



A Wonderful Start to the New School Year

It has been a great first week back at school, and I would like to thank our children, staff and families for helping to make it such a positive start to the academic year. Our pupils have settled in brilliantly and are already becoming accustomed to the routines, expectations and high standards that help make Anker Valley such a successful learning community.

It has been lovely to see children reconnecting with friends, building new relationships and immersing themselves in their learning. Across school, children have been spending time getting to know their new classrooms, teachers and topics, as well as discovering the exciting learning opportunities that await them throughout the year.

As children begin exploring what they will be learning this year, we would like to remind parents and carers about next week's Curriculum Afternoons. These sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for families to learn more about the exciting curriculum, enrichment opportunities and memorable experiences that our teachers have carefully planned for the year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing the fabulous learning journey that awaits your children this year.

Mr Wilkinson

Headteacher

Staff Visibility at the Gates

We have increased the visibility of staff on the school gates before and after school. It has been wonderful to welcome children each morning and see so many smiling faces as they arrive, ready for a day of learning and opportunities.

Even more rewarding is seeing our pupils leave at the end of the day with the same smiles on their faces, happy, confident and eager to share what they have learned.

These daily interactions allow us to strengthen relationships with our children and families, ensure a positive start and finish to the school day, and reinforce the warm, welcoming atmosphere that we are so proud of at Anker Valley Primary Academy.

Thank you to our families for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that every child feels valued, safe and excited to come to school each day.

Curriculum Afternoons

 Monday 14th September

Year 2 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Tuesday 15th September

Year 3 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Wednesday 16th September

Year 1 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Thursday 17th September

Year 4 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Friday 18th September

Year 5 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm



Building Resilience

This week, our children enjoyed a fantastic assembly focused on the importance of resilience, one of the key attributes that helps us grow, learn and succeed. During the assembly, children explored what it means to be resilient and how this is not something that develops overnight. Resilience is built over time through perseverance, determination and a willingness to keep trying when things feel difficult.

Children learned that everyone faces challenges, hurdles and barriers in life. Whether it is tackling a difficult piece of learning, learning a new skill, making a mistake or facing a setback, these experiences help us become stronger and more confident. We discussed how some of our greatest learning takes place when we step outside our comfort zone and work through challenges rather than giving up.

At Anker Valley, we want all of our children to understand that mistakes are a valuable part of the learning process. By showing courage, maintaining a positive attitude and continuing to strive for success, children develop the resilience needed to achieve their goals both in school and beyond. We look forward to celebrating the many examples of resilience that our pupils demonstrate throughout the year.

Parking Reminder

We would like to thank the Co-op for their continued support of our school community. They have kindly granted parents and carers 15 minutes of free parking before the start of the school day and at the end of the day to help make drop-off and collection as convenient as possible.

To help keep all of our children, families and local residents safe, please park considerately at all times. We kindly ask that you do not park in a way that blocks the school gates or restricts visibility and access for children crossing the road. Safe parking plays an important role in ensuring that everyone can arrive at and leave school safely.

We would also like to remind families that our accessible parking bay is reserved for vehicles displaying a valid Blue Badge. Please be mindful that we only have one accessible parking space, and there may be parents, carers or visitors who rely on access to this facility. Your consideration helps ensure that those who genuinely need the space can use it when required.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all.

Say Cheese! 📷

A quick reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 28th September to take individual pupil photographs.

Children are encouraged to come to school looking their very best in full school uniform, with hair neatly styled and those winning smiles ready for the camera! We know some children will be practising their poses already, while others may be perfecting their biggest grin.

We are looking forward to capturing some wonderful photographs and creating special memories for families to treasure. So, polish those shoes, straighten those ties and don't forget to bring your smile! 📷



School Uniform Reminder

We believe our school uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of belonging, pride and equality. A consistent uniform helps to ensure fairness for all children, reduces pressure around clothing choices and allows pupils to focus on what matters most: their learning. Our uniform policy has also been carefully designed with affordability in mind, helping to support families while maintaining high standards and a strong school identity.

We kindly ask all families to take a moment to review our School Uniform Policy and ensure that children are attending school in the correct uniform each day.

As part of our commitment to supporting families, we are always grateful for donations of good-quality school uniform items and PE kits that are no longer needed. These items can be given a second life by supporting other families within our school community.

[AVPA Uniform Policy 2026-27](#)