



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Phonics Information Session and Inspire Bag Making Workshop – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Hérons had a fantastic time during their Inspire Bag Making Workshop. Parents were invited into school after Family Assembly to help their children create their final projects after all the hard work they have done in class designing their bags. We are very impressed with their completed projects and would like to thank those parents that were able to attend.



### School Office During Lunchtime

Please be aware that between 12:30-1:00pm, the office will be closed, as staff are on lunch time duties.

If you are collecting or dropping children off during these times for appointments, etc, please make Miss Elliott aware in the morning and then come to the hall door by the main entrance, where someone will be able to assist you.

### 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](http://htempest.co.uk)) where their friendly team will be happy to help.

### Caring for Our School Environment

We always talk to the children about displaying our golden virtues, particularly the virtue of care in relation to our school environment. Can we please ask that as you arrive and leave school, you ensure that your child is walking on the path and not over the plants and flowers that are just coming into bud. This is to ensure that they do not get damaged, and our school environment stays looking beautiful.

### Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.93%

School attendance this term: 94.15%

Dragonflies (this week): 97.42%

Hérons (this week): 91.87%

Kestrels (this week): 98.52%

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

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

### Heron's Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Lily H and Violet

Reader of the Week: Jayden

Outstanding Citizen: Archie



Rainbow Reads: Alfie, Leo, Millie, Matilda, Violet, Terae, Jake and Evelyn

Numbots: Leo, Theo T and Henry



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

This week the Dragonflies have tried hard in phonics. They have been learning to read and write longer words using phase 2 and 3 digraphs and trigraphs. They have also learnt some more tricky words which the children are trying hard to remember. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the focus book this week and have been really engaged when learning facts about spiders. Dragonflies have also been working hard on letter formation, especially when practising in their handwriting sessions. **Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Georgia!** We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



**What we have learned this week in Herons...** Herons have enjoyed their week, and we cannot believe we are about to go into our final week of Summer 1! In Maths, the children have completed an end of unit assessment to show their progress in mass and volume. The children have then started their new unit of work all about multiplication and division. The children have practiced skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and have been able to talk about the patterns. In English, the children have written a fabulous non-chronological report about Tamworth. The children were very proud of their final piece and shared their writing with a friend. We are getting closer to our Phonics Screening Check and all children are trying their best with their revision of their sounds and practicing reading the alien words too! Thank you to all the adults who joined us for our bag workshop, it was amazing to have your help! **Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Noah and Evie!** We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



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

This week, the children in Kestrels have completed the optional Year 2 SATs papers. There has been no additional test preparation prior to these assessments taking place, and our priority whilst completing these assessments has been to maintain the children's well-being. These assessments are to help inform us of our next steps for the children and their transition to Key Stage Two and are to reflect on and celebrate their hard work and learning across Key Stage One. The children have demonstrated many of our school virtues whilst completing these and we are really proud of them, and they should be proud too. A big well done to all the children in Year 2, we hope you have a lovely weekend!



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## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School Week

**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)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Day

**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 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Kestrels Family Assembly

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

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

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

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

## SH Active After School – Expression of Interest

We are currently exploring the option of using SH Active to provide after school clubs from September 2024. We currently use SH Active to provide after school clubs on a Wednesday and Friday and also our lunchtime clubs.

They can offer clubs (Monday - Friday) for Reception - Year 3, which would run from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and then provide 30 minutes additional wrap around until 5:00pm. The clubs may include dance, gymnastics, cricket, nerf wars, zorbing, archery, fencing, etc and would be a mixture of both indoor and outdoor dependent on the weather. It is unlikely that we would be able to provide food as is currently provided by OPOJ. The approximate / estimated cost of this from 3:30pm - 5:00pm would

be £6 per child and there would be a limit of 25 children per evening. **If this is a service that you think you may be interested in, could you please complete the form using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HVsJ49dhVn> As stated above, this is purely to explore whether this would be something parents are interested in.**

## 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

Please be aware that there are payments on Parent Pay for upcoming trips.

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 Friday 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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