



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

This week, the children have been learning the maypole routines that Ankervalley will be performing as part of the Fierté Festival Celebrations. We have received confirmation this week that our slot on the stage is 3:00-3:15pm, and that we can have a maximum of 20 children at any one time performing. We will therefore be inviting ten children from each class to join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> to perform the routines. You will receive an email to confirm if your child has been invited, and they will need to arrive at the marquee that will be set up in the Castle Grounds ten minutes before the performance (2:50pm). As this is a festival of colour, the children have been requested to wear red, white and blue. If you can confirm your child's attendance by replying to the email that you receive by no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, we would very much appreciate this.

There will be lots of activities for families to take part in, in and around the Castle Grounds, therefore feel free to arrive and enjoy these well in advance of our slot on the stage. The children will also be able to show you if their work has been exhibited and where their hopes and dreams have been displayed. We look forward to you joining us.

### Final Details – Twycross Zoo (Year 1)

Please be reminded that on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 will be visiting Twycross Zoo. Children need to be in school at the usual time of 8:45am and are required to wear their school uniform and trainers. Children will also need to bring a bag with them to carry their packed lunch. If the weather is forecast to be warm, please apply suncream and send your child in with a sunhat and an extra drink. If it is forecast to be wet, please send your child with a thin raincoat. Updates will be provided throughout the day on Facebook.

### Final Details – East Midlands Airport (Year 3)

Please be reminded that on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Year 2 will be visiting East Midlands Airport. Children need to be in school at the usual time of 8:45am and are required to wear their school uniform and trainers. Children will also need to bring a bag with them to carry their packed lunch. If the weather is forecast to be warm, please apply suncream and send your child in with a sunhat and an extra drink. If it is forecast to be wet, please send your child with a thin raincoat. Updates will be provided throughout the day on Facebook.

### Final Details – Tennis Festival

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Year 3 will be taking part in the Tamworth Tennis Tournament at Spital Tennis Club. They will be walking from school to the club at approximately 12:30 and will return in time for the end of school. On this day, children can come to school wearing PE kits and will need a hat and a spare water bottle if the forecast is to be warm. If there are any changes to the running of the event, we will notify you as soon as we are made aware of them.

### Tapestry in Year 2 upwards

Further to the information in the newsletter last week about Tapestry, you will now have been sent a link to download the pdf version of your child's journal. Please note that you will not be able to download this on a mobile phone or iPad due to the size of the files, it will need to be done on a PC. Please contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties with this. The deadline for downloading the pdf is 30<sup>th</sup> June. After this, your account will become deactivated.

### Year 3 Cricket Competition

We have received confirmation this week that the Year 3 Cricket competition has been rescheduled to 12:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. As the minibus is unavailable on this day, we kindly ask parents of those attending, to confirm if they are able to transport their child to Tamworth Cricket Club (collecting from school at 12:15pm). If you could confirm by emailing [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org) this would be very much appreciated.



### Weekly Attendance

School attendance this year:

**Dragonflies (this week): 90% (1 late)**

**Hérons (this week): 95.3% (2 lates)**

**Kestrels (this week): 99% (1 late)**

**Kingfishers (this week): 95.4% (1 late)**



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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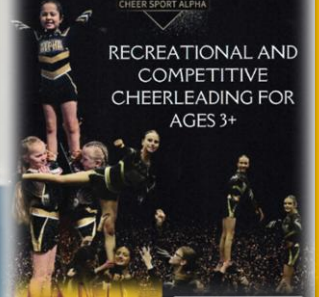
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## Football with Marc Albrighton



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## Fitness with Sarah Ash



## Sports Personalities of the Week

**Congratulations to our Sports Personalities of the week:**

**Fabian and Amelia (Dragonflies),** for being brave and trying their best in all activities!

**Rocco (Heron),** for participating this week with enthusiasm and a willingness to try new activities and for also being amazing at cricket!

**Amora (Heron),** for participating this week with enthusiasm particularly during Maypole Dancing. You have had a great first week at Anker Valley!

**Winnie (Kestrel),** for giving every activity her best effort and always with a smile on her face!

**Bradley (Kestrel),** for showing determination in all the sporting activities and being a standout sportsman!

**Jenson (Kingfisher),** for fantastic goalkeeping!

**Isla-Rae (Kingfisher),** for amazing maypole dancing!

## Sports Day



### **Sports Day Points:**

- Avon – 483**
- Anker – 506**
- Trent – 522**
- Tame – 496**

**Well done Team Trent for winning our Sports Day Trophy!**



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## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3 Tennis Tournament

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 Trip to East Midlands Airport

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception Graduation (9:00am)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Dragonflies' Rock It Parents session (2:30pm)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – SEND Coffee Morning (9:00am)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Summer Fair (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Festival Celebrations in the Castle Grounds (10am-5pm)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Fierté Festival Week

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Open Evening (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Disco, tickets now available to purchase through Arbor (4:30-5:30pm)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Open Evening (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Disco, tickets now available to purchase through Arbor (4:30-5:30pm)

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – INSET Day. School closed to pupils.

## **End of Term – Summer Holiday**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – INSET Day. School closed to pupils.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – School open to all pupils (Half Day for new Reception)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Half day for new Reception

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Tempest individual and sibling photographs (morning)

## **October 27<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> – Half Term Holiday**

## **Summer2 Family Library Sessions and Assemblies**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Dragonflies (Graduation)

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Kingfishers

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Kestrels

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

## **Summer Fair – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

Our Summer Fair will be taking place (weather permitting on the field / playground) on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June is non uniform – donations of bottles for the bottle tombola.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Lunch Update**

Please be aware that the lunch option for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July will be swapped with Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please select your meal options as normal, however if your child has a packed lunch for one of these days, please ensure they bring their lunchbox on the correct day.

## **Reception Graduation – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am)**

Just a reminder that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June is Dragonflies final celebration assembly for this year and their graduation. It is anticipated that the assembly should be finished by no later than 9:30am. As this is just for Dragonflies, we are able to invite 2 family members per family, however, would kindly ask that prams and pushchairs are left outside and that you use the seating provided and refrain from sitting on the benches around the edge of the hall. We look forward to you joining us for this special celebration.

## **Safeguarding – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:**

**Mrs Natalie Horlor** (Headteacher) [nhorlor@ankervalley.org](mailto:nhorlor@ankervalley.org)

**Mrs Andrea Free** (Class teacher) [afree@ankervalley.org](mailto:afree@ankervalley.org)

**Mrs Julia Jones** (Safeguarding Lead Governor) [jjones@ankervalley.org](mailto:jjones@ankervalley.org)

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



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