

A Few Words from Mr Hancox

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our children have made so far. It's been truly inspiring to see how they have embraced their learning with such enthusiasm and curiosity, it was so good to see so many parents join us at Parents' Evening to celebrate their children's learning.

Some of our Privilege Winners this week!



The Importance of Good Attendance at School

At Ankermoor, we are committed to ensuring that every child achieves their full potential, and regular attendance plays a key role in this. Attending school every day helps children develop both academically and socially, building important life skills that will benefit them in the long run.

Why Attendance Matters

1. Increases Learning Opportunities

When children attend school consistently, they don't miss out on important lessons and learning experiences. Each day builds on the last, so regular attendance ensures your child is keeping up with their studies and understanding new concepts.

2. Promotes Social Skills

School is not just about academics—it's also where children develop crucial social skills, form friendships, and learn to work as part of a team. Being present every day helps them build stronger relationships and grow in confidence.

3. Develops Responsibility

Good attendance teaches children the importance of commitment and responsibility, preparing them for future challenges in both school and beyond. It shows them that being reliable and punctual are key aspects of success.

4. Boosts Achievement

Studies have shown that regular attendance has a direct impact on academic performance. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve higher grades and meet their targets.

5. Sets Positive Habits for Life

Attending school every day helps children develop positive routines that they will carry with them into secondary school and adulthood.

What is Cyberbullying?

Harassment: Repeatedly sending threatening or abusive messages.

•Impersonation: Pretending to be someone else online to spread false information.

•Exclusion: Intentionally excluding someone from an online group or activity.

•Doxxing: Sharing personal information about someone without their consent.

Signs of Cyberbullying

•Unexplained changes in mood or behaviour

•Withdrawal from friends and family

•Reluctance to use devices or go online

•Sudden drop in academic performance

•Changes in sleep patterns or appetite

How to Support Your Child

1. Encourage your child to talk about their online experiences. Listen without judgment and reassure them that they are not alone.

2. Keep records of any messages, posts, or images related to the bullying. This information can be vital if you need to report the behaviour.

3. Encourage your child to report the bullying on the platform where it occurs.

4. If the situation escalates, consider reaching out to the school.



Educational Resources

•**Childline:** Offers support for children experiencing bullying.

•**NSPCC:** Resources to keep children safe online.

•**Thinkuknow:** Information on how to stay safe online.

Mon 21st Oct

Archery Club KS2

Tues 22nd Oct

KS1 Multi Sports club

Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music in all day

Halloween Disco (all staff must attend) - (R, Y1, Y2 – 3.25pm – 4.10pm) (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 – 4.20pm – 5.05pm)

Wed 23rd Oct

Gymnastics/dance club (KS1/2)

Rock it Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thurs 24th Oct

Halloween Lunchtime Menu Day

Fri 25th Oct

Achievement Assembly 8.55am

Year 5/6 Forest Friday/ Reception Parent Lunch

What is happening next week

Value Champions

18th October

Reception -

Year 1/2 – Realle M

Year 3/4 – Ben M

Year 5/6 – Lola H



Metty High Expectations

Well done to our Value Champion winners this week.

House Points



The Crocodiles
Value: Trust
En Français: "crocodile"



The Scorpions
Value: Responsibility
En Français: "scorpion"



The Sharks
Value: Respect
En Français: "requin"



The Lions
Value: Perseverance
En Français: "lion"

Weekly Total

93

178

180

147

Total so far

600

808

603

606

Well done Sharks this week and Scorpions so far this Term!



Attendance

Week beginning 7th Oct
Reception – 70%
Year 1/ 2 - 91.9%
Year 3/4 – 97.2%
Year 5/ 6 – 97.2%

Well done to Year 3/4 and 5/6!

Week beginning 14th Oct
Reception – 86.7%
Year 1/2 - 97%
Year 3/4 – 95.7%
Year 5/6 – 97.5%

What is happening next term

4 th November	Year 6 Residential Meeting (Laches Wood)
8 th November	Bonfire Biscuit Sale
13 th November	Reception Open Day
15 th November	Children in Need Day (Dress in red)
15 th November	Reception Forest Friday - Year 5/6 Parent Lunch
21 st November	Year 1/2 Forest Friday
22 nd November	Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
22 nd November	Individual School Photographs
27 th November	Flu programme
29 th November	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
6 th December	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
2 nd /4 th December	Year 6 Residential – Laches Wood
6 th December	Chocolate/Alcohol non uniform day (for Christmas Fair).
9 th December	Christmas Clear out (bring in something for Christmas fair
9 th December	Reception Nativity Assembly (Parents)
10 th December	Rock Steady Concert
11 th December	Carol Service
12 th December	Christmas Fair
17 th December	Interhouse Sports Competition (In PE lessons – Parents invited)
18 th December	Christmas Dinner
20 th December	Non-uniform – Christmas Clothes Day - Party menu lunch

Harvest Festival



Year 1/2 put on an amazing Harvest Festival assembly,, where we learnt how to pull a turnip. Thank you for all the food donations., which will go to a local food bank.

Year 3/4 have built dens and different types of obstacle courses, to test each others skill. They have also been observing mini beasts.



Year 1/2 explored how scenery can inspire artwork. The children observed different shapes, lines and textures.



Poppy Walters from the Tamworth Mental Health Team has taken over from Michelle Paige (who supported us last year). Poppy will be joining us in school for one afternoon a week to support our children. Mrs Bryan and Mrs Magill will be referring our children to her for their emotional health needs.



Poppy met with parents during Parents' Evening!

A number of parents have come into school, during the morning drop off, on the KS2 playground. PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL, If you need to speak to a teacher, you should go to the office to arrange a meeting. Please drop off your children at the gate to the KS2 playground, where they will be met by a teacher and walked into school!

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