

Anker Valley Newsletter - Friday 4th September



Welcome Back to the New School Year

Dear parents, carers and members of our School Community,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin the new academic year at Anker Valley Primary Academy.

After what we hope has been a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break, it has been wonderful to see the school filled with smiling faces, excitement and enthusiasm once again. The first few days back have been incredibly positive, and we are extremely proud of how quickly our children have settled into their new classes and routines.

We would like to offer a special welcome to all the families who have joined our school community this year, particularly our new Reception children who have made a fantastic start to their learning journey. We are delighted to have you as part of the Anker Valley family.

Throughout school, children have returned with excellent attitudes to learning, demonstrating our school values and showing kindness, resilience and determination. It has been lovely to visit classrooms and see children engaging in exciting learning opportunities and reconnecting with friends.

This year promises to be another exciting one, with a range of educational visits, enrichment opportunities, special events and memorable experiences planned across the school. We are committed to ensuring every child feels happy, safe and inspired to achieve their very best.

We would also like to thank our staff team for their hard work in preparing for the new school year and to thank parents and carers for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our children thrive.

As always, we will keep you updated through our newsletters, website, Facebook and communication channels, so please look out for important information throughout the term.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish everyone a happy and successful Autumn Term.

Kind regards,

Mr Wilkinson
Headteacher

School Policies and Communication

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to remind parents and carers to have a look at the updated policies and key documents that will be made available on our school website next week. These documents provide important information about school procedures, expectations and how we work together to support our children.

PSHE Policy

Please find attached a draft of our new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Policy, which is due to be implemented this term.

As part of our commitment to working in partnership with parents and carers, we are sharing this policy with you for consultation. We welcome any feedback, comments or questions you may have.

If you would like to provide feedback, please email the school office at office@ankervalley.org

[PSHE Policy 2026-27](#)

Communication and Raising Concerns

We also want to highlight the best route for discussing any concerns or questions regarding your child. Your child's class teacher should always be the first point of contact. Teachers are available at the end of the school day for brief conversations and are always happy to help.

If your query is more sensitive in nature, or requires a longer discussion, we kindly ask that you arrange a meeting with the class teacher through the school office. This helps ensure that sufficient time can be dedicated to discussing your concerns and allows us to work together effectively in supporting your child.



Meet the Team and Parent Curriculum Afternoons

As part of our commitment to working closely with families, we are delighted to be offering a series of Parent Curriculum Afternoons. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's teacher, learn about the curriculum for the year ahead, and find out how they can support learning at home.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school and sharing the exciting learning opportunities planned for the year ahead.

Curriculum Afternoons

 Monday 7th September

Year 1 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Tuesday 8th September

Year 3 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Wednesday 9th September

Year 2 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Thursday 10th September

Year 4 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

 Friday 11th September

Year 5 Curriculum Afternoon

 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Book Bus Visit



Monday 7th September



Parent Viewing and Purchasing: 3:30pm - 4:00pm

We are delighted to welcome the Book Bus to Anker Valley Primary Academy.

Throughout the school day, children will have the opportunity to browse the wide selection of books available and make a note of any titles they are particularly interested in. They will then be able to share these details with parents and carers at the end of the day should they wish to purchase a book.

Parents and carers are invited to visit the Book Bus between 3:30pm and 4:00pm to view the books and make any purchases.

Reading is important to us at Anker Valley, and we hope this exciting visit will encourage our children to discover new authors, explore different genres and further develop a lifelong love of reading.



Arbor Lunch and Snack Bookings

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to ensure that lunches (school lunches and packed lunches) and snacks are booked via Arbor in advance. Making selections through Arbor helps us to ensure that every child receives the meal option they have chosen and allows our catering team to prepare the correct number of meals each day.

Snack Reminder

A reminder that our purchased snack options are:

- Toast
- Green Apple
- Banana

The cost remains 35p per item and selections can be made through Arbor. Children can bring their own snacks. These should not be crisps, chocolate or nut-based products, thank you.

Please also remember that snacks must be paid for in advance. If you have an outstanding balance on your Arbor account, we kindly ask that this is cleared before purchasing additional snacks.



Developing Our After-School Provision

Last year, we were proud to offer a fantastic range of after-school clubs that provided children with a variety of enjoyable and enriching opportunities. Due to changes in funding and a reduction in the PE and Sport Premium, we are currently reviewing and developing our after-school provision to ensure it remains sustainable and continues to meet the needs and interests of our pupils. We look forward to sharing new opportunities with families as they become available throughout the year.

After-School Clubs This Half Term

We are pleased to offer the following after-school clubs this half-term:

Music Club

Monday | 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Places can be booked via Arbor.

Foodie Club

Wednesday | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

To book onto Foodies Club, a separate message will be sent via Arbor.

We look forward to seeing lots of children taking part and enjoying these opportunities beyond the school day.