



A Few Words from Mr Hancox

Our Forest Fridays are well under way and it is wonderful to see how the children's outdoor skills and problem solving have developed over the last year. Another major positive is that the entire Year 6 class are attending the SATs Club each Wednesday. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a treat, a drink and some revision opportunities. We have a very exciting swimming gala next week, where three of our talented swimmers will be competing against other schools in Tamworth. We wish them lots of luck. We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to develop our library.

Forest Friday for Owls

Another exciting day of outdoor learning in the rain!



Kingfishers' Lunch



Thank you for all of the Kingfisher parents who ate lunch with their children today.

Forest Friday for Kingfishers

In line with Y1/2s science learning on animal body parts, we used natural materials to artistically represent body parts such as an alligator's tail, an elephant's trunk, a parrot's beak and a penguin's foot.



Healthy Relationships



Click to complete a Family Hub Referral Form

Free support

Finding things difficult at home? You're not alone – and support is here.

Whether you parent together, apart, or co-parent, this space helps you strengthen communication, lower tension, and create a calmer, more connected family life.

Even when disagreements feel small, children can feel the impact. Small changes can make a big difference.

A referral is needed – please complete a Family Hub Referral Form to book.



Booking required through referral only. Please complete a 'Family Hub Referral Form' to book your space.

PTA events

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 25th March (5pm – 6.30pm)

Summer fair

Friday 10th July (3.30pm - 5pm)

To help you when booking meals on Arbor, there are codes to identify the different ingredients. Allergens will be identified using the symbols below.



Gluten



Egg



Fish



Sulphates



Dairy



Mustard



Celery



Nuts



Lupins



Sesame Seeds



Soya



Crustaceans



Molluscs



Peanuts

Spring 1

Mon 9th - Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6pm)
Tues 10th - Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6pm)
Wed 11th Parent Lunch – Reception
Fri 13th Forest Friday – Year 5/6
Fri 13th - Valentine biscuit sale
Fri 13th – Break up

Spring 2

Mon 23rd – INSET Day – No school
Tues 24th – School starts
Tues 24th – Multisport club(KS1)
Mon 2nd – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 3rd – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 4th Parent Lunch – Year 5/6
Thurs 5th World Book day
Fri 6th Forest Friday – Reception
Mon 9th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 10th – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 11th Parent Lunch – Year 3/4
Fri 13th Forest Friday – Year 1/2
Mon 16th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 17th – Multisport club(KS1)
Mon 16th – Mothers' Day (Crafts and Cake)
Mon 16th – Non-school uniform (please bring in Chocolate and Alcohol for the Easter Bingo)
Wed 18th Parent Lunch – Year 1/2
Thur 19th – Easter Assembly – Y3/4 (2.55pm)
Fri 20th - Forest Friday – Year 3/4
Wed 25th Parent Lunch – Reception
Wed 25th – Easter Bingo (PTA) – 5pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 26th March – Easter Disco
Fri 27th Forest Friday – Year 5/6
Fri 27th – Break up

Please join us for the next parent inclusion coffee meeting on **Thursday 12th February at 2.30pm at Ankermoor Primary School. All are welcome.**



Signs of group B Strep infection in babies

Tragically, a number of babies in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have died from Group B Strep. Early recognition is vital, be aware of the signs...

Early-onset 0-6 days

Early-onset group B streptococcal infection occurs in the first six days of life. Most of these infections show signs within 12 – 24 hours of birth.

Early-onset group B strep infection in babies usually presents as sepsis, pneumonia and meningitis

Typical signs include:

- Grunting, noisy breathing, moaning, seems to be working hard to breathe when you look at the chest or tummy, or not breathing at all
- Being very sleepy and/or unresponsive
- Inconsolable crying
- Being unusually floppy
- Not feeding well or not keeping milk down
- A high or low temperature (if parents have a thermometer), and/or hot or cold to the touch
- Changes in their skin colour (including blotchy skin)
- An abnormally fast or slow heart rate or breathing rate
- Low blood pressure*
- Low blood sugar*
- Identified by tests done in hospital

Early treatment saves lives. If your baby shows signs consistent with group B Strep infection, **seek urgent medical advice.**

Signs of group B Strep infection in babies

Late-onset 7-90 days

Late-onset group B Strep infection occurs after a baby's first six days of life, is uncommon after a month and very rare after three months.

Late-onset group B Strep infection in babies usually presents as meningitis and sepsis.

Typical signs are similar to those of early-onset infection and may include signs associated with meningitis such as:

- Being irritable with a high pitched or whimpering cry, or moaning
- Blank, staring or trance-like expression
- Floppy, may dislike being handled, be fretful
- Tense or bulging fontanelle (soft spot on babies' heads)
- Turning away from bright light
- Involuntary stiff body or jerking movements
- Pale, blotchy skin

Early treatment saves lives. If your baby shows signs consistent with group B Strep infection, **seek urgent medical advice.**



Group B Strep Support

www.gbss.org.uk tel: 0330 120 0765

Find us on social media:



#GBSupport

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Attendance for the year

Owls/Robins (Reception) –93.8%

Kingfishers (Year 1/2) - 91.9%

Kestrels (Year 3/4) – 92.6%

Sparrow Hawks (Year 5/6) – 93.8%

House Points this year!

	2209		1655
	2003		1759

Value Champions

	30 th January	6 th February
Robins/Owls	Lottie M	Evie S
Kingfishers	Baanushan P	Robyn F
Kestrels	Eliza W	Ellie F
Sparrow Hawks	Tori S	Tyler S

Staffordshire County Council

CFS COMMUNITY FOREST SERVICES

GOING WILD!

For Random Acts of Kindness Week

Free 2-week course starting Monday 9th February 2026!
For families in Staffordshire, with children of all ages.

This 10-hour course is run over 2 weeks, with an in-person session and things to do at home. The aim of the course is to celebrate kindness, to ourselves, our communities and the planet, through fun ideas to try as a family.

The course begins on Monday 9th February, where you will receive an email pack to get you started. There will also be a Zoom session to introduce the course and tutors.

We will then get together at Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase, WS12 4PW on Sunday 15th February from 1-3pm. There will be fun, hands-on nature themed activities to celebrate kindness! Make bird-feeders, medals or try woodland yoga. Free refreshments. Pick up your pack (including free bulbs!) to then complete at home over the following week.

The pack contains kindness challenges for your family to complete over the half-term holiday. You will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the course!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com

Dinner Times

As the bad weather continues and the grass is becoming muddier, please ensure that your child has a pair of outdoor shoes (not their PE shoes) and a waterproof coat in school each day.

Donations Request

As we continue to develop our play provision, we would be very grateful for any donations of the following items:

Craft Items

Buttons, Sequins, Straws, Lollipop sticks, Chalk, Felt tips

Den-Building Resources

Crates, Pallets, Large wheels, Tyres (large or small), Tarpaulin

Construction & Small World Items

Lego, Wooden bricks, Small cars, People and animal figures

If you have any of these items at home and are happy to donate them, please send them to school. Also, if you have old Wellington boots or waterproofs at home that no longer fit, we would appreciate the donations in school. Thank you for your continued support in enriching our children's play experiences.

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

1 **£160**

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

4 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

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If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given.
Your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

No discount for early payment

Attendance

Please may I gently remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

School Council

School Council received a request recently. Charlie and Sofia's mum wrote into school to let us know about a charity that is supporting a very poorly little girl called Amelia. She asked if we might be able to help. School Council heard all about Amelia and at once said "Yes, Ankermoor can help!"

To make sure she receives 8,000 birthday cards and breaks the UK record, School Council want your help.

We need you to write a [Happy 8th Birthday](#) card to Amelia. You can make the card yourself or buy one from the shops. We will set up a box outside the office in school. Please post your birthday card in there.

Closing date for cards: **February 13th**
(The last day before half term)

Thank you in advance for helping to make Amelia's wish come true.
Your School Council

AMELIA'S 8TH BIRTHDAY HELP MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE

Amelia is turning 8 years old 3.03.2026
Her dream is to receive 8,000 birthday cards
She wants to break a UK record

AMELIA'S STORY
In 2020, Amelia was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She went through 23 months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy and high-dose chemotherapy.

Some ideas:

- Quick card games
- Building toy sets (lego, knex, magnets)
- Quick-play board games
- Small jigsaw puzzles (not too many pieces!)

It's been raining a lot recently. We are having to have wet play quite often. School Council have noted from our classes across school that some new wet play games would be brilliant.

We are asking you to look in cupboards and drawers at home for any games that you no longer play with and that you think might be great for us to have in school, ready for any wet play times in the future.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Please bring any games to the office. School Council will then distribute them to the appropriate classes.

Closing date for donations: 13th February (the day before half term)

Many thanks, School Council