



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

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

17th January 2025

Dear Parents,

I am sure many of your children have told you about our brand new library that is starting to take shape. On Monday the shelving and seating were installed and then gradually over the week the Year 6 Librarians have been sorting the books and putting them on the shelves. We (thanks to the PTA) have signed up to the Warwickshire Library Service, which means that we also have lots of new books (fiction and non-fiction) that we have on loan that will be added to the library over the next few days. Meaning that the children will have a wider variety of books to choose from. Look out in future newsletters for photos of our new library.

On Tuesday in assembly, I shared good news with the children that (once again) we have children whose work has been chosen to be published in a book! This time it was children in Year 1 and 2. All of the Year 1 and 2 children had taken part in a Super Me competition. The children had created their own super hero and could say what their superpowers are. There was a range of super heroes including family members, super pets and animals and super characters. All of the children who had been chosen received a certificate and a book-mark and also took home a letter asking for parental permission for their art work to be included in the book. We are really excited that once again children in school will have their work published in a real book. There will be copies in the library that all of the children will be able to enjoy.

Tuesday was also a big day, as we had 75 children and 7 members of staff all taking part in Young Voices in Birmingham. I know from the staff that went that it was a wonderful experience being part of such a huge choir and talking to the children they had a great time. Thank you to the family members who also went along to support the children, I hope you also had a super evening. There were a few tired children, and staff, in school on Wednesday. Thank you also to Mr Fidler (who is Music Lead) for organising and leading the choir and for the staff that attended (Miss Evens, Miss Battey, Miss Hodges, Miss Wilding, Miss Cutler and Mrs Hall) giving up their evening so that so many children from Tanworth could take part.

I know that we have only just come back but we are already thinking and planning for February half-term. I am pleased to share that after the success of the Christmas Holiday Club and the responses to the survey that was sent out, 'Onside Coaching' will be offering their Activity Kids Club on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21st February during the February half-term. The information will be coming out next week so please look out for the email.

This half-term the Christian value that we will be focussing on is the value of perseverance. I'm sure many of you are having to dig deep at the moment with joy of Christmas over and we are left with the cold damp days, dark mornings (and early dark evenings) and summer and holidays seem such a long time away. I spoke to the children in assembly about the 'January Blues' and all the things we could do to lift our spirits and remember the value of hope and also practice the new value of perseverance. The children came up with some great ideas. Attached this week is the value newsletter with some more ideas of how you can talk about the Christian value of perseverance at home. At the end of the half-term (on 14th February) we will have our values service in Church where one child from each year group will be chosen to receive the values certificate.

We do have a school service in Church most Fridays and parents are always welcome to attend. The Friday services are a mixture of Chris the Vicar, Open the Book and either myself, Mr Fidler or Miss Evens. Open the Book is where a class will perform a short story from the Bible. This term we have Year 5 on Friday 24th January and Year 2 on Friday 7th February.

This week was the closing date for Reception school admissions for September 2025, however last week we had a new member to our current Reception class, Orla. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Orla and her family to the Tanworth School Family.

Next week we welcome Ms Ramanan, who will be joining Tanworth to complete her BA Primary Education QTS. Ms Ramanan is in her final year as a trainee teacher and will be joining Year 1 to complete her placement, alongside Miss Evens. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Ms Ramanan to Tanworth.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Bamford*

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## NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we have taken part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking out for different birds and trying to identify them. We have also been making bird feeders, creating nests and painting some wonderful pictures of our favourite birds. We have also welcomed five new children this week, a big welcome to Edith, Otilie, Joshua, Rose and Oscar S.



### SPRING TERM

Friday 24th January Open the Book in Church Year 5  
 Wednesday 5th February Writing Workshop Reception parents 9am (details to follow)  
 Friday 7th February Open the Book in Church Year 2  
 Tuesday 11th February Parents Evening (in person) 3.30pm –7.00pm  
 Thursday 13th February Parents Evening (virtual) 3.45pm -5.45pm  
 Friday 14th February Values Service in Church  
 Friday 14th February School and Nursery break up for half-term  
 Monday 24th February School and Nursery open for children  
 Friday 11th April Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC)  
 Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open  
 Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed  
 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week  
 Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term  
 Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day  
 Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open  
 Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Conover  
 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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School Holiday

Public Holiday

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

Secondary School Induction Day

**Warwickshire**  
County Council

**School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training**

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