



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May, we had a wonderful morning celebrating VE Day, marking 80 years since the end of World War II. The school was divided into house teams to participate in four exciting activities throughout the morning. These included a maypole dancing workshop, creating Union Jack crowns, baking bread and butter pudding, and playing traditional games on the playground.

Before our outdoor buffet lunch, Lee, the local Co-op Manager, visited Anker Valley to plant a pear tree in commemoration of this special occasion. The tree planting ceremony included a special plaque to remember the event. Children, parents, and staff then enjoyed a delightful buffet lunch outside.

We wanted to share some of the lovely comments we have received from the children, and we hope you enjoyed this memorable day:

- ❖ I have enjoyed Maypole dancing with my granny (Matilda)
- ❖ I loved playing chess, maypole dancing and making bread and butter pudding for the first time (Terae)
 - ❖ I liked making the crowns and then I liked wearing it for my picnic (Winnie)
 - ❖ I loved all of it, but the best bit was cooking and doing the activities with mummy (Emily)
 - ❖ I liked playing the different games especially chess (Theo H)
 - ❖ I liked everything and my Nanny joined in too (Harry B)
- ❖ I liked saying my line in the assembly and singing the special VE Day song. I also liked crafting too! (Isobel)
- ❖ I loved using the chalk with my auntie to draw pictures on the playground and we made a hopscotch (Hallie)
 - ❖ I liked it because my Nanny was there with me too (Monika)



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Year 3 Bikeability

Kingfisher's have enjoyed taking part in Level 1 Bikeability today, where they learned essential cycling skills. They practiced bike maintenance, where they learn how to ensure their bike is in good condition and how to make simple repairs, control, which includes setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping, (they even learnt to pedal one handed!), and awareness, such as looking behind themselves and turning around obstacles. This has really helped them build their confidence in order to cycle safely. Well done to all our young cyclists! We look forward to Bikeability Level 2 in the future.



Active Travel England



Herons Stars of the Week

Well done to our **Stars of the Week**, **Ethan**, for a great understanding of right and wrong choices in RE, and **Jamie**, for creating a fantastic 3D bird.

Our **Readers of the Week** are **Jacob**, for trying his best in all of his phonics lessons, and **Elsie-Mai**, for trying hard at answering questions during reading sessions.

Congratulations to our **Citizens of the Week**, **Nevaeh**, for always being a determined and focused learner, and **Felicity**, for always being a kind and considerate friend.

Rainbow Reads: Nevaeh, Noah, Myla, Eva, Lottie, Felicity, Rory, Blake, Zachary, Elsie-Mai, Sophie, Georgia, Louisa, Matei, Rocco, Jamie and Ethan.

Numbots: Jamie and Rory.



The deadline for sign up and payment for summer term trips are as follows:

Year 1 Twycross Zoo – 16th May at 15:30.

Laches Wood Residential deposit due (Current Year 2) – 23rd May at 15:30.

Weekly Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.4%

Dragonflies (this week): 88.1%

Herons (this week): 91.3%

Kestrels (this week): 92.3%

Kingfishers (this week): 91.3%



Congratulations to our children in **Kestrels** for winning our weekly attendance award! Thank you to all parents who have supported their child this academic year with their attendance. We really do appreciate it.



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th May – Year 2 trip to Llandudno

Monday 19th May – Friday 23rd May – Walk to School Week

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Whitsun Holiday

Thursday 5th June – Y3 Cricket Competition

Monday 9th June – Heron's Rock It Parents session (2:30pm)

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week

Monday 9th June – Diabetes Awareness Week (Wear blue to school)

Thursday 12th June – Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World

Monday 15th June – Friday 20th June – Sports Week

Friday 20th June – Sport's Day (1:30pm)

Tuesday 24th June – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 26th June – Year 3 Tennis Tournament

Thursday 26th June – Year 2 Trip to East Midlands Airport

Monday 30th June – Dragonflies' Rock It Parents session (2:30pm)

Thursday 3rd July – Summer Fair (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

Saturday 5th July – Festival Celebrations in the Castle Grounds (10am-5pm)

Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July – Fierté Festival Week

Friday 18th July – End of Term Family Picnic, Family Games and Celebration Assembly (12:30pm – 3:30pm)

Monday 21st July – INSET Day. School closed to pupils.

End of Term – Summer Holiday

Summer 1 and Summer2 Family Library Sessions and Assemblies

Fri 16th May – Dragonflies

Fri 23rd May – Kingfishers

Fri 6th June – Kestrels

Fri 13th June – Herons

Fri 20th June – Sports
Assembly

Fri 27th June – Kingfishers

Fri 4th July – Kestrels

Fri 11th July – Herons

Fri 18th July – Picnic lunch
(12:30pm) followed by
games on the field and
bouncy castle and End of
Term Celebration
Assembly (2:45pm)

Kestrel's Trip to Llandudno – Final Details

We are really looking forward to our visit to Llandudno next Wednesday 14th May and know that the children will have a fabulous experience at the seaside.

Your child will need to arrive at school at 7.20am prompt and will need to be wearing their school uniform and trainers. Your child will need to have a waterproof coat and as the weather is very unpredictable, please make sure that suncream is applied before arriving at school and that the children have a sunhat in their bags as it is forecast to be sunny. Whilst we cannot guarantee that there will be a toilet on the coach, we will be stopping at the services as needed.

The children will need a packed lunch in a small rucksack, which they will be responsible for carrying. Please ensure that there are no sweets, nut-based products in packed lunches due to allergies and that drinks are not packed in glass bottles. Children will be provided with an additional free packed lunch, if this has been booked, if not your child will need to bring two packed lunches with them. One packed lunch will be eaten at lunchtime and the second before the coach journey back to Tamworth.

We will be aiming to arrive back at Anker Valley at 7.00pm and all updates will be shared throughout the day via our school Facebook page.

If your child normally suffers from travel sickness, please inform Mrs Free. If they need travel sickness tablets, please make sure that they have one before coming to school and provide another for the return journey, in a sealed, named envelope. It is ESSENTIAL that if your child needs an inhaler, it is brought into school – they will not be permitted to go without it.

If time allows, the children will have the opportunity to purchase a small souvenir from their visit.

Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Natalie Horlor (Headteacher) nhorlor@ankervalley.org

Mrs Andrea Free (Class teacher) afree@ankervalley.org

Mrs Julia Jones (Safeguarding Lead Governor) jjones@ankervalley.org

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



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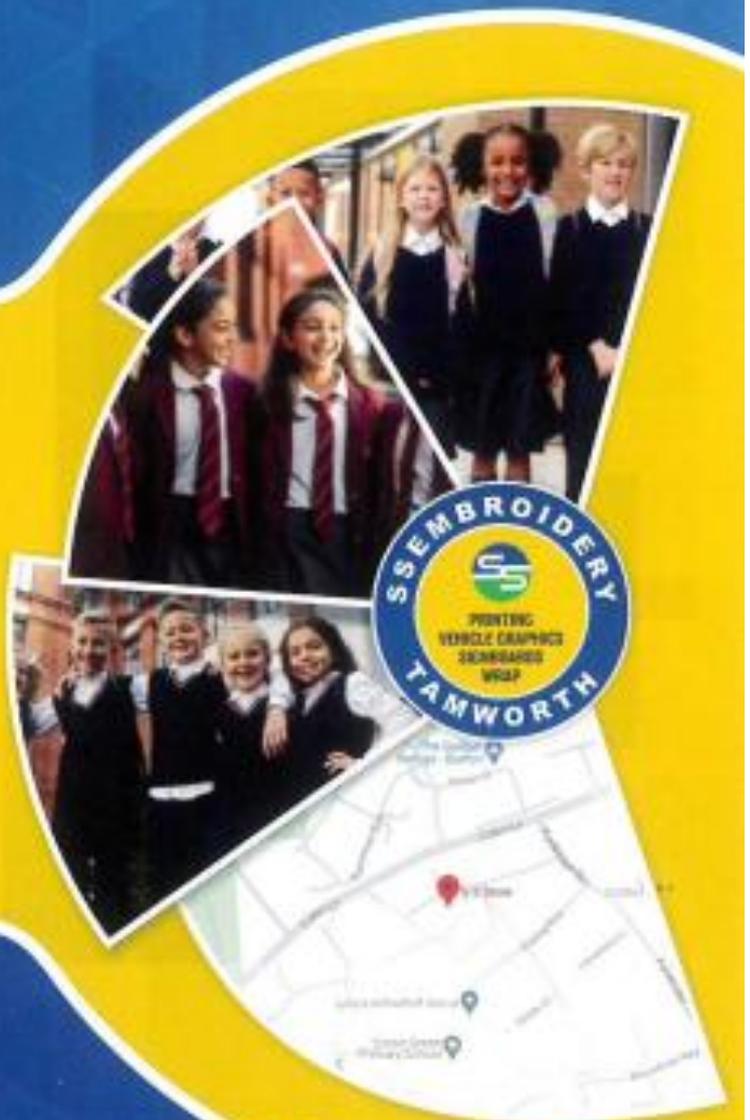
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