

Anker Valley Newsletter

Monday 9th February 2026

Communication is Key!

Following the valuable feedback shared by parents and carers, we are making some positive changes to how we communicate and share your children's learning with you. These changes are designed to make information clearer, more accessible, and more meaningful, while strengthening the link between home and school.

Arbor App

Going forward, short school messages/reminders will be sent through the **Arbor app**. Emails will continue to be our main channel for important updates, reminders, and communications, ensuring information is received quickly and in a consistent place.

Facebook

We are also pleased to be relaunching our **school Facebook** page as a closed group. Access will be limited to known families only, helping us maintain a safe and secure online environment. Throughout the week, we will share snapshots of children's learning and enrichment experiences. These posts will never include children's names, and only children with photo consent will be visible. Photos will give you a real insight into what learning looks like day to day. We hope these snapshots will support conversations at home, giving children the opportunity to talk proudly about what they have been learning in school that day. We are in the process of creating our Facebook page, so hold tight and we will share information on how to access it as soon as it is set up.

School Newsletter

Based on parent and carer feedback, we are also refreshing our school **newsletter**. This will now be a concise, one-page document, clearly highlighting key information, messages, and upcoming events, making it easier to read and reference.

School Website

In addition, key events and calendar dates will be clearly displayed on the homepage of the **school website**. This will help families stay informed well in advance about important dates, opportunities, and school activities. All these changes have been introduced with one clear aim: to enhance parents' and carers engagement with their children's learning and to ensure families feel well-informed, connected, and confident about what is happening in school. We value your feedback and look forward to continuing to work closely together to support every child's learning journey.

After School Clubs

Our new Spring 2 after school clubs will be going out via email this week. Places can be booked through Arbor.



National Story Telling Week

Last week children loved celebrating and immersing themselves in all our story telling activities.

We hosted our **Reading Café** that received a great turnout from parents and grandparents, thank you. Our daily **book fair** was also well received by families and children.



Thank you to **Ben Davies**, for visiting us and delivering a fantastic writing workshop. Ben is the author of many, funny children's books, including 'The Soup Movement' and 'My Brilliant Plan to Fix Everything!'

School Closures

School will be closed for electoral and polling requirements on:

- i. **Thursday 5th March**
- ii. **Thursday 7th May**

CLOSED

Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 13th February

This week is children's mental health week -as part of our ongoing provision we are having a nonuniform day to raise awareness and support for children's mental health. Children can attend school in their chosen clothing – a nominal fee of £1 can be brought in – we will donate any money raised to Place2Be children's charity.

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