



A Few Words from Mr Hancox

There have been many achievements and memorable moments this term (from classroom activities to school events), our children have shown great enthusiasm and made good progress. Thank you for all of your support over the last term, we hope you all have a relaxing break and enjoy the Christmas season. We look forward to all that the New Year has to bring. Thank you to the PTA who ran an incredible Christmas Fair and we managed to raise £828 for the school.

Value Champions 'Raheem Respect'

6th December

Reception – Lyle D-M
Y1/2 - Robyn F
Y3/4 - Ella S
All of Year 6

13th December

Reception – Gracie T
Year 1/2 - Rebecca M
Year 3/4 - Eliza W
Year 5/6 - Ella F

20th December

Reception – Bella
Year 1/2 –Tayte C
Year 3/4 – Katherine W
Year 5/6 – Oliveris P

Attendance For the Term

Reception– 82.1%
Year 1/2 - 93.3%
Year 3/4 – 94.3%
Year 5/6 – 95.3%



What is going on in Spring Term



25 Reads Aut2

R/1
Sofia L
Maisy P
Bella-Rose W
Y1/2
Robyn F
Hollie G
Charlie L
Ella R
Y3/4
Oliver A
Charlotte E
Terry H
Orlaith H
Katherine W
Y5/6
Mariyah B
Logan F
Alfie B
Mya S

25 Reads Aut1/Au1

R/1
Sofia L
Bella-Rose W
Y1/2
Robyn F
Charlie L
Ella R
Y3/4
Orlaith H
Katherine W
Y5/6
Mariyah B
Logan F
Alfie B



What is happening in the next 2 weeks!

Monday 6th January
INSET Day – No children in School

Tuesday 7th January
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

Wednesday 8th January
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thursday 9th January

Friday 10th January
Achievement Assembly

Monday 13th January
Basketball Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Well-being Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Tuesday 14th January
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

Wednesday 15th January
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thursday 16th January
Whole school trip to the pantomime (Assembly Rooms)

Friday 17th January
Year 4 Multiplication Check – meeting for parents.(3.20pm)

6th January	INSET Day – Children not in school
16th January	Whole School trip to the Pantomime (Tamworth Assembly Rooms)
17th January	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents – 3.20pm
29th January	Chinese New Year set menu
24th January	Reception Forest Friday - Year 5/6 Parent Lunch
31st January	Year 1/2 Forest Friday - Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
7th February	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
10th/11th February	Parents' Evening
11th February	Interhouse Sports Competition (Parents to come in and watch PE lessons)
14th February	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
14th February	Valentines Biscuit/Cake Sale
14th February	Break up for Half Term
24th February	INSET Day – Children not in school
6th March	World Book Day (dress up/cake sale)
14th March	Reception Forest Friday - Year 5/6 Parent Lunch
21st March	Year 1/2 Forest Friday - Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
28th March	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
31st March	Mothers' Day – Cake and crafts
31st March	Bring in chocolates/alcohol (for Easter Bingo/Raffle)
4th April	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
4th April	Strategy Day
7th April	Easter Day Year 3/4 Assembly (Parents)
7th April	Easter Bingo/Raffle (after school)
8th April	Rock Steady Concert
8th April	Interhouse Sports Competition (Parents to come in and watch PE lessons)
10th April	Easter Disco – (R, Y1, Y2) (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
11th April	Easter Menu Day
11th April	Break up for the Easter Holiday

SEND Updates



Helping your child cope at Christmas

It is an exciting time of year but for some children including those with additional needs they can find it difficult because of the changes to routine. Here are some suggestions shared by the New Life Children's Charity to help things run smoothly, so everyone can enjoy a calmer Christmas. As children grow their needs change, and what worked last year might not now, so accepting what is and isn't going to be possible and giving everyone realistic expectations for the Christmas holidays is key – both for yourself, your child and other family members.

- 1) Add Christmas decorations slowly so the change isn't too big, and if possible have them help or be involved in decisions.
- 2) Try to keep to your normal routine as much as possible, especially at bedtime and morning, and any other aspects of your child's day which keep them anchored.
- 3) If you are taking part in activities, ensure you build in quiet time and a way to escape if they are overwhelmed or need a quiet space where they feel safe.
- 4) Think through any activities over the festive period step by step and be conscious of any triggers such as lights, sounds, smells, crowds. Are there new things you need to consider that have developed since last year?
- 5) Be clear with your child on what they can expect from each part of the day, going over any aspects they may find especially tricky, such as visiting relatives or crowds. You can use a visual timetable, social stories, draw pictures or role play to help them understand.
- 6) When it comes to visiting family, or having visitors in your home, explain your needs for you and your child participating and what they can expect from your child. The last thing anyone needs is stress about a family member who thinks they know how to parent your child.
- 8) Food is a big part of Christmas for many people – but if they need to eat something different to everyone else – then let them. Choose your battles.
- 9) Which leads on to don't sweat the small stuff. We all have ideas of how we want Christmas to be, but if it doesn't happen, it's not the end of the world.
- 10) Remember it's your Christmas so celebrate it the way that's best for you and your family – if that means no tinsel turkey and tree then so be it.

For more tips visit <https://www.theschoolrun.com/surviving-festive-season-parents-tips-for-kids> or <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/autism-and-christmas-top-tips-for-surviving-the-festive-season>

Come and join us at the Next parent Inclusion meeting



Wednesday 15th January 2025
1.15

We will be focusing on looking how to meet the sensory needs of children.
Please join us for coffee, cake and an opportunity to learn from each other.

For any questions please contact the school office or email
send@ankermoor.org

If you have not received been able to meet with your teacher to take part in a review please contact send@ankermoor.org

	Interim reviews	Review and new plans
Autumn Term	Week beginning 14 th October 2024 Teachers to meet with parents to discuss plans during parents evening.	Teacher complete reviews and create new plans w.b. 2 nd December 2024 Teachers to share new plans and invite parent comments and feedback.
Spring Term	Week beginning 10 th February 2025 Parents to meet teachers to discuss plans during parent meetings.	Teacher complete reviews by 4 th April Teachers to share plans and invite parent comments and feedback.
Summer Term	By Friday 16 th May Teacher <u>carry</u> out interim reviews	By 11 th July Final review and new plans Teachers to meet and parents and review and create new plans.

What's on at Christmas in Tamworth

The Wildlife Trust Tamworth: Saturday 21st December Wooden Reindeer Workshop 10:30am – 12:30pm
SEND aged 6 – 19 years + family members Dosthill Park, Blackwood Road, Dosthill, Tamworth, B77 1LJ

Available to all Staffordshire families *Bookings close 19.12.24 at 12-noon*

Saturday 21st December – Santa Paws - different time allocations throughout the day. Children are encouraged to take their family dog with their parents to get a gift from Santa for their pets.

Saturday 21st December - Santa's in the building! – **Ankerside Shopping Centre** 11am – 4pm. Visit Santa in his grotto, for children of all ages.

Tamworth Assembly Rooms:

Monday 23rd December – Elf movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Monday 23rd December – Polar Express Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 4pm, film starts at 5pm. Tickets are £5 each.


Tuesday 24th December – A Muppets Christmas Carol Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Sunday 29th December – Despicable Me 4 Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Sunday 29th December – Deadpool and Wolverine Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each. For 15 years and over.

Running for a limited time:

23rd November – 23rd December: Gingerbread trail. The Gingerbread People are exploring Tamworth, and we need your help to find them! As you explore the town, keep your eyes peeled for life-sized gingerbread figures. Can you find all 10 giant gingerbreads around Tamworth town centre?



We are TAMWORTH

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We have made a video to showcase the good there is in Tamworth involving community leaders, local schools, faith leaders, businesses and others. Please scan to QR code to access our video and spread the word **'We are Tamworth'**.





The graphic features a collage of photos showing community members, students, and local landmarks. A QR code is provided for scanning.

Christmas at Ankermoor – Santa, concerts and the Nativity!



The Year 6 Residential to Laches Wood



	Total House Points this half term!	Total House Points this year!
 <p>The Lions Value: Perseverance En Français: "lion"</p>	925	1631
 <p>The Scorpions Value: Responsibility En Français: "scorpio"</p>	660	1298
 <p>The Sharks Value: Respect En Français: "requin"</p>	710	1313
 <p>The Crocodiles Value: Trust En Français: "crocodile"</p>	685	1385



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