



Anker Valley Newsletter



Friday 27th March 2026



Friends of Anker Valley

We are excited to share that we are launching a school PTA, which will be known as Friends of Anker Valley. Our aim is to bring families and our school even closer together, creating opportunities to support our children through fundraising and enrichment opportunities and give them the very best experiences throughout their time with us.

If you would like to get involved or register your interest, please speak to the school office—we would love to hear from you. We will be arranging our first AGM during the Summer Term.



Parking

We kindly ask all families to continue supporting us in keeping our children safe by parking considerately around school. Please **do not stop** in front of neighbours' driveways. To help with safe and sensible parking, we are pleased to share that the Co-op has given permission for parents/carers to use their car park for up to 15 minutes at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe and respectful.

Summer 1 Extracurricular Clubs

We are excited to share that our Summer 1 after-school clubs will be going live for booking this Saturday at 10:00am! We have a fantastic range of activities planned, offering children the chance to explore new interests, develop skills, and enjoy enriching experiences beyond the school day.

Day	Club	Open to
Monday	Tennis	Whole school
Tuesday	Eco/Forest	Whole school
Wednesday	Energise Kids	Whole school
Thursday	Nerf Wars	Whole school
Friday	Rounders	Whole school

Attendance Certificates

After listening to parents' views, we have made a small change to our use of attendance certificates.

Research shows that attendance awards can unintentionally create stress and may even reduce future attendance, especially when absence is due to factors beyond a child's control. We want our approach to be fair, inclusive, and supportive of every child's wellbeing.

Although we are stepping away from attendance certificates, good attendance remains extremely important, as it strongly correlates with higher progress and attainment. Our focus will continue to be on encouraging positive, healthy habits in a way that is fair for all children.

Attendance Matters



A Safe and Happy Easter Break

As we head into the Easter holidays, we would like to wish all our children and families a wonderful restful break. We hope you enjoy quality time together, plenty of fresh air, and a chance to recharge before the summer term begins.

While this is an exciting time of year, we also want to gently remind everyone about the importance of staying safe during the holidays. If you ever have a concern about the wellbeing or safety of a child, safeguarding support is always available, even when school is closed.

If you are worried about a child, please use the following contacts:

- [NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/0800800500)
- [Childline \(for children\): 0800 1111](https://www.childline.gov.uk/08001111)
- [Local Authority Children's Services: 0300 111 8007 \(out of hours: 0300 111 8010\)](https://www.localauthoritychildrens.com/03001118007)

If you need advice, or wish to share a concern directly with school, please email office@ankervalley.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all our children safe. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

