemorations so meaningful. It was a fitting tribute and an important reminder of the importance of remembrance, gratitude and community.

Whilst it is only one week since our recent Ofsted inspection, school improvement does not stop once an inspection team leaves. So this week, we welcomed a number of visitors into school as part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Adam Walsh, CEO of Arden Forest MAT, and Tim Nelson for our termly Teaching and Learning Review. The morning focused on reviewing pupils' work, discussing teaching and learning, and evaluating key school documents. Then on Thursday, Miss Evens welcomed governor Laura Turner into school to look specifically at our Early Years provision and the ways we are continuing to strengthen the experiences and opportunities available to our youngest learners. As a school we remain committed to reflecting on our practice, seeking external challenge and support, and continually looking for ways to make our school even better for our children. Visits such as these provide valuable opportunities to celebrate what is working well while identifying the next steps on our journey.

Finally good luck to the children signed up for the Cross Country on Saturday morning in Stratford-upon-Avon, I will see you all there bright and early.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Shelley Bamford
Headteacher

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## Remembrance Across Our School

This week, children across the school have been learning about the importance of Remembrance, reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who served during times of conflict. Our Remembrance curriculum builds progressively throughout the school, helping children develop a deeper understanding of the First World War and why we continue to remember those who lost their lives.

In Nursery, Reception and Year 1, children explored the significance of the poppy and why we wear it as a symbol of Remembrance. Year 2 learnt about the remarkable life of Walter Tull, exploring his achievements as a footballer and soldier, the prejudice he faced and why he deserves to be remembered. Year 3 focused on our local history, investigating the war graves in our churchyard and researching the stories of fallen soldiers who once lived in our village. Year 4 explored life on the Home Front, discovering how the war affected everyday life in Britain, while Year 5 investigated the important contributions made by Commonwealth soldiers during the First World War.

In Year 6, children developed a deeper understanding of the war and the importance of Remembrance, taking responsibility for leading our whole-school Remembrance Service in church. They also accompanied our youngest children in Reception to the village war memorial, where they lay poppies in memory of the fallen soldiers.

Through these experiences, we hope to help our children understand not only the historical significance of Remembrance, but also the importance of courage, sacrifice, respect and peace.

**Katy Hoskins, History Lead**

## Share Your Good News!

We love celebrating success in our school community. If your child or a family member has an achievement, award, sporting success or other special news to share, please let the school office know so we can include it in a future newsletter.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

| Autumn 2 | Spring 1 |
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| Saturday 14th November Cross Country event | Monday 4th January Nursery and school closed for training |
| Monday 16th November Year 2 Visit to Warwick | Tuesday 5th January Nursery and school reopen |
| Friday 20th November Non uniform for PTA Christmas Shop | Friday 12th February Nursery and school close for half-term |
| Friday 27th November PTA Christmas Market | Monday 22nd February Nursery and school open |
| Wednesday 2nd December Reception Nativity am | |
| Thursday 3rd December Reception Nativity pm | |
| Friday 4th December Year 4 visit to Bishop's Wood | |
| Wednesday 9th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play am | |
| Thursday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm | |
| Tuesday 15th December Pantomime R-Y6 | |
| Tuesday 15th December Nursery Xmas Craft pm | |
| Wednesday 16th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day | |
| Wednesday 16th December KS2 Carol Service in Church (evening) | |
| Friday 18th December School & Nursery break up or Christmas | |

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## Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27

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| Half Term | Days |
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| Total | 195 |

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| Autumn Term | 74 |
| Spring Term | 54 |
| Summer Term | 67 |

School Holiday
Public Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day

Warwickshire County Council

**School and Nursery will also be closed on: Friday 23rd October 2026 and Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training**

## Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2027/28

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| Half Term | Days |
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| Total | 195 |

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| Autumn Term | 73 |
| Spring Term | 63 |
| Summer Term | 59 |

School Holiday
Public Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day

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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 ie 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.

**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.**

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# 2027 CHARITY DINNER

Join us in supporting **Roald Dahls Marvellous Childrens Charity** at the Pure Staff Foundation's Annual Charity Dinner on **27th February 2027**.

Hosted at **The National Motorcycle Museum**, this will be an evening packed with entertainment, gourmet dining, and rewarding company.

## TICKET PRICES

£49.50 per person

£470 for a table of 10

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