



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## After School Care Update

We would like to thank parents for their patience whilst we have been exploring all possibilities with regards to after school club from September.

The Trust plans to share an update with you as soon as possible after the Whitsun holiday.

## Polling Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Please be aware that **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** is a polling day. To minimise disruption to parents, school will be open as normal, however the children will be having a picnic lunch and will be asked for their preferences in class.

**Please note that Breakfast Club and Aftercare Club will be closed on this day.**

## Sickness In School

We are experiencing a high number of sickness bugs in school – can we please remind all parents that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they are unable to return to school until 48 hours from the last episode of sickness/vomiting has passed. Further information on the NHS guidance for when to return to school following diarrhoea and vomiting can be found using the following link: [Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## House T-Shirts

Please can we ask that your child is provided with a t-shirt that is the same colour as their house team, and that this is brought into school on Sports Day (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July).

## A Message from Tempest Photography

It's time to find a spot on the mantelpiece or a space on the wall as we are delighted to let you know that Anker Valley's recent group photographs are now ready to view and purchase using the following links:

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValleyReception-25>

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValleyYear1-25>

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValleyYear2-25>

Tempest offers a free "deliver to school" option that is open for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on their website home page ([htempest.co.uk](https://htempest.co.uk)) where their friendly team will be happy to help.

## Signing In and Out

Please be aware that we now have a new signing in/signing out system for those children who arrive late or leave early during school hours. If your child arrives at school after 8:55am or leaves before 3:30pm, we will ask you to sign them in/out on the iPad in the main entrance. It is important that you ensure this is done, so that we can keep an up-to-date record of children in the event of a school evacuation. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.76%

School attendance this term: 93.62%

Dragonflies (this week): 92.21%

Hérons (this week): 85.91%

Kestrels (this week): 89.01%

Congratulations to our children in **Dragonflies** for winning our weekly attendance award!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child to achieve 100% attendance this week.

## Kestrel's Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all our stars in Kestrels this week, we are very proud of you!

**Star of the Week:** All of Year 2!

**Reader of the Week:** Tilly

**Outstanding Citizen:** Olivia



**Rainbow Reads:** Grayson, Sophie, Nicole, Harry, Olivia, Daniel, Nylah, Jayden, Darcie and Freddie

**Numbots:** Eva-Mae, Evelyn, and Nicole



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## What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week, Dragonflies have tried hard in phonics, which has been reflected in their most recent phonics assessment. We can really see the impact of reading at home and the three reading sessions we do at school. In Drawing club, our focus book was *What the Ladybird Heard*. The children have learnt the words mute, perceive, assist, proposal and bewildered. In Maths, we have recapped shapes; the children really enjoyed cutting out shapes to make their own puzzle. **Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Myla!** We hope you have a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



## What we have learned this week in Herons...

Hérons have had a fabulous last week of our Summer 1 half term! In Maths, we have been continuing with our learning on multiplication and division. The children are becoming confident, but will need to continue practicing to count in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s. In English, the children looked at a poem this week and have written their own too. The children have done an amazing job with this and we will be displaying some of these on our outdoor board. In the wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed learning about parts of a tree, reading the story of Jesus being lost in the temple and completing a fitness workout in PE. We would like to wish all of Herons a brilliant half term!



## What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

This week, the children in Kestrels have been planning and re-telling the story of *The Snorgh and the Sailor*, changing the ending to include an adventure of their own. In maths, the children have completed an end of unit assessment to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of fractions. They have also started a new unit all about telling the time and would benefit from opportunities to practise this skill on an analogue clock at home too. In science, children reflected on their materials walk around the estate last week. In art the children transformed a stick to create a stick person in the style of the Guatemalan worry dolls, using a range of media. After half term, we will be moving on to our final unit of learning, which links to the history of flight. Have a lovely half term break Kestrels!



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## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Whitsun Half Term**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception Trip to the Sealife Centre

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Level 1 Scootability (all classes)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Gentleman's Lunch

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Skipping Workshop (all classes)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 2 Trip to the Midland Air Museum

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Level 2 Scootability (all classes)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day – Exact time to be confirmed (subject to weather)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports go home to parents

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Day and Open Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term**

## Summer Term Assemblies

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Dragonflies Family Assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Kestrels Family Assembly

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Herons Family Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Herons Family Assembly

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Dragonflies Family Assembly

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Kestrels Family Assembly

### Heron's Trip to Twycross Zoo – Final Information

Herons are visiting Twycross Zoo on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

Children will need to arrive at school for **8:45am** and should be collected at **3:30pm** as usual. The children will be travelling to Twycross Zoo by coach.

Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform and that they bring **a small rucksack and waterproof coat/sun hat**, as they will be carrying their packed lunches and some of their activities are outdoors. Updates on the trip will be on Facebook throughout the day.

### Dragonflies' Trip to the Sea Life Centre – Final Information

Dragonflies are visiting the Sea Life Centre on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

Children will need to arrive at school for **8:15am**.

The children will be catching the 9:33am train from Tamworth, with arrival at Birmingham for 9:55am and will be catching the 2:49pm train back to Tamworth.

You will be able to collect your child from school at **3:45pm**.

Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform and that they bring **a small rucksack and coat**, as they will be carrying their packed lunches with them and will have a short walk from the train station to the Sea Life Centre. Updates on the trip will be on Facebook throughout the day.

## Governor Vacancies

Please be aware that we currently have Governor vacancies at Anker Valley Primary. If you are interested in becoming a parent or community Governor or would like to know more, please email [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org).

## Upcoming Trip Payment Reminders

Dragonflies trip to the Sea Life Centre is taking place Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, with a payment due date of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**.

There is also a payment for Herons visit to Twycross Zoo taking place Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, with a payment due date of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Finally, there is a payment for Kestrels trip to the Midland Air Museum, taking place Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, with a due date of **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**.

Please ensure payments have been made by their due dates to secure places.

## Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

**Mrs Natalie Horlor** (Head of School) [nhorlor@ankervalley.org](mailto:nhorlor@ankervalley.org)

**Mrs Maria Hamblin** (Executive Head teacher and CEO) [CEO@fierte.org](mailto:CEO@fierte.org)

**Mrs Julia Jones** (Safeguarding Lead Governor) [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org)

*The school Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website.*



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