



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024

**\*\*Please be aware that all after school clubs finish Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, excluding OPOJ.\*\***

## Friday 19th July – End of Term Assembly and Family Picnic

We are pleased to be able to confirm the timings for our End of Term assembly and Family Picnic on the last day of term. We have tried this year to be mindful of working parents, as we are conscious that it is a very busy week. Therefore, our assembly will be at 11:15am, followed by our family picnic on the field at 12:00pm, with a finish time of approximately 1:00pm. Children will have a packed lunch from the kitchen and parents are welcome to bring their own packed lunches (please ensure that these do not contain any nuts).

If the weather is forecast to be unfavourable, we will inform parents at the earliest possible opportunity of any changes to the day.

Siblings are warmly welcome to attend the Family Picnic.

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

Many thanks to those who have expressed an interest in running their own or helping staff to run a stall at our first summer fayre. The event starts at 11am, we therefore ask that anyone setting up or supporting arrives from 10:00am, so that we can be ready for when the gates open. We kindly ask that you do not bring children with you until after 11:00am. If you are able to support, please can you let Miss Elliott know by emailing [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org). The weather is forecast to be dry, so we hope to see lots of our community come together to have fun and raise funds for the school.

## Fierte Festival 2024

As part of our Fierte Trust, all schools will be taking part in a very special Fierte Festival Week. The week will focus specifically on writing and is going to be called 'The Magic of Writing'. This will take place from Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July.

The aim of the week is to give children the opportunity to immerse themselves fully in the writing process and practice the following skills:

- Speaking and listening
- Drama
- Illustrating
- Planning
- Drafting
- Editing
- Publishing

ENCHANTED	MAGICAL
ABRACADABRA	EXTRAORDINARY
CONJURING	ALCHEMY
MYSTICAL	DAZZLING
PUZZLEMENT	MYSTIQUE
MYTHICAL	SPELL
MIND BOGGLING	FANTASY
BEWITCH	INCANTATION
SPARKLE	DISAPPEAR
LEVITATE	INVISIBLE
WONDERMENT	SLEIGHT OF HAND

## Dressing up - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

We invite the children to dress up on Monday 8th July. We are asking that children come dressed as a word – the word should be related to magic. There are a few examples above of possible words that could be used.

## Attendance

**School attendance this year: %**

**School attendance this term: 93.87%**

**Dragonflies (this week): 92.21%**

**Hérons (this week): 95.69%**

**Kestrels (this week): 97.50%**

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

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

## Dragonflies Stars of the Week!

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

**Star of the Week: Myla and Blake**

**Reader of the Week: Indie**

**Outstanding Citizen: Archie**



**Rainbow Reads: Blake, Ollie, Noah, Nevaeh, Zachary, Charlie, Chance, Lilly, Sophie, Felicity, Jessica, Georgia**



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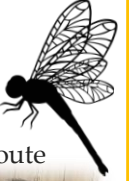


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## What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week Dragonflies have had a great time in the sun, they have enjoyed spending time outside exploring our outdoor classroom. Our focus book this week is *Commotion in the Ocean*, which the children have loved. They have liked learning the new words commotion, scuttle, skewer, bulbous and gargantuan. In maths we have been looking at maps of the world, British Isles and Tamworth. The children have drawn their own map of the route from their home to school.



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

We are incredibly proud of our Herons this week! During the mornings, the children have completed a Maths and Reading assessment as part of our termly assessment cycle. The children have shown great resilience and determination when completing these assessments and we are beyond proud of all the progress they have made this academic year. There is still time for more progress to be made over the next few weeks, but the children have demonstrated that they are very nearly Year 2 ready! We are looking forward to our level 2 scootability next week and hoping for some more sunshine!



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

It has been a busy week in Kestrels and the sun has finally come out too, which has been lovely! The children amazed both myself and Miss Garrett on Tuesday afternoon with their fantastic music skills as they completed their Level 1 Music exam. This exam is actually aimed at children in Year 3, but Mrs Smith was really impressed with their progress and entered them for the exam a year earlier. A big well done to all the children in Kestrels, we will find out the results of this exam soon and there is a video of them playing on Tapestry. We have also been completing our last assessments of the academic year and it is lovely to see how much progress the children have made since starting in Year 2; they are ready for their Key Stage Two journey to start in September. In history this week, we have found out about Amelia Earhart and we are continuing our work on ScratchJr in Computing. RE this week involved the children thinking about somebody they admire and why they admire that person. We are all looking forward to our trip on Monday to the air museum.



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## Dates for your Diary

**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)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Y1 Information Meeting about London Trip 8:30am

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day – 9:00-11:00 (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** – Dragonflies Graduation 2:30pm

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Year Assembly and Family Picnic Lunch (11:15am – 1:00pm)

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – School opens (Dragonflies half day and parent lunches)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Open afternoon / Meet your child's new teacher 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Dragonflies full time from today

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3 (Kingfishers) Bikeability (More information to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parent Pay)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Dragonflies Balance Bikeability Course (More information to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival led by Year 2 (No Family Assembly on this day) 9:00am

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Kestrels trip to London (Final details to follow)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evenings (Further details to follow)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Kingfisher's Trip to Tatton Park (Further details to follow)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Pumpkin Festival (4:00pm – 5:30pm) (Further details to follow)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Assembly (10:45am) Parents Welcome to attend

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Christingle Assembly (2:45pm) led by Kestrels (Parents welcome to attend)

## Summer Term Assemblies

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

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

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

## Sports Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 9:00-11:00am (approx.)

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit and house team coloured t-shirt. Spectators are welcome to bring blankets and camping chairs as it will take place on the field. Please note that this event is subject to weather and in the event of cancellation, you will be notified via Facebook and email.

## Year 2 Trip to Midland Air Museum – Final Details

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Kestrels will be visiting the Midland Air Museum in Coventry. They need to arrive at school at the normal time and will travel to and from the museum by minibus. They will arrive back at school in time for home time. Please ensure that your child has a hat and has had suncream applied as most of the museum is outside. They may also bring their water bottles. Any travel sickness tablets for the return journey should be given to Mrs Free in a named envelope.

## 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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## Saturday 6th July - 11:00-13:00 Anker Valley Primary Academy Summer Fair

### Activities...

Hook a Duck,  
Penalty Shoot Out,  
Skittles Competition,  
Guess How Many Sweets in a Jar,  
Guess the Name of the Teddy,  
Archery Competition

All games  
**50p**  
per go!

### and much much more!

Face Painting Stall,  
Bouncy Castle  
Raffle,  
Chocolate and  
Bottle Tombola,  
The Peapod Family  
Books Stall

### Lots of prizes to be won, including:

Footballs

Bowling Set

Cuddly  
Toys

Sweets

Archery Set

### Food!

Hotdogs and  
Chips,  
Strawberries and  
Cream,  
Lulabella's Cakes  
Stall



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## MicroSports

### FREE FOOTBALL IN TAMWORTH

To celebrate the Euros we are offering a **FREE** taster session for all new players to our sessions at Tamworth Castle Grounds.

Date	Venue	Age
Offer available from June 2024	Tamworth Castle Grounds 	Ages 4-11 Years (Boys and Girls)
<b>Monday Sessions</b> Monday 6-6:55pm (4-6 Years) Monday 7-7:55pm (7-11 years)	<b>Friday Sessions</b> Friday 7:30-8:30pm (7-11 Years)	<b>Sign Up</b> Sign Up By Scanning Our QR Code: 

For more information please email [sarah@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:sarah@micro-sports.co.uk)



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