



A Few Words from Mr Hancox

As we wrap up another exciting half term at Ankermoor Primary School, we are thrilled to look back on some of the memorable moments, such as the trip to the pantomime to watch Cinderella, all of the children enjoying learning outside on Forest Fridays and particularly the support from parents with Parent Lunches and the Sports Days.

We are also very proud of our school adhering to the British Value of 'Democracy', when we voted for one of our Year 5 children to represent all of the children in the school as part of the Trust Council. They will now be going to meetings with children from the other schools in the Trust, and helping to make decisions that affect all the schools, not just Ankermoor.

We also need to inform you of the proposed reduction in pupil admission numbers to be reduced from 30 to 15 from September 2026. This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2026 and all subsequent cohorts will be 15. For children who already have a place in the school, the year groups will not change.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents, teachers, and children for their hard work and dedication this half term. We look forward to another successful half term ahead. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break!



Monday 24th February
INSET Day – Children not in school

Tuesday 25th February
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

Wednesday 26th February
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition
Year 6 SATs meeting – 3.20pm – 4pm

Thursday 27th February

Friday 28th February
Year 3/4 Forest Friday
Year 1/2 Parent Lunch

Monday 3rd March
Basketball Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Well-being Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Staffordshire Sounds concert

Tuesday 4th March
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music
Swimming Gala Heats (Belgrave) – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 5th March
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
SATs Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

What is going on in Spring Term

24 th Feb	INSET Day – Children not in school
26 th Feb	Year 6 SATs meeting (3.20pm – 4pm)
4 th March	Tamworth Swimming Competition
6 th March	World Book Day (dress up/cake sale)
14 th March	Reception Forest Friday - Year 5/6 Parent Lunch
21 st March	Year 1/2 Forest Friday - Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
28 th March	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
31 st March	Mothers' Day – Cake and crafts
31 st March	Bring in chocolates/alcohol (for Easter Bingo/Raffle)
4 th April	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
4 th April	Strategy Day
7 th April	Easter Day Year 3/4 Assembly (Parents)
7 th April	Easter Bingo/Raffle (after school)
8 th April	Rock Steady Concert
8 th April	Interhouse Sports Competition (Parents to come in and watch PE lessons)
10 th April	Easter Disco – (R, Y1, Y2) (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
11 th April	Easter Menu Day
11 th April	Break up for the Easter Holiday

What is happening
in the next two weeks!

Attendance so far this year.

Reception – 83%
 Year 1/2 – 94%
 Year 3/4 – 94.2%
 Year 5/6 – 95.7%







Value Champions 'Eddie Enjoyment'



7th February	14th February
Rec – Torren L	Rec – Viggo H
Y1/2 – Maisie H	Y1/2 – Ella R
Y3/4 – Juan A	Y3/4 – Terry H
Y5/6 – Emilie W	Y5/6 – Mariyah B

Total House Points this half term!

Total House Points this year!

 The Lions Value: Perseverance En Français: "lion"	671	2272
 The Scorpions Value: Responsibility En Français: "scorpio"	638	1935
 The Sharks Value: Respect En Français: "requin"	584	1897
 The Crocodiles Value: TRUST En Français: "crocodile"	504	1889

25 Reads



Reception Sofia L William S	Year 1 Realle M Robyn F Harper C Jessie H	Year 2 Charlie L Zara S Ella R Hollie G	Year 3 Oliver A Terence H Finley A Harley S	Year 4 Ben M Katherine W Charlotte E Lola T	Year 5 Alfie B Mia S Tyler S Lola H Mya S	Year 6 Logan F Mariyah B Lenny B Isabella S
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Change to the Behaviour Policy

We wanted to update you with a change we are making to our Behaviour Policy.

To promote good behaviour and to enable focus within the classroom, we will now be saying – 321 Good Sitting, Good Looking and Good Listening.

Counting down 321 gives children time to focus their attention, which you will reinforce with the explicit commands 'Good Sitting, Good Looking and Good Listening'.

Good Sitting: Promotes children to maintain proper posture, which can help them stay focused and engaged during lessons. It also promotes a calm and orderly classroom environment, creating minimum distraction for other children.



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Good Sitting



Good Looking



Good Listening



Good Looking: Encourages children to track the teacher whilst talking is important for maintaining attention and respect. It also ensures that children have a better chance of understanding the message, as they are focusing on the speaker.

Good Listening: Essential for effective learning, good listening skills help children understand instructions, participate in discussions, and build strong communication skills. It also shows respect for teachers and classmates, creating a more supportive and collaborative classroom atmosphere. Enhances communication skills, fosters better relationships, and helps in understanding and resolving issues more effectively.

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE OPEN OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
 (excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

- We can help with:
- Low mood
 - Anxiety
 - Sleep difficulties
 - Worry
 - Panic

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*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

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