



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

Family Bulletin



Dear Families,

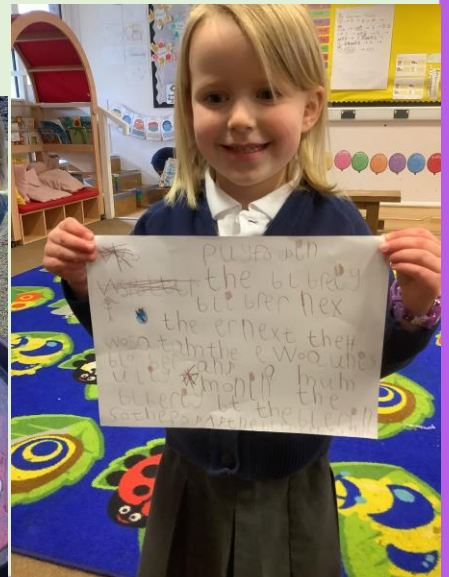
It has been an unexpected end to our week where we have closed the site and moved to remote learning this Friday – many thanks to families for quickly responding to this urgent change of plan.

I want to reassure all pupils that our attendance award will still be going ahead early next term – this involves two bouncy castles for our classes to enjoy as a reward for our much improved attendance this half-term.

I have been delighted to see many more children in uniform this week. I am personally grateful to all families for supporting pupils in following our school rules.

I wish all families an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. The team and I look forward to welcoming you back for an 08:45 start on Monday 28th February.

Yours Faithfully,
Mr Milum



CLASS UPDATES



Dear Orchid families,

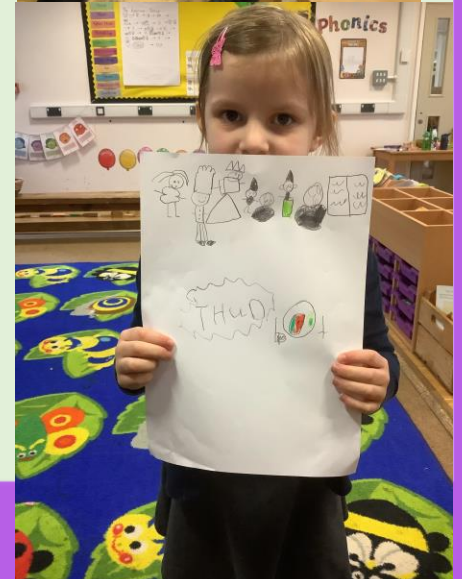
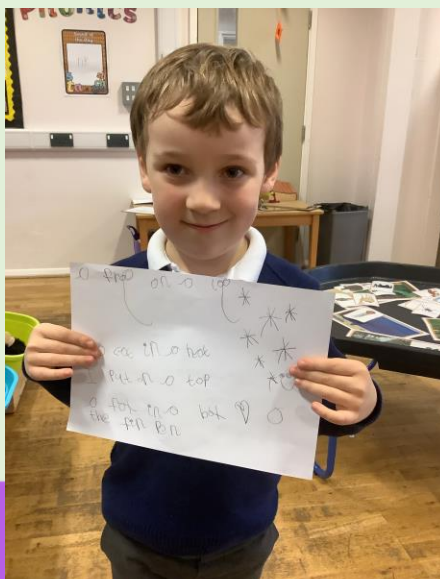
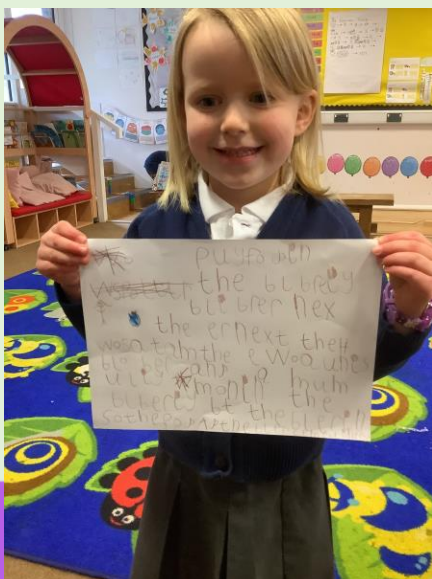
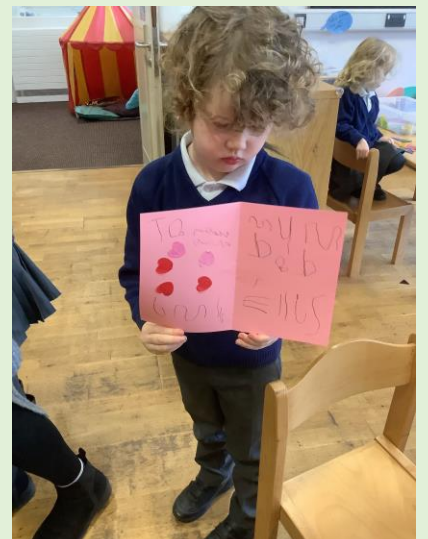
What a fantastic term 3 Orchid class have had! They have learnt all about a range of animals and the different habitats in which they live. They have begun to think about why these habitats are important and what we can do to look after them.

This term we have seen so much progress within phonics and all children should feel super proud of themselves for effort they have put in.

This week we continued to focus on the story of The Enormous Turnip, but we began to innovate it. Children have been making their own innovated story maps and I have had many volunteers who wanted to stand up in front of the class and tell them their story. We have a class full of wonderful, confident story tellers! And, also, a very respectful audience.

This week lots of children have been busy writing. We have had valentine's day cards, sentences and innovated stories. I hope you all have a restful half term.

Miss Griffith





Hello Lavender families ,

Lavender class have absolutely shone this term! They have produced amazing work and put in a huge amount of effort in all areas of their learning and should be very proud!

This term we have been learning about different animals and their habitats and this week I have seen how much of our learning Lavender class have retained. They have been using their prior knowledge of animals to discuss different habitats and why animals live there. They have wowed me with the way in which they have been able to use new vocabulary to express their ideas and understanding.

I have seen incredible progress from all the children in their phonics this term. This week we have been continuing our learning around 'the enormous turnip' innovating and telling our own versions. The children have been able to write their character changes using their phonics to support them. It has been so lovely to see their confidence in their storytelling develop and a joy to hear them telling their stories to each other.

I hope you have a fabulous half term, and I look forward to seeing you all for term 4!

Miss Smith





Hello Daffodil Families,

Happy Half Term!

We have ended Term 3 with a fabulous week of learning. The children have really impressed me this term with their enthusiasm in all areas of learning. I am so proud of every one of them. Well done, Daffodils!

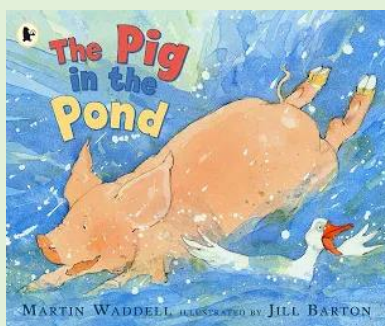
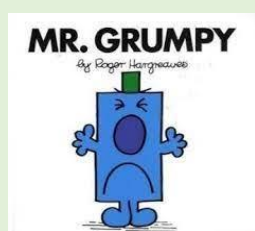
In English, we have shared stories and looked at the ending of some words. We read *The Pig in the Pond* and 'er' endings, *Stickman* and 'ing' words as well as *Mr Grumpy* and 'ed' endings. We ended the week with a focus on handwriting. Your child has brought a letter formation sheet home with them, I would really appreciate it if you could practice the letters at home over the holidays, concentrating on starting the letters in the correct place.

In Maths, we have been busy counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We ended the week by looking at patterns and continuing to count on and back.

Please continue to enjoy reading over the break – I look forward to handing out more Reading Karate bands in Term 4.

Have a well-earned rest this week. I am excited to continue our learning journey together, next term.

Mrs Connelly



Hello Sunflower families,



What a strange end to a fabulous term! I'm sorry our week was cut short but hope you are all enjoying an unexpected PJ day! Get snugly in those pillow forts and reading dens!

This week in English, we published our 'what happened next?' story ending, applying our learning on past tense and noun phrases, as well as thinking about handwriting, spelling and punctuation. Phew! Copies were sent home yesterday so please do celebrate your children's efforts with them.

In Maths, we are now secure on finding a third, a half and a quarter of a shape or quantity.

In Science, we carried out an investigation to find out what makes a waterproof material. We looked at whether the fabric had a closed or open weave, was it natural or synthetic, did it have a coating and what happens to a fabric when we add our own wax layer? I was so impressed by the children's scientific approach to asking and find the answers to their questions.

We end this term with an immense sense of pride for how hard your children continue to work. They are building stamina and resilience and their endless curiosity is a joy to witness each day.

Have a fantastic half term break – we look forward to welcoming you back in term 4.

Miss Roberts and Miss Lollover



Dear Iris families,

What a fantastic term 3 we've had in Iris class! The children have worked exceptionally hard, and I am very proud of them all.

In Maths, we have been working on finding fractions of amounts. We will carry on with our fractions learning after half term, adding and subtracting fractions.

For English, we have written descriptions using expanded noun phrases and similes and have worked on using synonyms for said and the use of inverted commas.

The children showed what brilliant artists they are by creating a beautiful whole class landscape picture inspired by the artist Thomas Gainsborough.

For our computing learning, we collected data about our favourite animals and placed this data into a spreadsheet, using the skills we have learnt this term.

Have a fantastic half term.
I look forward to seeing you all in term 4.



Type of	animal
horse	2
cat	7
dog	1
fish	0
turtle	5
other	2



Dear Foxglove families,

We have had a brilliant last week of term!

In reading, we continued to explore our Beowulf text. We have looked at how Beowulf is portrayed in the story.

In writing, the children began the week by editing and improving the poems they wrote last week. Once they were happy with the result, they published their work and created poems that they were really proud of.

The children then performed their poems to the class. It was great to celebrate everyone's success and they were a great audience to each other as well as performers.

This week in maths we reviewed what we have learned about fractions this term. The children used cuisenaire rods to represent the fraction facts they have learned such as equivalent fractions and mixed numbers.

In ICT we enjoyed some time on times table rockstars to practise our times tables. We also had a final look at spreadsheets and created a budget plan for our dream food shop.

We hope you have a lovely, relaxing half term and we will see you in term 4!

Miss Kitchen and Miss Forde



Dear Snapdragon Families,

The term has not ended how we expected it to but it has given us an extra day to reflect upon the extraordinary effort the children have put in over the last seven weeks.

In Reading this week we have focused on the beginning of 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaimon. The children really enjoyed the spooky opening and were acting as detectives to find clues about the main character.

This week in Maths we have been finishing off our work on Fractions by multiplying fractions by whole numbers. The children worked really hard on this skill before looking to use this to solve problems.

In English, we wrote the next part of Wildboy. The children used the present perfect tense to explain what they think he experienced in the circus based upon what they already knew about the Showman.

We finished off our Outdoor Learning topic of mapping this week. The children hid their treasures around the school grounds before using grid references to give clues to their partner to find.

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4!

**With best wishes,
*Mr Newman***

STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS:

Orchid: This week's star of the week is Bailey. Bailey has wowed me with her incredible focus in phonics this week. She tried incredibly hard to keep her letters on the lines and her hard work has really paid off. Well done, Bailey!

Lavender:

Our star of the week this week is Fatiha! Fatiha has worked so hard on her writing this term and this week worked completely independently to write a card. Well done Fatiha!



Year 1

Daffodil class are all Stars of the Week this week.

I have been so proud of everyone and their efforts, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn throughout Term 3. I am really excited to see how much we learn next term!

Well done, Daffodils!



Year 2: Our star of the week is Duke. He has put so much effort into his writing and has published a wonderful story ending. He was focused and determined, even when it felt tricky!

Well done Duke – You are a super star!

Year 3: Star of the week this week is Emrys. He has worked very hard on his handwriting and wrote a fantastic character description this week – well done Emrys!



Year 4:

Our star of the week is Wren for her hard work in her handwriting and earning a pen to write with! Well done!

Year 5/6:

Our star of the week is
Nicolle for her sterling
efforts in Maths this week.
Well done!

Notices

P.T.A

Please check your emails for a letter regarding the up-coming Annual General Meeting and how to nominate for the PTA

Self-nomination form: <https://forms.gle/gqWp7aatieu2ocuBA>
Seconding nomination form: <https://forms.gle/G81a2Nu5UTZky92s7>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 28th February – First day of Spring Term.

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Children are invited to attend school as their favourite character from a book. We will spend the day completing a range of activities to further develop our love of reading.

Friday 4th March – Rescheduled LGBT Non-Uniform Day. Colourful clothes welcome.

Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th March – Foxglove Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th March – Parents Evening all other classes. Booking information to be shared shortly.

Friday 25th March – Inset Day

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school so that we do not have to give out too many disposable cups.

CLUBS

SPORTING CHANCE

At Sporting Chance we understand that parents face complex demands, juggling childcare with work and other commitments. That's why they entrust their children in our hands because they know our club provision is affordable, safe and secure. Our clubs offer an entry route into sport with our overall aim being to build relationships, boost self confidence, and allow children to develop their skills. All our clubs are run on a skills focus and include multiple game scenarios in each session.

Tuesdays Basketball Club Y3-6: Includes skill based activities such as dribbling, passing, shooting, defence and attack strategies. We offer the children the chance to engage in matchplay as part of the clubs and teach them the positions on court and the roles of each player.

Wednesdays Superstars Club YR-2: a variety of sport and activities throughout the term - examples of sports / activities include; team building and leadership games, mini-tennis, kwik cricket, rounders, mini-olympics, football, tag rugby, survival skills, dance, jungle gym, and dodgeball.

<https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2022/02/18/avanti-gardens-after-school-clubs-term-3-and-4>

Wraparound care: OCOSC@AGS

Oldbury Court Out of School Clubs (OSCOC) is almost ready to begin their on-site wraparound care provision at Avanti Gardens School. They are just waiting for the final approval from Ofsted and then they will be ready for children to join the club before and after school in our dedicated wraparound care room.

If you are interested in booking places, you can find the forms to sign up on the OSOSC

website: <https://oldburycourtclubs.org.uk/> and once we have an update about the start date, we will let you know.

In the meantime, if you require before or afterschool care, then OSOSC do a walking bus to and from school to their main site.

MINI-SINGERS

Mini-Singers is a free singing club for children in years 1 and 2.

It happens straight after school on a Thursday, with a pick-up time of 4.00pm.

There are still nine places available. If your child would like to join this group, you can book through the Arbor Parent Portal or email your request to the office.

HOMEWORK CLUB : TERM 4 : KEY STAGE 2

Come and join our Term 4 Home-work Club, every Monday from 3:15 – 4pm, starting on the 28th February.

An opportunity to complete your homework with your friends and an adult available to supervise each year group. Staff will be on hand to support reading, maths and spelling activities.

There are 30 spaces available for children from Year 2 upwards. Parents can book a space for a term via Arbor. You will be signing up for the term.



YOGA ACT

Kate Penning offers a Yoga Club on the following days.

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 for EYFS/Key stage 1 (yrs 1,2)

Thursday 3.15 - 4.30 for Key stage 2 (yrs 3,4,5,6)

Contact Kate for information regarding availability and cost katepenningkp@gmail.com

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

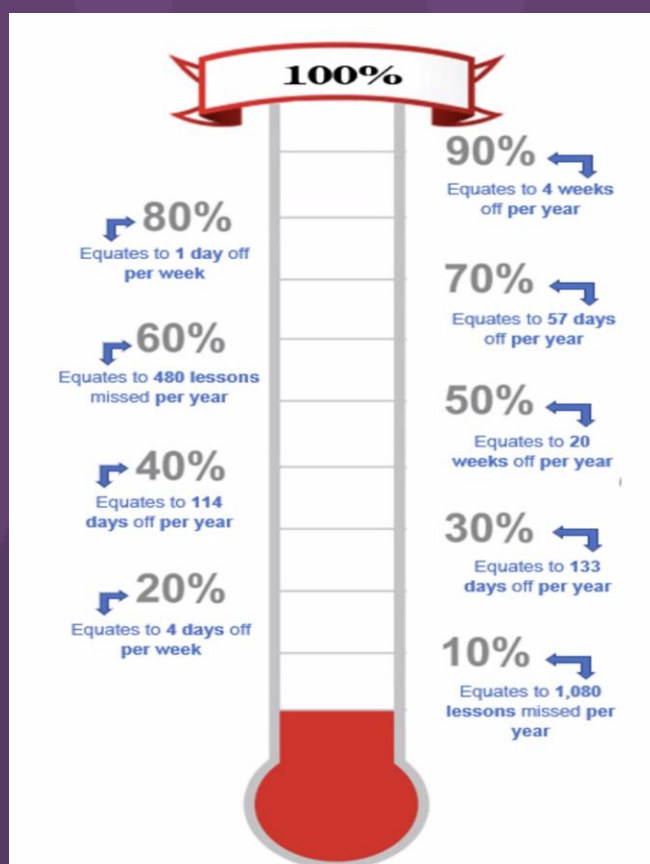
Please click on the link below for useful advice from the NHS as to whether your child may attend school if suffering from a variety of illnesses.

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%
Good Best Chance of Success		Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered		Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action	

w/c 14.02.22	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
93%	94.4%	92.5%	92%	92.9%	N/A





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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

NSPCC Website: 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/>

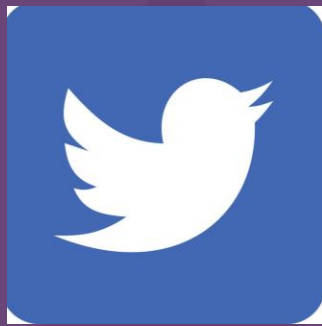
Or speak to Mrs Blackwell in school for accessing support for your child

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