

## A Few Words from Mr Hancox

We're now well into the Autumn term and already so much has been achieved! It's been a joy to see your children thriving, learning, and growing in confidence.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating their progress with you during Parents' Evening meetings. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their achievements and discuss the exciting journey ahead.

The following week brings some seasonal fun with our Halloween Discos—a chance for the children to enjoy themselves and make lasting memories.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference and helps us create the best possible environment for your children to flourish.

## Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to see the hard work that went into Kingfisher's Harvest Festival this week. The house was full of very happy parents who showed their appreciation throughout. Thank you for all of the donations of food, we have a very bountiful harvest, which we will donate to the local care home.



**THANK YOU!**

## Ankermoor needs your help!

### Become a School Governor!

Parents, carers, and grandparents—your school needs you! Becoming a school governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference in your local school community.

#### Why Become a School Governor?

- Help shape the strategic direction of the school
- Support and challenge school leadership to improve outcomes
- Ensure the school meets the needs of all pupils
- Gain insight into how schools operate
- Develop valuable skills in leadership, governance, and teamwork
- Make a positive impact on children's education and wellbeing
- Be part of a committed and supportive team

### Join Our PTA!

Be part of something amazing at our school. Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to support our school, and make a real difference in your child's education.

- Make a tangible difference in school life and student experiences.
- Build a stronger school community and foster relationships.
- Support your child's education and school environment.
- Meet other parents and carers in a friendly setting.
- Take part in fun events like fairs, discos, and quiz nights.
- Be a voice for all parents and help shape school decisions.

**To learn more or sign up, contact the school office**

The children from Kestrels' Class enjoyed a lovely lunch with their parents this week! It was good to see the smiling faces and full stomachs!



### Forest Friday



Owls and Robins had a splashing good time during their Forest Friday. They all kept nice and dry in their waterproof puddle suits.

### Lunchtime Provision



**Using our new equipment!**

## Attendance for the year

Owls/Robins (Reception) –89.7%

Kingfishers (Year 1/2) - 91.8%

Kestrels (Year 3/4) – 93.5%

**Sparrow Hawks (Year 5/6) – 95.4%**



## Value Champions

	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Owls/Robins	Willow C	Poppy D
Kingfishers	Bella-Rose W	Jenson B
Kestrels	Oliver A	Tayte C
Sparrow Hawks	Taylor K	Florence W

### House Points



459



453



386



475

## Social Media

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our wider school community safe online, we are sharing a helpful link for any families with older children and young adults who are beginning to take an interest in social media.

The guide provides clear information on how to adjust social media settings to help protect children as they explore online platforms. You can find it here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/?page=1>

We also kindly remind families that social media platforms have

minimum age requirements, and we recommend that children only

use them when they are the appropriate age. We hope you find this resource useful as your children begin to explore social media, and that it offers practical support for managing online safety at home.

## Social Media and WhatsApp

We are dealing with a number of issues that have occurred online between pupils. We would like to remind parents of the following:

### AGE LIMITS

- Children must be at least 13 years old to have a social media account.



- The minimum age to use WhatsApp is 16.



### PARENTAL CONSENT

Children under these ages should not be using these platforms. Parental consent is not sufficient.



### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that any children using social media and WhatsApp do so appropriately.

## Important notice for Parents and Carers

For the safety of our children, please only come into school if you have been invited.

Please ask at the office if you need to access the toilet.

This helps us keep our school a safe and secure place for everyone.

Children's safety is our top priority.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Little Wandle – Phonics (Support at home)

Please can you sign post parents to buy the Little Wandle at Home More Phonics Flashcards for Reception (Phase 2 and one for Phase 3) and Year 1 in the newsletter this week. They are £6.99 each.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/collins-big-cat>



<b>Week 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> – Kingfishers (Y1/2) Parent lunch</p> <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> - Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm (please book at office)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm – 5.30pm (please book at office)</p> <p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> -Kestrels (Y3/4) Forest Friday</p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> – School photographs (individual/sibling)</p> <p>Achievement Assembly – 3pm</p>
<b>Week 8 – 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> – Owls/Robins (Reception) Parent lunch</p> <p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> – Interhouse Sports Competition (During PE lessons – Parents invited) – Information to follow.</p> <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b> - Halloween Disco (R, Y1, Y2) – 3.25pm – 4.10pm (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) – 4.20pm – 5.05pm</p> <p>Non-school uniform day</p> <p>Halloween Menu Day</p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> - Sparrow Hawks (Y5/6) Forest Friday</p> <p>Achievement Assembly – 3pm</p> <p>Break up for Half Term</p>

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