



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

To our Anker Valley Families at the end of another incredible year...

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of another academic year and that in a few weeks we will be joined by our fourth Dragonflies class and will have our first class in Key Stage 2. What an amazing year we have had with incredible trips to Llandudno and London to mention a few, along with the Pumpkin Festival, Summer Fair, Bingo night and a small thing called Ofsted (and this is just a snapshot!). At the heart of all that we do are our beautiful children, and I genuinely could not be prouder of their achievements this year. It is at this point that I would like to celebrate each individual class for the following amazing successes:

*Dragonflies – For achieving the highest GLD (Good Level of Development) this academic year since we have opened at 90%.*

*Hérons – For achieving the highest Phonics Screening pass rate at AVPA this year at 96%.*

*Kestrels – For achieving our first set of amazing End of Key Stage 1 results, including a fabulous Reading, Writing, Maths combined figure of 83%.*

However, it would be remiss of me to focus simply on the academic outcomes achieved this year; For some, this year, they may have learnt to ride a scooter, tried new foods, forged friendships that will last a lifetime, laughed, cried, celebrated or been brave and for that I commend every single one of our children and their families. You really are amazing!

I wish you all a wonderful summer on behalf of all the staff at Anker Valley and we look forward to seeing you all back in September, along with our new Dragonflies and Kingfishers!

Kindest regards as always, Natalie Horlor x

## Winning House Team

Congratulations to our winning team for the summer term...

Trent – 701

Huge well done to our runners up...

Tame - 635

Avon - 629

Anker - 606

## Stars of the Summer Term and Year 2024!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Summer Term: Jamie, Alfie and Ben



Congratulations to our Stars of the Year 2024: Felicity, Winnie and Ellie-Mae

## Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.54%

School attendance this term: 94.08%

Dragonflies (this week): 90%

Hérons (this week): 91.38%

Kestrels (this week): 97.67%

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

Special congratulations also go to Kestrels, who have had the best attendance this with **96.17%**, beating Herons by 0.13%!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child this academic year with their attendance. We really do appreciate it.

## End of Term Family Picnic 2024

Thank you to all our families for joining us at our end of term assembly, where we celebrated attendance, star of the term and star of the year. We also said farewell to Miss Grewal, congratulations to Miss Matthews and good luck to Mrs Burke and Mrs Hand! This was then followed by our family picnic in the sunshine, which really was the perfect way to end the term.

Thank you on behalf of all the staff for your support this year.



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## Sports Day 2024



Congratulations to all our competitors (especially the mums and dads!).  
Special congratulations to **Trent** for winning overall with 353 points!



## Reception 2024 Graduation



We are so very proud of our Dragonflies this year. They have made incredible progress this academic year and it was wonderful to celebrate this with our families on Thursday. They sang three songs and were presented with a certificate, graduate photograph and bubbles, because they really have 'blown us away'.

Thank you to our Dragonflies parents who have supported the children this year, they really would not be as amazing as they are without you! We cannot wait to see them flourish even more when they become Herons in September.

## Bouncy Castle Fun!

Thank you to Butterflies for letting us share the fun on Tuesday and Wednesday with their bouncy castle. The children had a fabulous time, and it was a great end of year treat for them all.



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## Dates for your Diary

### **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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 Residential to Laches Wood (more information to follow in September)

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception and Year 1 Nativity (6:00pm & 9:00am)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert (9:00am & 6:00pm)

## Reminder about Year 3 School Dinner Payments from September 2024

Just a reminder to parents of children going into Year 3, that unless eligible for Free School Meals, lunches will need to be paid for in advance from September 2024, unless your child is bringing a packed lunch from home.

Please ensure you select your child's lunch arrangements within Arbor before the return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. To help minimise food waste, a new option for 'packed lunch from home' will be available for children in Year 3 only.

Our caterer's policy is to prepare children a hot dinner and issue a charge for this unless a packed lunch has been booked in the app or brought to school by 10:30 a.m. each day

## Changes to Arbor over the Summer Holidays

After the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, we will no longer accept payments via ParentPay. Any credit balances will need to be withdrawn from your Parent Account unless you use ParentPay for a child at another school.

Instructions on how to do this can be found at the link below:  
[www.parentpay.com/how-do-i-withdraw-money-my-account](http://www.parentpay.com/how-do-i-withdraw-money-my-account)

Any payments which have already been made toward trips and clubs will be automatically transferred to Arbor.

The 'Arbor Parent & Guardian Portal' will be accessible via the app and website no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Once live, you will receive an email confirming your login details. We advise you download the app in advance – direct links are available at [www.fierte.org/arbor](http://www.fierte.org/arbor).

## Anker Valley Office Opening Hours over the Summer Holidays

The school office will be open for enquiries and to respond to emails, etc on the following dates over the summer holidays:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July (8am – 4pm)

and

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August (am – 4pm)

## 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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# PLAYSCHEME 2024

FREE

Summer holiday sporting activities for kids aged 2+

29 July - 23 August 2024

active



Tamworth  
Borough Council



## JUMP XTREME

Hop down to Jump Xtreme this summer and experience the West Midlands' premier trampoline park. Jump Xtreme has over 115 interlinked trampolines and promises bags of fun and getting fit without even noticing it.

Please note: a responsible adult must stay on site during the activity and sign a waiver before the start of the session. <https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/>

Call today to secure your free place and unique reference number (this number must be redeemed on day of activity).

Every child participating will need to wear the specific jump xtreme socks, these are not provided.



## THAT FUN PLACE

Offering fun and exciting entertainment for all the family, That Fun Place is a fantastic facility which includes three levels of soft play with over 30 individual activities such as spiral slides, ball pools, racing slides, swing donuts, nest climb, as well as a dedicated tot's zone.

All children need to be supervised at all times by a responsible adult, appropriate clothing and socks must be worn at all times.

These activities are free for one accompanying parent or guardian, additional parents/guardians will be charged £1 when checking in.



## FOOTBALL CAMP

Football season may be over but there's still plenty of opportunity to get your football fix by joining our football camp this summer. These sessions will keep your budding soccer star on their toes.

Not only will they learn more about the beautiful game, but your children will also have more fun, develop their skills, fitness and confidence.



## TENNIS

MicroSports pride themselves in offering tennis camps for the local community. Children come along to keep fit, be active, make new friends, but most importantly have fun.

Coaches are mindful of all the above and strive to deliver tennis sessions that children can enjoy.

Our reward is seeing the children's enjoyment as well as sending them home to their families with a smile on their face and slightly more tired!



## DANCE

Sinitta Marie Dance Academy is a fun, friendly and professional dance school, offering a full range of styles and disciplines in all areas of dance. They are opening their doors this summer to give boys and girls the opportunity to book on this free and exciting dance camp.



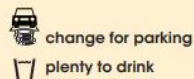
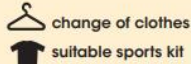
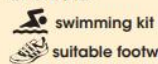
## STAFFORD ROLLER DISCO

Stafford roller disco, is one of the biggest indoor arenas in the Midlands, with its groovy lights and retro tunes you will not only have fun but also get fit without noticing it. So why not book your free place, NOW.

Every child participating in this activity will need to be supervised by their parent/guardian



KEY TO SYMBOLS:



suitable footwear

suitable sports kit

plenty to drink

























For further activities log onto <https://staffordshirespace.uk>  
N.B. Children are required to bring any relevant medication.



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	Activity	Age range	Venue & contact booking detail	What you need	Date & time
WEEK ONE: 29 JULY – 2 AUG	<b>Jump Xtreme</b>	5 – 12 20 places per session	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b> <small>Complete waiver before attending: <a href="https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/">https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/</a></small>	 	Monday – Tuesday 4pm – 5pm (arrive 20 mins prior) (Jump socks not included)
	<b>That Fun Place</b>	1 – 5 15 places per day	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b>		Monday – Tuesday 10am – 12pm
	<b>Dance</b>	5 – 12	SMDA, Birds Bush Road, Belgrave, Tamworth, B77 2NE. Contact: Siniitta 07375 303340 <b>Bookings from 1 July</b>	 	Monday – Friday 1pm – 3pm
	<b>Football Camp</b>	6 – 9 30 places per day	Anker Valley Sports Complex, Moor Lane, Tamworth, B77 3AX Contact: sportspitches@tamworth.gov.uk	 	Monday – Friday 10am – 12pm (Required: Astro trainers, shin pads, bottled water, waterproof jacket)
WEEK TWO: 5 – 9 AUG	<b>Jump Xtreme</b>	5 – 12 20 places per session	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b> <small>Complete waiver before attending: <a href="https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/">https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/</a></small>	 	Monday – Tuesday 4pm – 5pm (arrive 20 mins prior) (Jump socks not included)
	<b>That Fun Place</b>	1 – 5 15 places per day	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b>		Monday – Tuesday 10am – 12pm
	<b>Tennis Camp</b>	6 – 12 20 places per session	Castle Grounds Tennis Courts, Riverdrive, Tamworth To book: Ages 6 – 9 <a href="http://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-castle-grounds-camps/p/summer-tennis-club-ages-6-9">www.microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-castle-grounds-camps/p/summer-tennis-club-ages-6-9</a> Ages 10 – 12 <a href="http://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-castle-grounds-camps/p/summer-tennis-club-ages-6-9">www.microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-castle-grounds-camps/p/summer-tennis-club-ages-6-9</a>	 	Monday – Friday 1.30pm – 2.30pm (6-9yrs) 2.30pm – 3.30pm (10-12yrs)

WEEK THREE: 12 – 16 AUG	<b>Jump Xtreme</b>	5 – 12 20 places per session	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b> <small>Complete waiver before attending: <a href="https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/">https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/</a></small>	 	Monday – Tuesday 4pm – 5pm (arrive 20 mins prior) (Jump socks not included)
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	<b>Stratford Roller Disco</b>	6 – 12 20 places per day	Stafford Country Park, Ashby Road, Tamworth, B79 0BU Contact: sportspitches@tamworth.gov.uk <b>Only one booking per person</b> <b>Parents and guardians required to supervise own child</b>	 	Wed 14 – Thurs 15 August 11am – 1.30pm Fri 16 August 4.30pm – 7.00pm (Roller skate hire included)
WEEK FOUR: 19 – 23 AUG	<b>Jump Xtreme</b>	5 – 12 20 places per session	Brent House, Wilnecote, Tamworth, B77 5DF Contact: 01827 290007 <b>Only one booking per person</b> <small>Complete waiver before attending: <a href="https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/">https://jumpxtreme.co.uk/waiver-2/</a></small>	 	Monday <sup>a</sup> Tuesday 4pm – 5pm (arrive 20 mins prior) (Jump socks not included)
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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2024