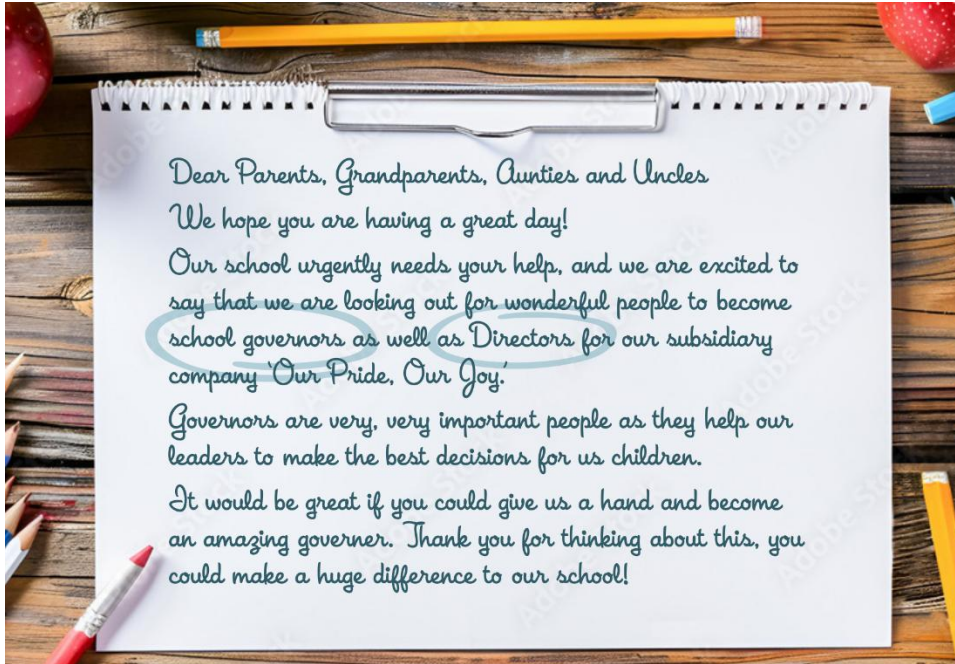




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Governor Vacancies for September 2025



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles
 We hope you are having a great day!
 Our school urgently needs your help, and we are excited to say that we are looking out for wonderful people to become school governors as well as Directors for our subsidiary company 'Our Pride, Our Joy.'
 Governors are very, very important people as they help our leaders to make the best decisions for us children.
 It would be great if you could give us a hand and become an amazing governor. Thank you for thinking about this, you could make a huge difference to our school!

Why should you join us?

School governors play a special role in our community. They ensure that all children that attend our schools receive the best quality education there is and are able to fulfil their aspirations and dreams.
 School governors also control all the spectacular opportunities that come our way.

Benefits:

- You will be surrounded by friendly children who will welcome you into our friendly environment.
- You will feel proud of yourself because it is all voluntary and you will be helping us to meet the challenges that we face everyday.
- You will be part of our school family.
- You will help children excel in their education.

For more information on how to join us, please contact Fierté, call 01827 214621 or email us at enquiries@fierte.org.

We look forward to meeting you very soon.



Reminder: Cadbury World – 12th June 2025

On Thursday 12th June 2025, Kingfishers will be visiting Cadbury World which links in with the children's learning in History about ancient civilisations. **The children will be travelling using the Trust minibuses, leaving school shortly after 9:00am and returning in time for the end of school.**

During the day, the children will participate in a tour of Cadbury World, followed by the Maya workshop, where they will learn about the achievements of the earliest non-European civilisation and how this contrasts with British society. In addition to this, they will also have the opportunity to see real cocoa pods filled with the cocoa beans that were so valuable to Mayans in c. AD 900, and the wooden whisk they used to make their favourite chocolate drink. Some lucky children will even have the chance to dress as a Mayan!

Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch (unless one has been ordered through the school kitchen).

They will need to wear full school uniform and will not require any additional snacks or spending money.

SEND Coffee Morning – Tuesday 1st July

We would like to invite parents to join us for a SEND Coffee Morning at 9:00am on Tuesday 1st July. This is an opportunity for you discuss any worries that you might have, as well an opportunity to meet Mrs Magill, our Trust Inclusion Lead. Please arrive at the school office after you have dropped off your child; We look forward to seeing you!

Weekly Attendance



School attendance this year:
Dragonflies (this week): 91.4%
Herons (this week): 98%
Kestrels (this week): 96%
Kingfishers (this week): 94%



Congratulations to our children in **Herons** 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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Reminder: Diabetes Week – 9th – 13th June

In order to raise awareness of diabetes in school, throughout this week the children will be finding out about what diabetes is and what it is like to live with this medical condition. As part of this, we are inviting children to come to school on **Monday 9th June** wearing blue clothing (non uniform). In collaboration with Diabetes UK, we will be sharing age-appropriate information with the children in a special assembly.



School Uniform Reminder

Please be reminded that trainers are not part of our school uniform. School shoes should be flat and black with a closed toe.

If you are awaiting new shoes for your child, trainers can be worn on the way to school and then swapped to black PE pumps at school in the short term. Many thanks for your support with this.

What we have been learning in Dragonflies...

Dragonflies have loved learning all about pirates this week while exploring our Drawing Club text, 'The Night Pirates'. We have created a pirate ship role play, have been making our own treasure maps and were even able to go on our own treasure hunt around the school! In Maths, we have been learning how to share items fairly and count objects in groups, and in Phonics, we have been doing super reading and writing sentences using phase 3 sounds.



What we have been learning in Herons...

Wow! Herons have settled in beautifully and are starting to prepare themselves for the transition into Year 2! In Maths, we have started to explore position and direction. The children have been learning their left and right and have been learning about a range of turns. Position and direction can be tricky but all of Year 1 have shown great determination! In English, we have started reading the book 'Gorilla'. So far, we have identified a range of conjunctions, practiced using these in sentences and planned our own adventure for Sophie and the Gorilla. In the wider curriculum, the children have been drawing a range of minibeasts, started learning how to use the software scratch and have started to learn about where our fruit and vegetables come from. We are looking forward to our last week altogether next week!



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What we have been learning in Kestrels...

This week, the children in Kestrels have enjoyed reading a funny poem in their whole class reading sessions all about a missing bottom! In English, they have started a new unit of learning based on a video clip called Soar and have made predictions and described the setting for the story. They have found fractions of amounts and completed their end of unit assessment before starting their new unit all about telling the time next week. In Art, they finished making Worry Dolls inspired by Guatemalan Worry Dolls, which are made to help make worries disappear. They have started their new PE unit playing Dodgeball and have been preparing for Sports Day. Next week, it is the children's last week as Kestrels before they transition to their new classro



Kestrel's Stars of the Week

Well done to our Stars of the Week, Millie and Lily H, for creating fantastic worry dolls.

Our Readers of the Week, Emily, for showing great determination with her reading, Hallie, for becoming a more fluent and confident reader, and Evie, for reading lots at home and sharing this with us on Tapestry

Congratulations to our Citizens of the Week, Isobel, for donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, and Terae, for always demonstrating our school virtues

Rainbow Reads: Noah, Taliyah, Leo, Alfie, Jake, Leo, Evelyn, Matilda, Oliver, Evie, Winnie, Jayden, and Monika

Numbots: Bradley (Diamond award), Hallie, Lily H, and Matilda S



What we have been learning in Kingfishers...

This week, Kingfishers have been exploring money and the different coins that we can use to make the same amounts. We have then been starting to add and subtract different amounts of money. In English, we have been writing our explanation text on how volcanoes are formed and their effect to the environment after an eruption. In science this week, we looked at the different types of rocks and how they are formed, we explored the rock cycle and how this will take millions of years. We finished our week with computing, in which we became graphic designers to plan our own magazine front covers.



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Dates for your Diary

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 – non uniform)

Monday 9th June – Reception NCMP Height and Weight Checks ****Please note date change****

Thursday 12th June – Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World

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

Friday 20th June – Sport's Day (9:15am with 1:30pm as reserve if wet in morning)

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

Friday 27th June – Reception Graduation

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

Monday 14th July – Open Evening (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

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.

Summer2 Family Library Sessions and Assemblies

Fri 13th June – Herons

Fri 20th June – Sports Assembly (children only).

Fri 27th June – Dragonflies (Graduation)

Fri 4th July – Kingfishers

Fri 11th July – Kestrels

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

End of Term – Summer Holiday

Summer Fair – Thursday 3rd July 2025

Our Summer Fair will be taking place (weather permitting on the field / playground) on **Thursday 3rd July between 2:30pm and 4:30pm.**

We ask that parents attending the fair, arrive at the school office at 2:30pm, where you will be able to join your child outside to join the festivities. On offer this year will be facepainting, bottle tombola, games with prizes to be won, bouncy castle (weather permitting), cake and gift stalls and hot food and ice cream from the kitchen to mention but a few.

We appreciate that some parents will not be able to attend until later on due to work commitments, therefore we will be inviting those children to support with running stalls. **Please note Friday 27th June is non uniform – donations of bottles for the bottle tombola.**

Tempest Photography Vista Class Photos

It's time to find a spot on the mantelpiece or a space on the wall as I'm delighted to let you know that your recent group photograph is now ready to view and purchase at the following links:

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValley25-Reception>

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValley25-Year1>

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValley25-Year2>

<https://htmp.st/AnkerValley25-Year3>

Year 3 Tennis Workshop

On **Wednesday 25th June**, in the afternoon, Year 3 will be walking to Spital Tennis Club to take part in a tennis festival. They will be joining St Gabriels, Hanbury's Farm, Coton Green and Howard Primary on the day.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day, a hat and a drink. We will return to school in time for the end of the day, however, will keep you updated of any delays through Arbor and Facebook if they occur.

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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The National Entertainment Awards - Best Solo Dancer U10's

We have been made aware that Hallie in Year 2 has been nominated to win the ward for 'Best Solo Dancer U10's' from The National Entertainment awarding body. If you would like to vote for Hallie, please click the following link to access their Facebook page where you can find further information:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1AEYV85gaF/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Well done Hallie, we are very proud of you!



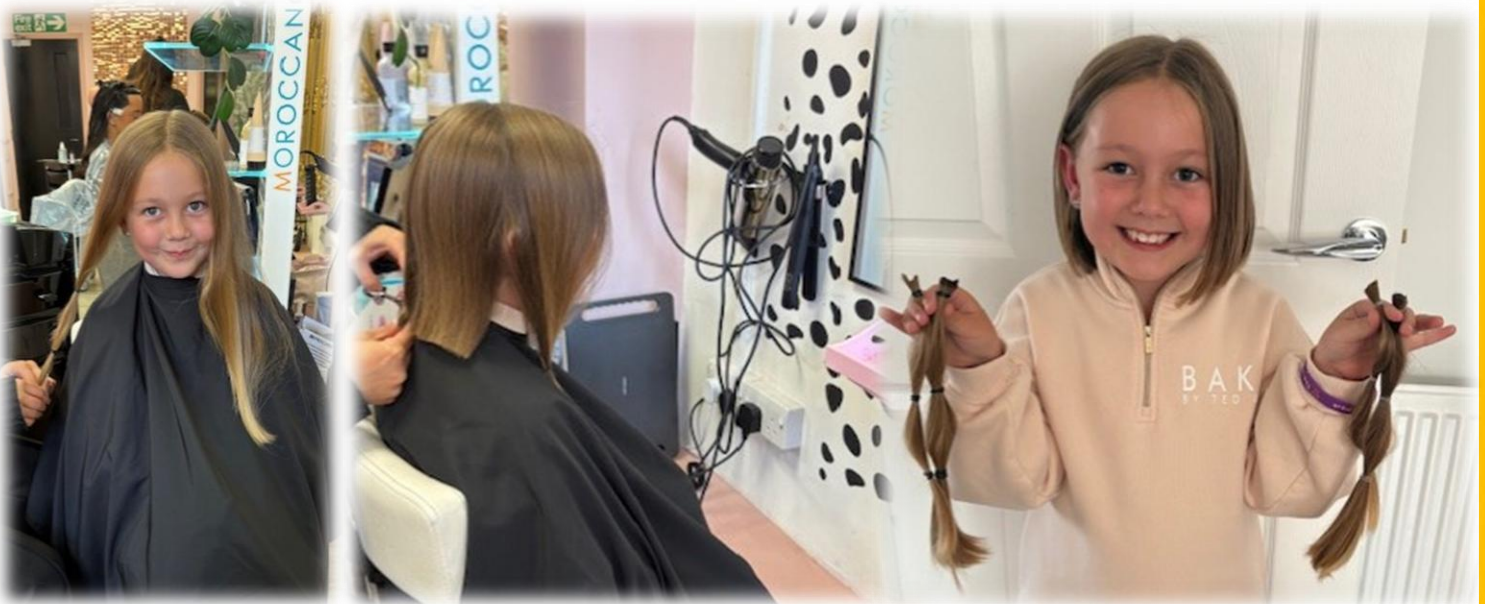
Little Princess Trust Fundraiser

We are so proud of Isobel for very kindly donating her hair to raise money for the Little Princess Trust!

Isobel had her hair cut short on Wednesday 4th June.

Please click the following link if you would like to donate to this wonderful cause:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/isobel-patterson-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015



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