

# Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

## A Few Words from Mr Hancox

I want to start by saying how proud I am of our athletics team who represented Ankermoor with such courage and determination. They competed their hearts out and made us all so proud. It was great to see them running on a proper track. They behaved beautifully and supported everyone brilliantly. I also want to thank the small but

dedicated group of readers who have raised an amazing £900 for our school library, the effort and determination from those children means we will have loads of new, up to date books, ready for September.

In other news we are looking forward to the Fierte festival next week and look forward to seeing lots of children and parents on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July to watch the singing and dancing. Finally, a parent has informed the school that there will be cheap school uniforms next week in Lidl and Aldi, ready for next year!



**Please note - The Summer Disco has changed from the 25<sup>th</sup> June to the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.  
Sports day has changed to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Sports Day – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

During lunchtime (12:15–13:15), all parents are warmly invited to join their children for a picnic on the school field. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy lunch together and be part of the day's celebrations. Please note that no hot dinners will be provided on this day. However, you can order a sandwich alternative.

Apply sun cream if needed  
Bring a water bottle, sun hat, and inhaler if asthmatic

Dress Code: P.E. Kit + House Colour T-Shirt

**Lions – Yellow**  
**Scorpions – Red**  
**Sharks – Blue**  
**Crocodiles – Green**

11:15–12:15 – Reception, Year 1 & 2 events  
12:15–13:15 – Teddy Bears Picnic (All parents welcome!)  
13:15–14:45 – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 events

Event is weather-dependent. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent on Tuesday morning

## What has been happening!

We have been raising money all week to restock our library, with amazing new books. It was great to see children of all ages reading together!

### Readathon!

### Tamworth Athletics

### Father's Day Sports and Cake

It was wonderful to see our children sharing time with someone special!

## Free School Meals

### Who can apply for free school meals?

The government has announced changes to the entitlement criteria for free school meals from September 2026. From then there will be two different types of free school meals, known as 'targeted' and 'expanded'.

Families who receive any of the following are eligible for 'targeted' free school meals -

- Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit

Families in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to 'expanded' free school meals.

To apply under 'targeted' or 'expanded' free school meals please

Families already entitled do not need to re-apply, SCC will be checking these families eligibility still stands and they will contact families if the eligibility is ending

***PUPILS WHO ALREADY RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS DO NOT NEED TO MAKE A NEW APPLICATION***

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals>

## Trust Survey for Children

The Trust is undertaking a Trust wide survey of our children, prioritising how happy they feel at school and their sense of belonging within their setting and as part of the Fierté Family. The short survey ( over a period of 2 weeks starting 22/06/2026) will be undertaken by known adults where children are younger (EYFS and KS1) and as individuals (KS2). The 15 questions have been consulted upon with Trust Pupil Leaders and representatives from our Trust Wellbeing Forum. Therefore, the questions are child-centred and pupil-friendly. We have also sought guidance from our Trust Inclusion Practitioner to enable every child to access the questions. The results that we capture will inform us on what we need to do, to either continue with what is working well, or action next steps so every child has the happy school life they deserve and a strong sense of purpose and belonging at school.

Class	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Reception	94.7%	98.8%	97.1%	87.1%
Y1/Y2	87.4%	92.8%	97.3%	85.4%
Y3/Y4	93.9%	96.8%	95.0%	74.4%
Y5/Y6	96.4%	95.1%	92.0%	81.8%

## Attendance at Ankermoor!

We would like to thank all of the parents and children who have helped us improve our attendance. It is so important to be in school on time, so that nobody is missing their learning.

**HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME**



**Raising Little Heroes**

**Well done to Year 1/2 (Kingfishers) who won week three's attendance drive with 97.3%, this week has been lower due to the absences linked to the extreme heat!**

With further heatwaves expected, more young people are heading to the water to cool off. Tragically, this brings a sharp rise in drownings. During May half-term alone, 19 people lost their lives – including 14 teenagers.

Anyone can drown. No one should. And your school can play a vital role in sharing simple, lifesaving messages ahead of the summer. Even brief activities can make a real difference. Temperatures of 25°C+ can lead to 3x more accidental drownings

### Water safety code

**Stop and think.**

**Stay together with a friend or family member.**

**If you're in trouble in the water, Float to Live.**

**Call 999 or 112 if you see someone else in trouble in the water.**

Please use supervised locations like lifeguarded beaches or swimming pools, and please practice floating!



RNLI water safety education resource: [Spot The Dangers activity](#)

[RNLI kids TV advert 16.9 version | RNLI Video](#)

Autumn Term 2026
Inset day: Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
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Term Starts: Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Holiday: Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Term Ends: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Holiday: Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Spring Term 2027
Inset day: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Term Starts: Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Holiday: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Inset day: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Term Ends: Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Bank Holiday: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Holiday: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2027
Term Starts: Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Inset day: Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Holiday: Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Term Ends: Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Holiday: Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July onwards.

## Value Champions



19<sup>th</sup> June



26<sup>th</sup> June

**Robins/Owls**

**Zachary C**

**Kingfishers**

**Lottie S**

**Kestrels**

**Wyley D-N**

**Sparrow Hawks**

**Cain O'G**

**Robins/Owls**

**Aurora F**

**Kingfishers**

**Baanushan P**

**Kestrels**

**Maisie H**

**Sparrow Hawks**

**Ila M**

**House Points**

## Summer 2

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Fierte Festival week

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Fierte Festival week

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Fierte Festival week

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Fierte Festival week

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Summer Disco

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Fierte Festival week

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Parent Lunch Reception

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Showcase Day (Fierte Festival)

– Tamworth Castle Grounds

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** - chocolate/alcohol/toys – non

school uniform (donations for Summer Fair

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Reception (New to school

transition)

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair (3.30pm – 5pm)

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Forest Friday Year 5/6

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Rock Steady Concert

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer finale menu

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 final assembly

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Break up for Summer



The Sharks

3601



The Crocodiles

3598



The Lions

3684



The Scorpions

3691

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Book now

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**HAF fun this summer**

Activities from Monday 20 July to Monday 31 August

[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\*. Paid places also available.

## Summer Fair – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 3.20pm – 5pm

**Games & Activities**

- Beat the Goalie
- Archery
- Hook a Duck
- Face Painting
- Lucky Dip
- Chocolate Tombola
- Toy Tombola
- Pick a Bottle Surprise

**Creative Fun**

- Children's Crafts
- Independent Stalls
- Delicious Treats
- Cakes, Biscuits & Hot/Cold Drinks from the Kitchen
- Ice Cream Van
- Coconut shire

Get ready for a fantastic afternoon of fun, laughter, and community spirit! Our Summer Fair is packed with exciting games, creative activities, delicious treats, and something special for everyone. Whether you're here to try your luck at the tombola, enjoy a tasty ice cream, there's no better way to kick off the summer! Join us as we celebrate the season with joy, friendship, and a whole lot of fun—right here at Ankermoor Primary Academy!

HELP MAKE OUR SUMMER FAIR!

WE NEED YOU!

MONDAY, 6TH JULY

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE DONATE ALCOHOL, CHOCOLATE & TOYS

LET'S MAKE THIS SUMMER FAIR THE BEST ONE YET!

**JUNIOR PARKRUN**

EVERY SUNDAY 9AM

Fun, free running events for 4-14 year olds!

JOIN US AT TAMWORTH CASTLE GROUNDS

Register at: [juniorparkrun.com](http://juniorparkrun.com)

**Genius HOLIDAY CLUBS**

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THIS SCHOOL AREA

**SUMMER 2026**

ARTS & CRAFT SPORTS SCIENCE EXPERIMENT HOT MEALS TRIPS

WHEN: 3RD TO 27TH AUG - MON TO THU

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

WHERE: Glascoate Meeting rooms, Dumollos Lane Tamworth, B77 2BX AGES: 5-16

VISIT: [WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/tamworth](http://WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/tamworth)

REGISTER NOW

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## Changes to Snacks

We wanted to update you that we will be making some changes to the snacks that children are able to purchase from September 2026.

**Changes:** - We will be reducing our snack offer from September 2026, as we are required to follow new guidance which directs schools to reduce the amount of sugars within their catering. We have already anticipated the changes in our new menus, but snacks have been identified as an area where we must change.

**Therefore:** Across all settings, children will only be able to purchase, Toast, green apples or a banana.

**The cost for a snack will remain at 35p. Arbor will be amended to reflect these changes.**