



AVANTI GARDENS  
SCHOOL

# Family Bulletin



Dear Families,

We have had a brilliant week full of learning here at AGS. I've been particularly delighted to see the brilliant phonics work from EYFS and KS1.

There was a riveting Timestables Rockstars assembly - a battle of times tables ensued between Mr Newman and I for the chance to go head-to-head against our reigning champ. Astrid went on to even beat Mr Newman, which I was particularly smug about!

Knowing our timestables and being able to fluently recall them allows multiplication and division questions to be done with much more efficiency – keep up your battles on *TTRockstars*.

Attendance has been fairly good this week – there are plethora of thank you letters being sent today to families who have acted on our letters to seek an improvement in attendance – thank you.

I've been happy to see plenty of smart uniforms across KS1 and EYFS. I'd be grateful if families of children in KS2 could help support children to wear the full school uniform to set this example to our younger children.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mr Milum





Dear Orchid families,

The children in Orchid class have had a wonderful week. We have begun to look at nocturnal animals this week. We have read books such as Night Monkey, Day Monkey, Owl Babies and Peace at Last. We have made our own night and day pictures, forest at night pictures and owl masks. We have also made bird feeders and hung these up in the trees in our garden.

In Maths we have been focusing on addition. We have been learning to put a number in our head and then count on. We have practiced this a lot and the children seem to be growing in confidence by the day.

All adults have been very impressed with the children's focus and effort in their phonics sessions this week.

*Miss Griffith*





Hello Lavender families ,

What a lovely week! This week we have been learning all about nocturnal animals and the children have wowed me with their knowledge. They have really embraced the new vocabulary we have been learning, using new words in our nocturnal animal activities. We have also seen some beautiful writing this week, working hard to write words and even fill in the missing word from the sentence.

We have been very creative this week building nests, making owls, making bird feeds, forest scenes and even having an owl mask competition.

In Maths, we have been working hard using number lines to support us in addition. We have even challenged ourselves to write some number sentences.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Miss Smith*





**Hello Daffodil Families,**

**The children in daffodils have had a wonderful week.**

**We have been so impressed with the number of children who are regularly reading at home. We have been able to issue lots of reading karate bands this week. To help your child even more, please ensure you are signing their reading records every day.**

**In Science this week, we explored the playground and found materials we have studied in our 'Everyday Materials' topic. We used our new vocabulary to find transparent, opaque, natural and manufactured materials.**

**In RE we looked at how some Christians celebrate the birth of a new baby and discussed a Christening. Miss Curtis bought in a special gown which was really old.**

**In History we discovered many ways in which schools have changed over time. We are so happy that we go to a school from now and not the past!**

**We have written shape poems in English, all about snow. Who knew we had so many poets in Year 1?!**

**In maths, we have looked at number bonds to 10 and 20, and what the = sign means.**

*Mrs Connelly*





Hello Sunflower families,

How lovely to all be back together this week. After many children isolating last week, it was wonderful to have a full classroom again!

In our phonics groups we continue to learn to read and write sounds in words, sentences and story books. Miss Roberts' group focused on showing their understanding of the story by reading like a storyteller... "*Wiiiiith feeling!*"

In English children had fun creating silly recipes using alliteration, with Miss Lollover, and in Maths we continued our learning on time. We are brilliant at reading the time to o'clock, half past and quarter past. Please do encourage your child to tell the time throughout the day at home too.

Miss Roberts is absolutely delighted to be back and would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to you all for your kindness and understanding during my absence. My family and I were so, so touched by your generous donations in memory of my Mum. An incredibly thoughtful and much appreciated gesture!

From next week Miss Roberts will be back to teaching Mon – Thurs and Miss Lollover will continue to teach the class each Friday.

*Miss Roberts & Miss Lollover*





**Dear Iris families,**

**It has been another great week in Iris class!**

**In Science we have continued learning about fossils. This week we learnt about Mary Anning, one of the most successful fossil hunters of the 1800s, who was not always given credit for her fantastic discoveries.**

**In Geography we continued learning about volcanoes, looking at the advantages and disadvantages of living in regions with volcanic activity and the impact they have on the communities who live there.**

**In English we have been writing acrostic poems about our favourite animals. The children have produced some fantastic work which they have written up in their best handwriting to go in their publishing books.**

**We would like to thank you for your effort ensuring that reading records are brought into school daily and for reading with your children! Thanks to this amazing effort, we have had a lot of Iris children moving up karate bands.**

**Iris class have had to unfortunately say goodbye to Miss Allard this week who will be moving onto a new school to continue with her teacher training. The children made her feel welcome for the month that she was with us, and she will miss them a lot!**

**Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.**

**Best Wishes,**

*Miss Dark*





**Dear Foxglove families,**

**We have had a brilliant week in Foxglove class.**

**In writing this week the children have been writing non-chronological reports on any topic they are interested in. At the beginning of the week, they researched their topic on the laptops to find out lots of facts to include and then they have been writing their report for the end of the week. We have had some brilliant reports on dog breeds, countries and even Japanese films!**

**This week in maths we have been looking at comparing and ordering fractions. The children were learning how to recognise if one fraction is greater than, less than or equal to another fraction. We have also begun to look at mixed numbers and are looking forward to continuing this next week.**

**In science this week we had great fun making a paper cup telephone to explore how sound travels. They enjoyed making their phone by tying a piece of string between two paper cups and discovered that they could hear through it when the string was pulled tight!**

**In history, Foxglove Class designed their own Anglo-Saxon village. They made sure they had the key features for survival such as a water source and jobs the villagers would need.**

**We have loved seeing more children reading at home and bringing their reading records in daily. Let's keep earning our reading karate bands!**

**Hope you all have a great weekend,**  
*Miss Forde and Miss Kitchen*







**Dear Snapdragon Families,**

**It has been another exciting week in Snapdragon class this week.**

**We have been writing our Greek myths based upon Perseus and Medusa. The children have worked incredibly hard and I have been very impressed by their superb description, use of speech to advance the action and the care and thought they have put into their myths.**

**In Maths we have carried out lots of investigations around angles and identified how we can solve missing angle problems.**

**In Science we have been investigating how the design of ships affects the amount of water resistance and thus their speed. We created our own boats before racing them to see whose was the most streamlined and whose would stay afloat!**

**In Outdoor Learning, we had to find hidden gold coins and place them onto a map. We had to orientate ourself on the map before finding them.**

**The amount of reading is continuing to increase and it is brilliant to see. Keep up the hard work and keep earning those karate bands.**

**Have a great weekend,**

**With best wishes,**

*Mr Newman*

## Avanti PE lessons

Happy Friday everyone!

We hope you all have had a good week and have a wonderful weekend!

## Avanti PE lessons

**Year 2 (Monday 24th)** - We worked on our standing long jump today with Duke being our PE Champion for fantastic 'loading and exploding' through his jumps. Our Yoga-master was Isabelle for being calm and collected.

**Year 5/6 (Tuesday 25th)** - Hockey today was a great success with year 5/6...Our PE Champion for his push passing was Tom and Sophia was our very Zen Yoga-master.

**Year 4 (Wednesday 26th)** - Today we showed our dance routines from the previous week. Some groups showed some excellent collaboration today whilst others need some more practice! We focused on stillness and remaining calm throughout. Martha was PE Champion and Collins was named the Yoga-master for giving 100% effort

**Year R (Thursday 27th)** - Jason and Wren were our PE Champions for showing excellent movement to animals from different habitats and super listening. Wren and Idris were our Yoga-masters for their stillness and always smiling throughout. What a great morning for Wren!

**Year 3 (Thursday 27th)** - Today we worked on a routine with a focus on superheroes! The children used dynamics of speed, effort, and relationships to formulate their own superhero action stories. Our PE champion was Luna and Yoga-master was Otis.

**Year 1 (Friday 21st)** - We were jumping today! The children worked on speed bouncing and hurdles within their PE lesson. Our Pe Champions were Zezere and Elfrida. Our Yoga-master was Amber-joy for excellent stillness in her poses.

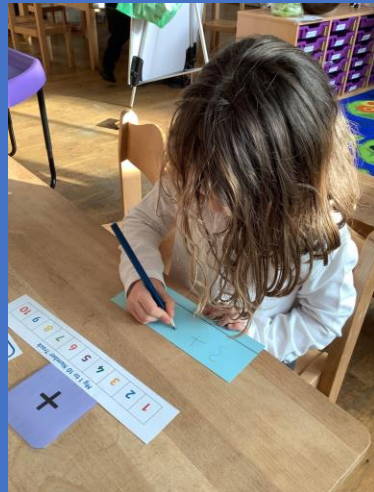
## STAR OF THE WEEK

**EYFS:**

**Orchid: This weeks star of the week is Dhanda. Dhanda has been putting lots of effort into his phonics this week. We have all been very impressed with him and the progress that he is making. Well done, Dhanda.**

Lavender:

Our star of the week this week is Freda! Freda used a number line to support her in her learning this week while adding! She also went on to challenge herself to write a number sentence. Well done Freda!



Year 1

Our Star of the Week in Daffodils this week is Dylan.

Dylan has listened carefully to all inputs this week and has written a wonderful shape poem about Winter. He has used adjectives and similes to make his poem exciting to read. He has used his Fred Fingers to think about the sounds in each word. Well done, Dylan!



Year 2:

Our star of the week this week goes to Edei who always puts loads of effort into her writing and created a wonderful rhyming poem this week.

Good job Edei!

Year 3:

Our star of the week this week is Neve. She wrote a beautiful acrostic poem about pandas and has helped her friends in maths this week.



## Year 4:

This week Foxglove's star of the week is Clover! She has put so much effort into all her work this week and created a great report on Japanese films.



## Year 5/6:

Theo for his superb writing this week. His version of Perseus and Medusa was brilliant!



# Notices



## Dates for your diary

Chinese New Year Craft Day Tuesday 1st February 22

The whole school will be awash with colour, as we celebrate the Chinese New Year 2022. This will be the year of the Tiger according to Chinese zodiac. We will celebrate with an array of Arts and Crafts to display to the local community.

## SPORTING CHANCE

Please see the information below relating to the Holiday Sports Camp this February half term.

### February Half Term Sports Camp

- 🏆 Monday **Football Frenzy** ⚽ ⚽ ⚽
- 🏆 Tuesday **Survival Skills** 🏠 🔥 🕒
- 🏆 Wednesday **Multisports Mayhem** 🏹 🏀 🏹
- 🏆 Thursday **Mini Olympics** 🏹 🏆 🏹
- 🏆 Friday **Tennis Grand Slam** 🎾 🎾 🎾

- ★ Holiday Sports Camp for children aged 5-11 (Yr 1-6)
- ★ [Mangotsfield Primary School, BS16 7EY](https://www.mangotsfieldprimaryschool.co.uk)
- ★ Open every day 830/10am to 330pm
- ★ Ofsted registered childcare from £16.00 per day

To book please click the following link <https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2022/02/21/february-half-term-sports-camp-2>

## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

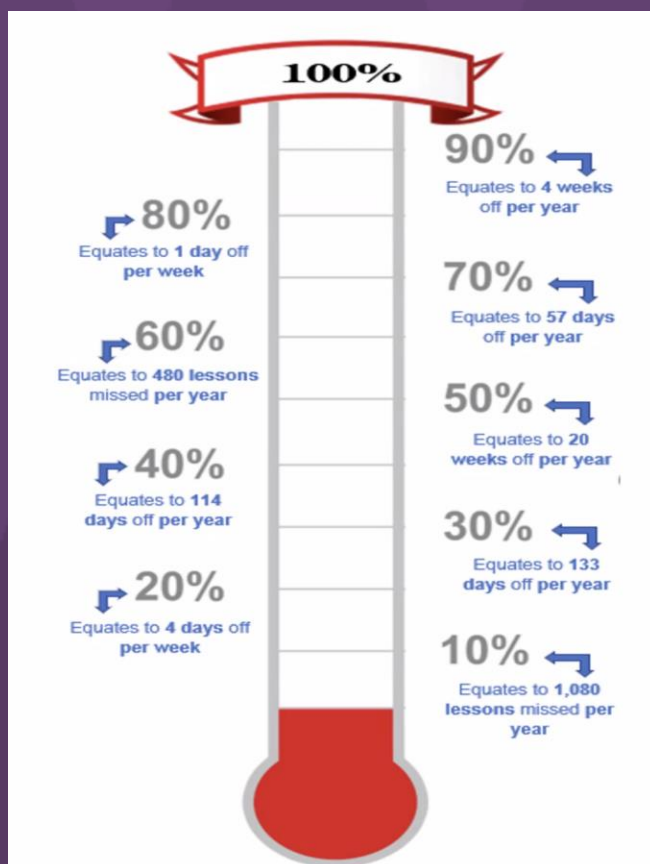
Please click on the link below for useful advice from the NHS as to whether your child may attend school if suffering from a variety of illnesses.

## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments

190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good Best Chance of Success</b>		<b>Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered</b>		<b>Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action</b>	

w/c 24.01.22	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
87.4 %	87.4 %	88.3 %	86.9 %	88.1 %	86.1 %





	Option	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Main Option	Mac & cheese (G, Mk or Vg*) or Black-eyed peas minestrone Soup (Ce, G, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily Topping	Bean and cheese quesadillas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Greens & cheese parcels (G,M, MK or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Hot dogs (G, Ce, S, Vg, M) or Cauliflower pea curry with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) Or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Stir Fry Noodles (Ce, G, S, Vg) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Mexican bean rice (C) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Apple crumble with custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Coconut Jam cake (G, Vg)	Chocolate mousse (Mk)	Strawberry Jelly (Vg)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)
WEEK 2	Main Option	Green pesto penne rigate (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Soup & bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Fajitas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Mediterranean tart (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Homemade sausage rolls (G, Ce, S, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable coconut curry with rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Lasagne (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Chana masala with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Couscous with Roasted Vegetables (G) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Greek style yoghurt with mango coulis (Mk or Vg*)	Chocolate Mousse (Mk)	Flapjack (G)	Orange Jelly (Vg)	Ice Lollies (Vg)
WEEK 3	Main Option	Roasted vegetable Pasta bake (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Roasted Tomato Soup & Bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Burrito Wraps (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Halloumi pesto burger (G, Mk) or Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Sausage Mash & Gravy (Ce, G, S, Mk or Vg*) or Matar paneer with Rice (Mk) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Pilaf Rice or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Pear Crumble with Custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Carrot Cake (G, Vg)	Flapjack (G, Vg)	Chocolate chip shortbread (G, Mk or Vg*)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)

Allergens

Mk - Contains dairy | G - Contains gluten | M - Mustard

Ce - Celery | S - Soya | Vg - Vegan | Vg\* - Vegan option | GF\* - Gluten Free option

Please Note: Fruits are available every day

Gluten Free & Vegan option available every day

Week 1 commencing: Aug- 30, Sep- 20; Oct- 11; Nov- 15; Dec- 06



0117 903 6444



Next Link domestic abuse telephone help lines are open **10am – 4pm Monday to Friday**  
**0800 470 0280**

Help is also available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** on the **National Domestic Violence Helpline – Freephone**  
**0808 2000 247**

Anyone can ring First Response if they are concerned about a child or young person or if they think they need support.

First Response can help in different ways including:

- Providing information, advice and guidance about services to help families.
- Making a referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- Making a referral to a social work team.

### NSPCC FGM helpline

If you need advice or information about female genital mutilation or are worried about a child at risk you can contact us 24/7.

FGM helpline (24 hours a day / 7 days a week, free from a landline) 0800 028 3550

(Run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC)

NSPCC FGM Email: [fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Text helpline: 85888 (this service is free and anonymous)



Young Carer Support- Are you worried your child is a Young Carer?

Bristol Young Carers Website <https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/>

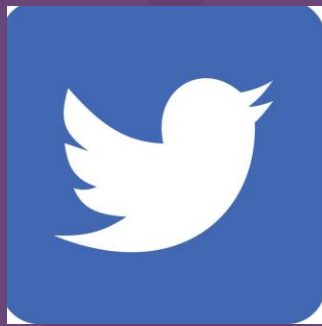
Or speak to Mrs Blackwell in school for accessing support for your child

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