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

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

27th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week at Tanworth, I would like to start by saying how incredibly proud we are of our recently published Ofsted report, which was shared with parents this week. The report reflects the hard work, commitment and care shown every day by our pupils, staff, governors and wider school community. It is a wonderful recognition of what makes Tanworth such a special place to learn and grow. Thank you for the many kind messages and words of support we have received since the report was released. We are delighted that the report captures so much of who we are as a school and the values we live out each day.

While we are celebrating one inspection outcome, we are also preparing for our next. On Wednesday 2nd December, we will welcome inspectors for our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. SIAMS looks at how effectively a church school lives out its Christian vision and values, and how this impacts all members of the school community. Inspectors will consider areas such as collective worship, religious education, personal development, inclusion and how our Christian vision shapes decision-making and daily life at Tanworth. We look forward to sharing our story and celebrating all that makes our school community so special.

This week we were delighted to welcome Rosa to our Reception Class. We are thrilled that she has joined the Tanworth family and know that she will enjoy many happy and successful years with us. We hope she has had a wonderful first week.

Our governors have been very busy in school this week supporting and challenging leaders as part of their important monitoring role. Catherine Vanderson, our Curriculum Governor, met with Miss Cutler and Miss Wilding to review our work on adaptive teaching and how we ensure learning meets the needs of all pupils. On Tuesday, members of the Foundation Committee, including Rachel Sutton and Hannah Kennedy, met with Mr Fidler and myself to explore our Christian distinctiveness and the impact of our vision across the school. Little did we know that less than 24 hours later we would receive notification of our SIAMS inspection, making the discussion particularly timely. On Wednesday, Rachel Sutton, in her role as EDI Governor, spent time in school exploring how we monitor and evaluate progress against our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion objectives. Today, Amy Feeney, our Inclusion Governor, has been in school focusing on how we ensure every child is known, valued and supported to flourish. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication shown by all our governors in supporting our school's continued development.

This afternoon is our PTA Christmas Fayre and I hope to see many of you there as we officially begin the festive season at Tanworth. Events such as these are a wonderful opportunity for families, staff and friends of the school to come together and enjoy our strong sense of community.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Whitehouse, who has very generously donated the most beautiful Christmas tree for our hall. It looks absolutely wonderful and has already helped bring a real sense of Christmas spirit into school. We are extremely grateful for his kindness and support.

As we begin the countdown to Christmas and prepare for our SIAMS inspection, thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to live out our vision:

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

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CELEBRATION WORSHIP

On Tuesday we celebrated children who had been recognised for either outstanding behaviour and manners or excellent effort and achievement.

Year 1

Leo has shown an amazing attitude towards his English learning this past week. He has approached his work with enthusiasm and confidence, and it has been wonderful to see him taking pride in his writing. Leo was particularly pleased to write his own sentence independently, demonstrating his growing understanding and willingness to challenge himself. He should be very proud of this achievement, and I look forward to seeing his confidence continue to grow. Leo, Mrs Hall and I are so proud of you and we hope you are just as proud.

Ellie is quite simply one of the kindest children you could ever hope to meet. She is always thinking of others and is never happier than when she is helping someone else. Whether it's tidying the classroom, supporting her friends, or taking on one of the many jobs that need doing each day, Ellie is always the first to volunteer with a smile on her face. Her caring nature, sense of responsibility and willingness to help make her a truly special member of our class. Ellie has a wonderful ability to make those around her feel valued and supported, and her kindness shines through in everything she does. With her determination, compassion and natural leadership qualities, I would not be at all surprised if she went on to become Prime Minister one day! She is a remarkable young lady who should be incredibly proud of herself.

Year 2

Henry has really impressed both Miss Lazenby and myself over the past few weeks with his fantastic attitude towards his learning. He has been trying incredibly hard in everything he does, showing determination, enthusiasm and a real willingness to do his very best. In fact, Henry's name has been popping up in our class shout-outs so consistently recently that we simply couldn't let all his hard work go unnoticed! We are both incredibly proud of the effort he is putting into every aspect of school life. Keep up the brilliant work, Henry – you thoroughly deserve this certificate!

Over the past couple of weeks, **Year 2** have really impressed me with their fantastic behaviour and the maturity they have shown. On our school trip to Warwick, every single child represented our school brilliantly. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful and curious questions and showed wonderful manners and respect towards all the adults and workshop leaders. They were an absolute pleasure to take on the trip, and I couldn't have been prouder of them! On Monday, they impressed me all over again during our DT lesson, when we began making our moving fire engines. The children were learning to use real hacksaws to cut wood for their wheels and axles project, which required a great deal of care, concentration and responsibility. They listened carefully to the safety instructions, handled the equipment sensibly and showed just how responsible they can be when learning a new and challenging skill. Both occasions have shown what a fantastic group of children Year 2 can be. I am incredibly proud of the way they have represented our school and risen to these challenges. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3

Thomas is receiving the certificate this week for his excellent effort and achievement in maths. He has worked incredibly hard, particularly when solving column subtraction calculations, and has shown great determination to tackle increasingly challenging problems. He never shies away from a challenge and always strives to do his very best. What makes him even more deserving of this certificate is the way he supports others, happily sharing his knowledge and helping his classmates when they need it. He should be extremely proud of the progress he has made. Well done for being such a fantastic mathematician and a brilliant role model to others Thomas!

Year 3 cont.

Darcie is receiving the certificate for her excellent behaviour and manners this week. She is always polite, respectful and considerate towards both adults and her classmates. She is helpful and consistently makes the right choices, listens carefully and approaches every day with a positive attitude. She is a fantastic role model to others and helps to create a happy, calm and welcoming classroom. Her kindness and thoughtfulness towards others do not go unnoticed. You should be very proud of your excellent behaviour and for always doing the right thing. Well done, Darcie!

Holly consistently shows excellent effort and achievement in her learning. She always tries her very best, approaches every task with enthusiasm and takes pride in everything she does. She listens carefully, contributes thoughtfully and engages brilliantly in our lessons. What makes her especially deserving of this certificate is her determination and positive attitude. She is always willing to challenge herself, give things a go and keep on going even when learning feels tricky. You should be incredibly proud of how far you have come. Keep believing in yourself and shining brightly. Well done!

Year 4

Tate always puts a huge amount of effort into everything he does and takes real pride in his work. His presentation is beautiful and he consistently shows fantastic learning behaviours in the classroom making him a real role model to others. Tate always tries his best and never hands in anything unless he is happy that it reflects his best effort. I am especially impressed with the way he responds to feedback, taking the time to make corrections and improve his work even further which is a real mature skill to master and dedicate time to. His determination to keep getting better is wonderful to see.

Valentina is a wonderful member of our class and always shows beautiful manners and learning behaviours. She takes the time to notice when others are struggling and is always ready to help, both in the classroom and out on the playground. Valentina makes a real effort to include everyone and never leaves anybody out, which helps create such a kind and welcoming atmosphere. She is a caring, thoughtful friend to others and an asset to our classroom community, even if she does not always realise just how much of a positive impact she has on those around her!

Year 5

Lyla is an absolute delight to have in the classroom and is a wonderful role model for behaviour and manners. She consistently demonstrates beautiful manners, always listens carefully and makes excellent choices. Her learning behaviours are equally fantastic; she approaches every task with enthusiasm, tries her very best and takes such pride in ensuring her work is beautifully presented. What has been particularly lovely to see this year is how much Lyla's confidence has grown. Her hand is going up more and more during class discussions, and she is becoming increasingly confident in sharing her thoughts and ideas with others. She is also wonderfully thoughtful and helpful, always spotting the perfect moment to lend a hand, whether that is handing out resources or kindly offering to help me with jobs such as the bus register. Lyla, you should be incredibly proud of the kind, considerate and confident young person you are becoming. Keep shining!

Ollie has been chosen for his fantastic effort and attainment in Guided Reading and Writing. In Guided Reading, Ollie consistently demonstrates an advanced understanding of the texts we explore. His comprehension skills are excellent, and he always strives to give as much detail as possible in his answers to achieve the highest marks. He is particularly skilled at summarising key information, showing just how well he understands what he has read. Ollie is also a wonderful writer. He has a wonderfully creative mind, a secure understanding of grammar and punctuation, and takes great pride in his beautifully presented handwriting. His newspaper report has been a particular favourite so far. I always look forward to reading his writing and seeing what his imagination comes up with next. Well done, Ollie!

Celebration Worship cont.

Year 6

Since joining Tanworth, **Nellie** has grown in confidence and really found her feet. Over the last half term, she has begun to flourish and take ownership of her learning by listening carefully, joining in discussions and consistently sharing her ideas, even when she is not completely sure she is right. Nellie always takes advice on board and works hard to act on feedback and the improvements in her handwriting, presentation, writing and maths are a real credit to her efforts. What is clear to see is that Nellie has a genuine desire to learn and improve. She cares about doing well and because of that hard work and positive attitude, she is achieving so much. Well done, Nellie!

Myles is one of those children who makes a positive difference to the people around him every single day. His manners are exceptional, he is friendly to everyone and is always looking for ways to help, often going out of his way to show small acts of kindness that make life easier for others. Alongside this, his learning behaviours are outstanding. He listens carefully, works hard, acts on feedback and always strives to be the best version of himself that he can. Myles sets a wonderful example through the way he treats others and the standards he sets for himself and we are very lucky to have him in our class. Well done, Myles!

British Legion Fundraising Award

We are incredibly proud to share that Tanworth has been recognised with the Royal British Legion Fundraising Award for our Poppy Appeal fundraising efforts this year.

On Tuesday, two representatives from the Royal British Legion visited school to present us with an amazing trophy in recognition of the generous support shown by our school community. The trophy now has pride of place in the display cabinet at the school entrance, where it serves as a reminder of what can be achieved when we come together to support an important cause.



As part of the presentation, every Year 6 pupil was also given a beautifully embroidered poppy to keep. Children are welcome to sew their poppy onto their school jumper or cardigan if they wish. It has been lovely to see many of our Year 6 children already wearing their poppies with pride.

This award is about much more than fundraising. It reflects our commitment to showing compassion, serving others and remembering those who have sacrificed so much. These values sit at the heart of our vision, *"In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best,"* and demonstrate how our children are encouraged to live out their faith and values through their actions.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal and helped make this recognition possible. We are immensely proud of our pupils and the difference they continue to make within the wider community.

NURSERY NEWS

This week it has been wonderful to welcome 'Buddy the bear' into Nursery, he is visiting us from the Warwickshire early years team before be packs his bag and moves onto the next nursery. Buddy has been with us to promote the Warwickshire initiative '50 things to do before you're five'. The children have had great fun this week completing some of the 50 things including holding a lovely teddy bears picnic for Buddy on Wednesday, they baked their own biscuits, made their own sandwiches and enjoyed them on a picnic mat with Buddy. The Nursery Team.











LEO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We are very proud of Leo, who spent his summer raising money for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. Leo's commitment to helping others is a wonderful example of our Christian vision in action and reflects the SIAMS principle of courageous advocacy, showing how even young people can make a positive difference in their community. Well done, Leo.

"We were delighted to welcome a special guest to Henley Fire station last week. A local youngster, Leo, has been very busy making and selling loom band bracelets and necklaces. Wanting to show his appreciation to all firefighters, Leo decided to donate the money he made to The Firefighters Charity as a thank you. Leo said, "They have been working so hard recently with the rise in fires last month".

As a thank you, Leo visited Henley Fire Station, where his godfather is also a wholetime firefighter. During his visit, he met the crew, took a look around the fire appliances and even received a special surprise when Fire Control carried out a test turnout and included a message of thanks to Leo in the fire log.

We hear Leo might like to become a firefighter one day. If that's the case, we'd be delighted to welcome him back to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service in the future."



The Firefighters Charity

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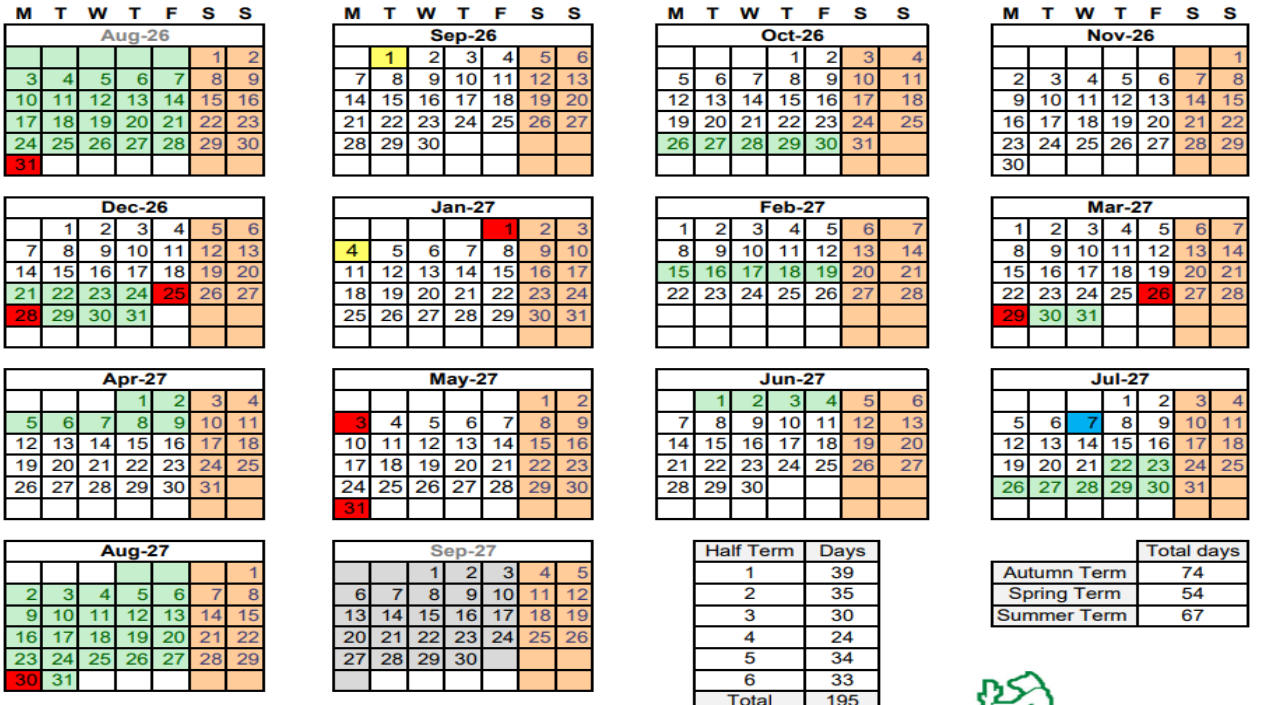
DATES FOR DIARIES

Autumn 2	Spring 1
Wednesday 2nd December Reception Nativity 9.30am	Monday 4th January Nursery and school closed for training
Thursday 3rd December Reception Nativity 2pm	Tuesday 5th January Nursery and school reopen
Friday 4th December Year 4 visit to Bishops Wood	Tuesday 9th February Spring Parents evening
Tuesday 8th December Year 5 visit to Cadbury World	Wednesday 10th February Spring Parents evening
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play am	Thursday 11th February PTA Valentines Disco
Thursday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm	Friday 12th February Nursery and school close for half-term
Tuesday 15th December Pantomime R-Y6	Monday 22nd February Nursery and school open
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	

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27



Half Term	Days
1	39
2	35
3	30
4	24
5	34
6	33
Total	195

	Total days
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: Monday 7th June 2027 for Teacher Training

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Half Term	Days
1	38
2	35
3	28
4	35
5	24
6	35
Total	195

	Total days
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

Warwickshire County Council

Teacher training days will also be on: Friday 22nd October 2027 and Monday 5th June 2028. There is one other day still to be set.

Fundraising in aid of Roald Dahl's marvellous children's charity

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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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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