Brownsover Community School

Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of Our School Community,

I would like to take this opportunity say how delighted I am to have joined Brownsover as your new Headteacher. From my very first day, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by the children, staff, governors and families, and I am excited to begin this new chapter together.

Since the start of the new academic year, I have been particularly impressed by how well all of our children have settled back into school. Classrooms have quickly become busy, purposeful and happy places, with children demonstrating enthusiasm for learning, kindness towards one another and a real sense of belonging within our school community.

I would like to offer a special welcome to the children and families who are joining us for the first time this year and indeed those who have been 'away' and have chosen to return to Brownsover. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and daunting, but our newest pupils have shown great confidence and resilience as they have begun to make friends, learn new routines and become part of school life.

Throughout the school, I have been delighted to see children engaging positively with their learning, showing excellent behaviour and embracing the opportunities that a new school year brings. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

I look forward to getting to know all of our children, families and the wider community over the coming months and years. Together, we will continue to build on the strengths of our school and ensure that every child feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a happy and successful year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bowser

Parking - if you do spot dangerous parking/driving please visit the websites below to find the best route to proceed in making a complaint:

https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/driving-vehicles-traffic/report-illegal-parking/

and/or

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contraveningparkingrestrictions

Important Dates - *see our website for our full calendar*

5 October - Cycle to school week

5 October - Harvest Festival Collection Week

6 & 8 October - Parents Evenings

15 October - Individual Photo Day Jane Stapleton Photography in School. Does your child have consent ?

20 October - School Immunisations Yrs 1,2,3, 5 & 6

22 October - Pumpkin Festival

23 October - Halloween Theme Dress up & Party

6 November - Year 3 Family Assembly 9.00am

20 November - Children in Need day

11 December - Nursery Carols to Parents (Afternoon)

15 December - Reception Nativity to Parents (Morning)

16 & 17 December - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carols to Parents

Leave of Absence During Term Time - Information for Parents

Having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their opportunities for learning, supporting their wellbeing and enabling their wider development. As always, we ask that parents and carers work with us to promote and encourage good attendance.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

It's good to be green!!

Attendance Matters We review individual attendance each half term and will contact you to offer support if your child falls below 95%.

Our term dates for the whole academic year are included on the back page of this newsletter and on the school website.

Please ensure that you refer to these before booking or planning holidays to ensure they are within school holiday dates. In line with Government legislation, I am not permitted to authorise any in term holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to succeed. For this to happen we need to ensure that pupils attend school everyday – there are only 190 school days a year, so everyday counts!

Data Collection Sheets - Action Required by 25 September

For those children on roll on the first week of term, data collection sheets have been sent home for checking, amending as necessary, signing and returning to school by the 25 September.

It is vitally important that you check all the phone numbers, email addresses and home address have been entered accurately and that all the data is current.

The parents/carers/contacts are in the correct priority order. In an emergency we will start with number 1 and work our way down the list.

The data collection sheet is not your pupil collection sheet, this is the data we hold in school for your child and would be used to make emergency arrangements.

Annual Home School Agreements - Deadline 2 October 2026

Just a reminder that all parent/ carers are required to sign a home school agreement annually. A link was sent home this week and we would be grateful if this could be completed by Friday 2nd October. Thank you.

Universal Free School Meals & Free School Meals - What is the difference?

Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school dinner everyday (Universal Free School Meals).

However if your child is entitled to additional funding you can register for Free School Meals , which could raise additional funds for your child's education - enabling us to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff, after school activities, school trips and help towards school uniform costs.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed on Warwickshire County Council's website.

For more information or to complete your online application please visit **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals**

It's vital to sign up for Pupil Premium, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

Important - Please also notify the school if your child has a parent in the Armed Forces or your child is adopted as they may also qualify for pupil premium.

Photo Consent

Could we remind parents/carers that we keep a record of photographic consent for your child for the duration of their school life with us. If you would like to amend it in any way please request a new form from the school office.

Important - If you have indicated **NO** for the option 'Images made available to purchase via a restricted website, subject to a secure password eg photos taken by professional photographer arranged by school for annual head and class shots' - then unfortunately when the school photographer is able to attend for the annual head shots, your child **will not** be able to take part.

Please note if you have not completed a consent form or updated your data collection information, we will assume that you are happy for your child's photo to be used/taken internally within school for use on their sims record and for identification purposes.

Medication In School - Long Term Medical Conditions

If your child has a long term medical condition and you keep emergency medication in school, and if you haven't done so already, please make sure your child's new teacher is fully aware of their condition and has all their up to date care information and in date medication.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to keep us informed and ensure we have in-date medication.

Authorised Pupil Collection

Remember only mum/dad/legal guardian can collect a child after school unless the collecting individual is named on the Authorised Pupil Collection Form.

Please ensure your forms are up to date - spares are available on the school website, and your child's classroom. We will not take changes to collection over the telephone, all changes must be made in writing.

What should I do if my child is Unwell/ Has an Appointment?

Unwell - It is important that you ring the school before 9.30am in the morning on 01788 547660 (option 1) or email admin and report that your child is not going to be in and the reason why.

Appointment - If they are attending a medical appointment please provide a copy of the medical letter as far in advance as possible and discuss the arrangements for the day with the office (ie will they be in for a portion of the day, will they still require lunch).

If it is an emergency appointment please leave a message on the attendance line and if they will be back before lunch.

Gardening, Mud Kitchen & Immunisations

Please note all of our children take part in gardening activities within school, and our early years play with the mud kitchens. It is therefore very important that you ensure that your child's immunisations are all up to date, particularly their tetanus injection.

Pupil Support

Kirsty Tite is our Pupil Support Worker here at Brownsover Community School and her role is to support families during their journey with us. If you feel you or your child requires additional support to please get in touch, her email address is **tite.k1@welearn365.com** .

As part of her role, Kirsty will be supporting families and children with attendance. Please can we remind all parents/carers that the Warwickshire Local Authority expected attendance percentage for children is 97% for the year.

Kirsty welcomes the opportunity to work closely with children and families in order to help them to grow, develop and thrive.

Parental Fund Donation

Annual parental fund donations can be made via the School Gateway App (suggested Donation £10.00), if possible please do so by the 30 September to enable us to plan the year. This contribution goes towards various expenses, including items such as ingredients for cookery, parties and events, plus visitors to school and various school trips and outings throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting our school to offer your child an interesting and exciting learning experience.

Preloved/Secondhand Uniform

We have a large selection of preloved uniform for sale at the bargain price of 50p per item.

This is available to purchase at the school office during their opening hours.
8.45a.m - 3.55pm Monday to Thursday 8.45a.m - 3.30pm Friday

School Immunisations - Years 1,2,3, 5 & 6 - 20th October 2026

As we come into autumn/winter months and the flu vaccination programme is underway. We want to ensure all those who are eligible are aware and come forward to receive the vaccine. Whilst promoting the importance of having the vaccine to protect yourself and others against influenza.

The Immunisation Service team will be in school to offer your child flu protection on 20th October, please ensure that they have your correct details.

Please find link below with information on who should have the vaccine and how to get it.
https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine/

Please note: All children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2025 are eligible for the free flu vaccine from 1st September via your GP and from 1st October via a Community Pharmacy. Please see further information in the link below.
https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Public Health - dphadmin@warwickshire.gov.uk

Parents Evening Appointments - 6 & 7 October

Evenings: **6 October 2026 (Face to Face) 3.30pm - 5.30pm**
8 October 2026 (Online only) 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Booking System will be live between: **25 September at 4.00pm - 5 October 10.00pm**

As part of celebrating your child's achievements as they have settled into their new class, we will be having parents evening on the 6th & 8th October.

This year, parents evening will be face to face or online. Face to face meetings will be held in your child's classroom where you will have the opportunity to look at your child's books before discussing their progress and wellbeing with class teachers. Each slot will last for up to ten minutes. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to see your child's learning and teachers will share your child's targets and next steps for their learning.

We feel that the partnership between home and school is extremely important and encourage all parents to make every effort to attend parents evening.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school and for every achievement to be positively celebrated!

How to Book your Appointment

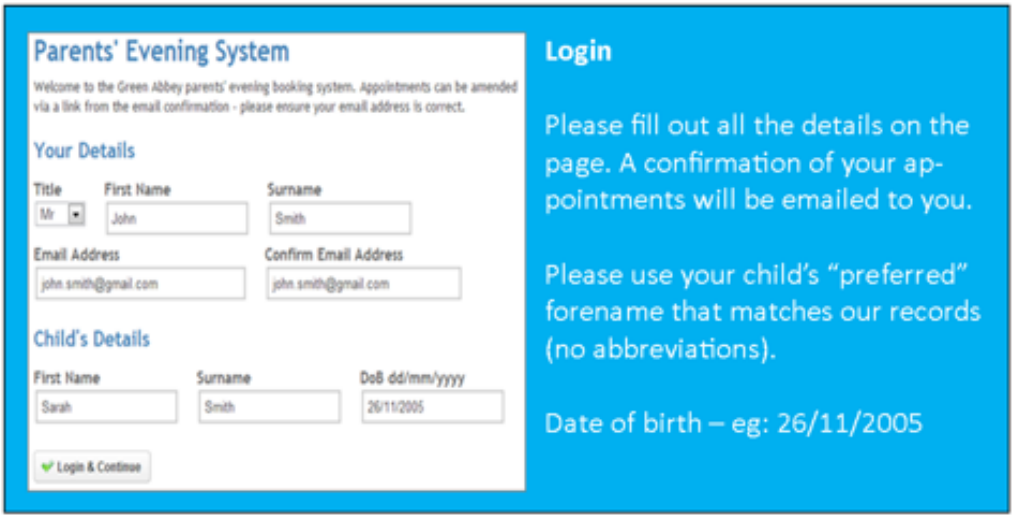
Parents evening appointments can be booked from the 25th September when the system goes live until the 5th October. The earlier you log in and book the more likely you are to get your preferred time slot.

The parent login page for booking appointments is https://brownsovercommunityschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/

When logging in (see example below) please note that your details should match exactly the information held on your child's SIMS record. For more instructions please visit our school website information page https:// www.brownsovercommunityschool.co.uk/parents-evening-appointments/

Remember if your appointment is on the 6th October, it is an in-person appointment and you will be expected to attend the school site.

Please be punctual and remember this is a 10 minute appointment only.



There is a guide for how to attend online appointments at https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

A Reminder for Families

To help maintain a safe, focused and positive learning environment, we ask that children do not bring mobile phones, smart watches or other internet-enabled devices into school unless there is an exceptional and pre-agreed reason for doing so.

Year 5 and 6 pupils only - Where a mobile phone is needed for a child's journey to and from school (and this has been pre-agreed with school and parents), it must be handed to the class teacher on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Smart watches and other devices with messaging, calling, photography or internet capabilities **should not** be worn in school.

We appreciate that technology plays an important role in modern life; however, during the school day our priority is ensuring that children are fully engaged in learning and social interaction, free from the distractions and safeguarding risks associated with personal devices.

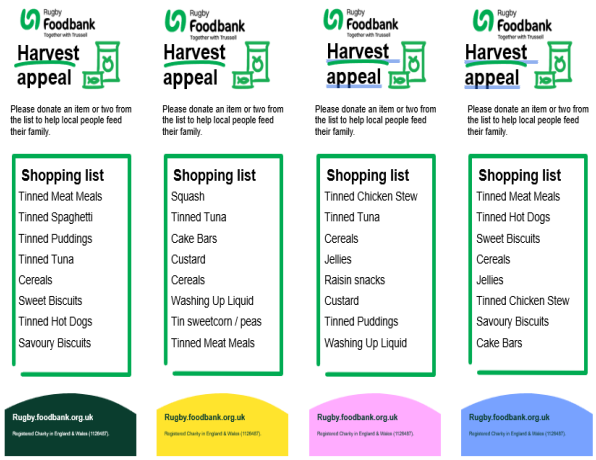
Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school a safe and productive environment for all children.

Harvest Festival
Monday 5th October

Harvest Festival will be a theme for all classes, and w/c Monday 5 October we will be having a Food Collection. This provides a great opportunity for us to come together as a community by donating items to the local food bank. Wish List shown here:

Donated items can be dropped off on any morning this week, directly into the classrooms.

On Friday 9th October at 9.15am, Year 5 & 6 will be leading a Harvest Festival Assembly.
We warmly invite all parents to join us!
Thank you for your support.



Safe and Active School

Our school has signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2026-2027. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team

WARWICKSHIRE SAFE & ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Facebook - @WCCSafeActiveTravel

Email - roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

Uniform, Footwear and Jewellery

Thank You for Supporting Our School Uniform Expectations

We are very proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging and identity it helps to create. We would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that children come to school wearing the agreed school uniform each day. As you may be aware, this year we will be reviewing our school uniform and school logo. Any changes will not take place until next academic year and so, for the time being, children should wear the agreed blue or green sweater, white tops and grey trousers or skirts.

As a reminder, children should wear the correct uniform and **sensible, safe footwear** that is suitable for both learning and play. Trainers should only be worn to school on a PE day where they form part of the school's agreed uniform or for PE lessons.

For health and safety reasons, **jewellery should not be worn in school**. The only exception is a small pair of plain stud earrings in pierced ears. These must be removed or covered for PE lessons in accordance with school policy. Watches, smart watches and other accessories should not be worn unless there is a specific agreement with the school.

By following our uniform expectations, we help ensure that all children are dressed safely, comfortably and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

School Photo Day - 15 October 2026

We look forward to Photo Day again this year, where the children all have their individual head shots taken and also a photo with any siblings in school.

Remember if you haven't agreed to this on your photograph consent form, then your child will not be included. To participate your child should have 'Images available to purchase via a restricted website subject to secure password' selected. You can email the school office with any changes to your consent — to enable us to prepare for photo day we will need any changes to be on the system by Midday on the 13th October to be included.

For more information about Jane Stapleton Photography you can visit their website https://www.jssp.co.uk/

Pumpkin Festival - 22 October 2026

All children are invited to enter our Pumpkin competition which will take place on Thursday 22nd October. There will be a prize for each child who enters and an overall winner for the most original idea. Children will be able to take their pumpkins home again on Friday 23rd October so you have them in your house for Halloween.

Halloween Dress up & Party - 23 October 2026

What better thing to do when the school is full of pumpkins than to dress up for Halloween? This is a 'just for fun' non-uniform day with a spooky theme.

What is FABS ??

FABS is here to enrich the school experience for children and parents at BCS, but we can't do it without you!

We're inviting all parents to get involved—whether that's by sharing your views, volunteering your time, or donating much-needed resources or funds.

Why it Matters?

Every penny raised by FABS goes straight back into the school to fund vital extras like school trips, books, rewards, and events that bring our community together. We're a small but friendly group of parents who want to grow—new volunteers mean fresh ideas, more energy, and a bigger impact for our children.

So What Now?

1. Have your say. Share events feedback suggest new ideas, or let us know how we're doing
2. Decide how you'd like to get involved:
3. Support and attend FABS events.
4. Stay in the loop and join us at upcoming activities.
5. Donate resources or money.
6. Volunteer your time. Whether it's spreading the word, helping at events, or coordinating activities, there's a role for everyone:

OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

everyone ACTIVE

LUTTERWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October

PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

- EXTENDED HOURS 8.30AM – 5.30PM
- BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS
- SIBLING DISCOUNT
- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)
- VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

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- INFLATABLES
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- & LOTS MORE!

BOOK ONLINE

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WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Contact us for a wide range of information relating to children and young people aged 0-25, including:

- Childcare
- Money and benefits
- Housing
- SEND
- Health and wellbeing

Scan me

warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

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JUNIOR PROGRAMME

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TENNIS FESTIVAL

5th-11th October

JUMP ON COURT WITH US FOR SOME FUN TENNIS ACTIVITIES, BEGINNER OR BUDDING PRO THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Scan the QR code below to book into one of the sessions today!

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Adverts for External Groups

The Wind in the Willows

Wednesday 28 October, 14:00

MACREADY THEATRE

Find out more & book now at www.macreadytheatre.co.uk

BOX OF FROGS

WARWICKSHIRE YOUNG CARERS

Volunteers needed!

Can you help support Young Carers in Warwickshire?

Are you recently retired from education, or working term time only and have a bit of time to support Young Carers during holidays or after school?

We need volunteers in each district of Warwickshire who can commit 2-3 hours monthly, or during holidays to help facilitate after-school respite groups, school holiday activities, parent coffee mornings, community awareness raising sessions or general admin work. Any hours you could offer are valuable in providing young carers with a break from caring for their loved ones, strengthening family support, connecting Warwickshire Young Carers with local communities or supporting the day-to-day business operations of the charity.

Volunteers make a real difference to the numbers of children and families we can support. If you can help! Scan the QR code to get more volunteering information from the website, or call or email using the contact details below.

01926 963940 volunteer@warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk

RUGBY Art Gallery & Museum

Half-term Holiday Fun

Create Learn Enjoy Discover

in our half-term family workshops, including:

- Relaxed Hour
- Spooky Printmaking for ages 6+
- Little Monsters Play for ages 2-6 years
- FREE Drop-in Craft (Floor One Gallery)
- Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog
- ...and take part in our FREE Building Hunt!

Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun

DO YOU NEED HELP?

CITIZENS ADVICE gives free, independent, and confidential advice with issues about benefits, employment, money, debt, divorce/separation, housing, consumer problems and much more...

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DROP-IN SESSIONS:

Mondays, 9:00 – 13:00

Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre
Wetherell Way
CV21 1LT
Rugby

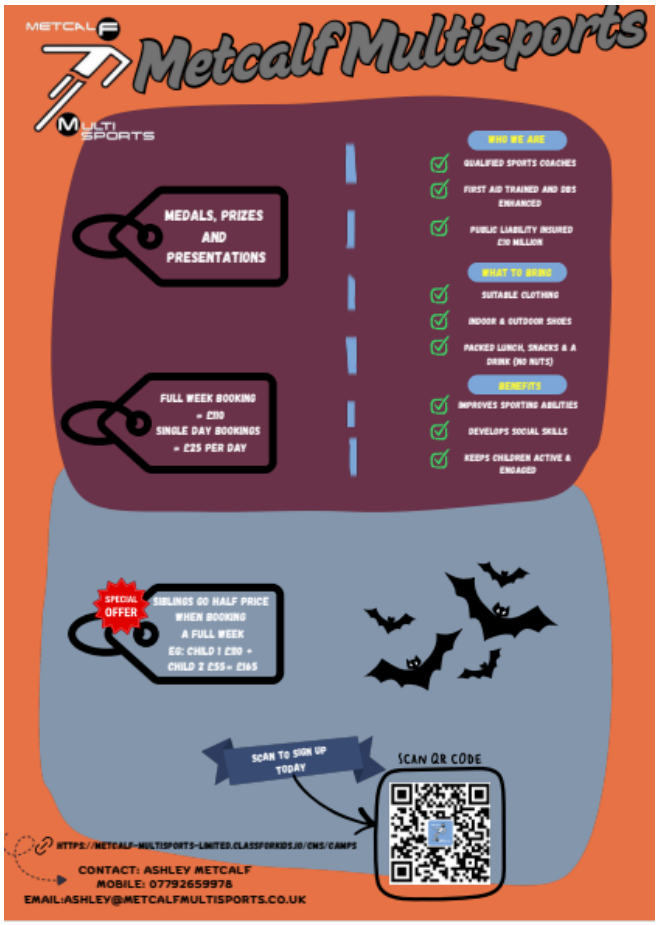
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 12:30

Brownsover Community Centre
Bow Fell
Brownsover
CV21 1JF
Rugby

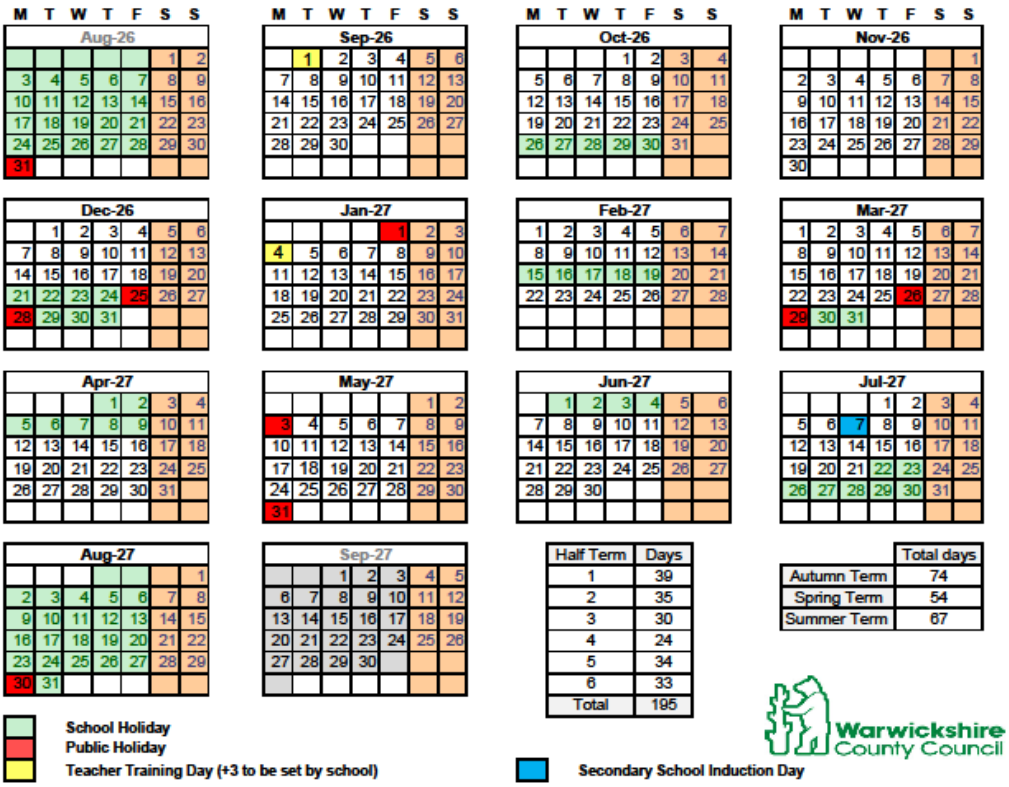
citizens advice Bedworth, Rugby & Nuneaton

To sign up for the Family Information Service Newsletter, please follow the link:

https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/familyinfoservice



Brownsover Community School Calendar 2026/2027



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

Warwickshire County Council

Please note: Boughton Leigh Junior School may on occasion book different Teacher Training Days

The 2026/2027 calendar is available at https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/3

Events Calendar

Subscribe to the school calendar at our website and all our diary dates can be linked into your personal calendar. https:// www.brownsovercommunityschool.co.uk/diary/list/

It will show all our trip dates and any events we have going on in school.

Newsletter dates are on the calendar but can also be found listed in the parent information board.

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