



Welcome back from Mr Hancox

We would like to wish you all a wonderful return back to school and hope that you had a delightful summer holiday. We are all very excited with the prospect of the new year and all of the fantastic opportunities we will embrace. Below are some of the new and old incentives we have at Ankermoor Primary Academy to celebrate our incredible children's attitude and awesomeness. **Tuck is now available for the whole school and is payable through Arbor. Children can pick one drink and one snack. Snack items are: toast, pancake or watermelon. Drink items are: milk or apple juice.**

Pyjama fun!
You and a chosen friend will wear pyjamas and bring in a teddy for the day.

Non-uniform treat!
Youself and a chosen friend will wear non-school uniforms for the day.

Story time treat with teddy!
You will choose your favourite story for story time. Then you will sit on a special chair with your teddy and listen to the story in style!

VIP for the day (A Very Important Person)
You will wear a crown. You will sit on a comfy cushion on your chair in class and sit on a chair in assembly. You will choose a special friend to sit next to during class time. You will be at the front of each line (in class, in the dinner hall). You will be the first out to play at break and lunch time.

Extra break for your whole class!
You will receive an extra 15 minute break for your whole class to enjoy.

Game time with the Head teacher!
You and your chosen friend will enjoy a 15 minute game time with Mr Hancox, drinking hot chocolate and playing a card game of your choice.

Privileges

The School Council has decided upon a new reward system to be introduced to recognise exceptional pupil behaviour called 'The Privilege'. The child who has been awarded the privilege (by the teacher), will be made to feel special for the whole day.

How Privileges work at Ankermoor:

- A class teacher gives out Privileges (between 1 and 3 a week). All staff in school can give Privileges but must liaise with class teacher in order to do so.
- Privileges are announced and celebrated once a week in class.
- The pupil then selects the privilege they wish to receive from the Privilege Menu displayed in class.
- A date is then decided between the pupil and the teacher as to when the child is going to receive their privilege.
- The certificate is then completed by the teacher (with the date and privilege clearly shown) and will be ready to be presented formally in front of the school in Celebration Assembly that week.
- Children will then take their certificate home and parents will need to then action any home tasks required for its completion (e.g. to prepare for a non-uniform day/to help child plan a lesson/select a book for story time etc.)

How Privileges are celebrated:

- Privileges are announced and celebrated once a week in class, with the teacher explaining to the rest of the class the reasons for choosing the child.
- Children will be celebrated in front of the whole school, where they will be asked to explain how they achieved their privilege.
- Children also wear a lanyard when it is their privilege day so that all staff members can see that the child has gone above and beyond and can therefore be praised and celebrated by all staff and children.
- Privilege children will be celebrated on the school's social media platforms (with parental permission).

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Non-uniform treat!
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Story time teacher!
You will choose your favourite story for story time. Then you will sit on the teacher's chair and read to the class at the end of the day!

VIP for the day (A Very Important Person)
You will wear a crown. You will sit on a comfy cushion on your chair in class and sit on a chair in assembly. You will choose a special friend to sit next to during class time. You will be at the front of each line (in class, in the dinner hall). You will be the first out to play at break and lunch time. You will bring a special present to school to give to your chosen friend.

Extra break for your whole class!
You will receive an extra 15 minute break for your whole class to enjoy.

Special lesson pass!
You will be allowed to skip one lesson of your choice for maths or grammar game time on 2nd.

Toy Free time!
You will bring in a favourite toy from home to bring playing with at break time and lunch time.

Game time with the Headteacher!
You and your chosen friend will enjoy a 15 minute game time with Mr Hancox, drinking hot chocolate and playing a card game of your choice.

Achievement Certificates

Each week one child will be celebrated in the Achievement Assembly, where they will receive a certificate and parents will be invited in to celebrate with them. This term we are celebrating – Hetty High Expectations.



Autumn 1

Hetty High Expectations

Hetty High Expectations is the best of the best! She knows how to set the highest of expectations in everything that she does. She always dresses smartly, wearing her full school uniform and having the correct shoes on every day.

Once in school, she knows that she has the right attitude to set high standards for others to follow. All of her books are beautifully presented and she takes extreme pride in her handwriting - even though she sometimes makes a mistake!

Hetty also realises that high expectations are key to other areas of school life, such as being sensible all around the school or showing children from other schools how to produce work of a high quality. Hetty will not accept second best and does not want excuses from others for not being the best that they can be.

Just remember, Hetty is watching you being the best learner you can possibly be!



Where amazing memories are made!

We challenge our children to have 'AIMs' (Ankermoor's Incredible Moments) which will enhance every aspect of their lives, through having the opportunity to explore a range of experiences before they transition to secondary school.

As a school, we are passionate about giving our children opportunities to encounter a wide range of activities that they wouldn't necessarily experience, broadening their mindset and cultural awareness. Through these opportunities we believe the children at Ankermoor will learn a range of different life skills, that they can carry forward into the next stage of their education and will also create memories they will never forget.

At each stage in their education at Ankermoor, children will have a set of activities to complete. This will build year on year as an Ankermoor's Incredible Moments Passport that will track all of the wonderful activities the children have completed during their time with us.

Housepoints

How house points work at Ankermoor

- House points will be recorded in class. Every Friday, House Captains will collect the house points and these will be totalled.
- The team with the most points that week will be celebrated in assembly
- The team with the most points each half term will receive an extra playtime and a sweet treat on the last day of half term.
- The winning team each year will win a House Forest- School Day!

Earn 1, 2 or 3 house points for:	Earn 5 house points for:	Earn 10 house points for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard Respectful behaviour Polite actions Showing kindness to others Challenges and competitions Completing homework and reads Putting into practice our school values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent work Stand-out behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headteacher's Award Very special achievements

Early Years Foundation Stage

- Hunt for bugs
- Run around in the rain
- Look after chicks
- Visit a farm
- Dress up in a costume
- Catch a falling leaf
- Hold a scary beast
- Make a mud pie
- Build a den
- Go on a walk barefoot

Key Stage 1

- Grow a plant from a seed
- Visit a castle
- Play in the snow and build a snowman
- Care for a new born creature
- Take part in a talent show
- Make a home for an animal
- Celebrate a national festival
- Work with a poet or author
- Climb a tree
- Learn about different cultures
- Learn a new skill

Key Stage 2

- Visit an art gallery
- Act and sing in a school production
- Learn how to play an instrument
- Learn swimming skills
- Go to the theatre
- Raise money for charity
- Participate in a house team event
- Learn about my local area
- Learn how to keep safe
- Listen to different music
- Take part in a sports day
- Go on a residential trip
- Cook on a camp fire
- Go on a bike ride

House Teams

The Scorpions
Virtues: Responsibility
Mascot: "scorpio"

The Crocodiles
Virtues: Trust
Mascot: "crocodile"

THE PREDATORS

The Sharks
Virtues: Respect
Mascot: "requin"

The Lions
Virtues: Perseverance
Mascot: "lion"



Behaviour

Safe, Respectful, Ready

We work together as a whole school family to ensure everyone (children, families and staff) have an agreed code of conduct/relational approach so that we all commit to:

- Feeling safe.
- Treating everyone with respect.
- Being ready to listen, reflect, connect and converse to achieve success together.

Restorative

Through conversation, reflection and circles we are able to:

- Put things right
- Put things back
- Make better future decisions

Code of Conduct

- A whole community understanding that negative behaviour is a display of an unmet need.
- All members of the school community are expected to respect each other and to make safe choices.
- All children are expected to respect their own and other people's property and to take care of school equipment and environment
- Children are expected to be self-aware, well-mannered, attentive and active learners
- Bullying will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- Physical violence is not acceptable in any form from either pupils or staff, neither is retaliation.

Be Ready	Be Respectful	Be Safe
Being READY is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arriving at school in uniform, with correct equipment. • Acting calmly and responsibly at all times of the day. • Actively listening, connecting, questioning and answering. • Taking part fully in every learning opportunity. • Ready to acknowledge mistakes and understand how to overcome them. 	Being RESPECTFUL is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting others – adults and children. • Respectful listening and manners. • Sharing kindness and empathy. • Challenging in an appropriate and polite manner. • Apologising when we make mistakes. • Taking a stand against all forms of bullying. • Respecting everyone's personal space. • Respecting all areas of our school environment and equipment. 	Being SAFE is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking through all actions, so that safe choices are made. • Self-regulating promptly. • Reminding others of how to be safe in school and on the playground. • Asking and understanding whether a thought, action or comment is safe. • Sharing when you are feeling unsafe. • Understanding how to stay safe at home, in school and on-line.

New SENDCo – Shirley-Anne Magill

I am excited to be joining Ankermoor Primary Academy as the new SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator.) I am really looking forward to meeting with many children, parents and carers this term. I will be based in Ankermoor every Wednesday and can also be contacted via email on send@ankermoor.org. I will be hosting a **Parent Inclusion Coffee meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 2.30** and hope to see many there.



We would love to invite parent and carers to our first Ankermoor Parent Inclusion Coffee and cake meeting of the year on Wednesday 18th September at 2.30 at Ankermoor. Please note this is a change from the originally advertised date of Tuesday 17th September. This will be an informal meeting where we will be looking at gathering your ideas for other meetings and support over the year and share ways in which you can help support your child.

Attendance this Year

Reception – 92.7%
Year 1/Year 2 – 97.8%
Year 3/4 – 93.4%
Year 5/Year 6 – 94.3%
Well done to Year 1/2!



What is happening in the next two weeks

- Mon 9th Sep – Year 3/4 PE**
- Tues 10th Sep – PE coach – all children PE**
- Wed 11th Sep –**
- Thurs 12th Sep – Year 5/6 PE**
- Fri 13th Sep – Year 1/2 PE**
- Achievement Assembly 9am
- Mon 16th Sep – KS2 Sports Club - Basketball**
- Year 3/4 PE**
- Tues 17th Sep – PE coach – all children PE**
- KS1 Sports Club – Multiskills
- Wed 18th Sep – Parent Inclusion Coffee and Cake – 2.30PM**
- Gymnastics/dance club (KS1/2)
- Thurs 19th Sep – Year 5/6 PE**
- Fri 20th Sep – Year 1/2 PE**
- Achievement Assembly 9am

Term Dates - 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

- Autumn Term 2024**
- Monday 2nd September (Training Day 1- School closed)
- Autumn Term (1)** - Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 25th October
- Monday 7th October (Training Day 2- School closed)
- Half Term - Monday – 28th October - Friday 1st November (School closed)**
- Autumn Term (2)** - Monday 4th November– Friday 20th December
- Christmas Holidays** - Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
- Spring Term 2025**
- Monday 6th January - (Training Day 3 - School closed)
- Spring Term (1)** - Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February
- Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February (School closed)**
- Monday 24th February – (Training Day 4 - School closed)
- Spring Term (2)** - Tuesday 25th February – Friday 11th April
- Easter Holidays - Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April (School closed)**
- Summer term 2025**
- Summer Term (1)** - Monday 28th April – Friday 23rd May
- Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday - School closed)
- Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May (School closed)**
- Summer Term (2)** Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July
- Monday 21st July (Training Day 5 - School closed)
- Summer Holidays** - Tuesday 22nd July - Friday 29th August (School closed)

Staff for the academic year 2024/25

Reception/Year 1
Miss Ryan
Mrs Bryan

Year 1/2
Miss Mahandru
Mrs Elbro

Year 3/4
Miss Williams

Year 5/6
Mr Fitzpatrick

Maths/PPA
Mrs Lockwood
Mrs Walk

SENDCO
Mrs McGill

Office
Clerical Assistant
Mrs Bland

Head of
School
Mr Hancox

Executive
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Mr Shakeshaft



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