

# EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE    CHARACTER FORMATION    SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

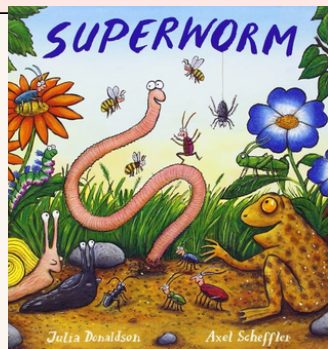
## Reception- Start Class

We started this week with our educational visit to the Discover Story Centre in Stratford where the children went on a storytelling adventure of their own! We had wonderful story facilitators that helped the children come up with a setting, characters, a problem and a solution. It was wonderful to watch the children's ideas come to life during the session. Everyone had a wonderful time and wanted to stay for longer!

### PHONICS FOCUS:

Revising Set 1 sounds and adding Set 2 digraphs

We enjoyed reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson this week. The children learned all about worms and explored some sensory trays replicating worms in the outdoor area. We discussed length, using vocabulary such as longer and shorter. The children also had a go at measuring using non-standard units. They measured things using their hands and their feet.



### OUR MATHS FOCUS:

### POSITIONAL LANGUAGE



The children have had such an amazing year in Reception and we can't believe that next week is our final week of the academic year. We will be having a class celebration following our special assembly next Friday. We will publish our final Early Years Editorial of the year next Friday after we have said farewell for the summer holidays.





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## Pre-School- Lea Class



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This week we are continuing our topic of 'Change is different but it is good', by thinking about how we are growing and have changed this year, and what is ahead of.

### Golden Expectations

1. Be kind: think of others and help them
2. Be safe: look after yourself and others
3. Be respectful: listen carefully and act politely
4. Be honest: think before you speak or act
5. Be courageous: keep on trying your best
6. Be grateful: say 'thank you'

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This week we have chosen to read and watch various stories connected to sports day to help us prepare for our own event and also to help us compare our experiences. We talked about the importance of taking part and trying things which we might find difficult. Impressing the notion; it's not the winning but the taking part that counts.



This week we felt the need to remind Lea class of the golden expectations. It is the period of transition. Children sense change, certain behaviours occur during this time. We spoke about 3. Be respectful. Children were tasked to work as a class to prepare for next year. Through choice of an activity, naturally some children thought it fun to wash toys, dressing up clothes, mud suits and cuddly toys. Most children opted to join in.



The scientific language from such an amazing opportunity was words such as absorbed, draining, floating, rinsing, melting (soap flakes). The water certainly changed from clear to muddy brown, so discussions about germs was discussed. It was also lovely to hear the children naturally talking about helping others, being kind to next years cohort, them moving up into reception, and processing the changes for next year in their own words.



Tuesday saw the arrival of our much anticipated sports afternoon! As expected, the rain came, meaning we had to move the celebrations inside. Although it was noisy and busy, the children seemed to enjoy themselves! A big thank you goes to all the parents and carers who were there to support and share the event with the children. You made the difference of a successful message of sport activities are fun!



# School News and Updates

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 17 July** – Stay and Play New Reception and Pre-School pupils and parents (1–2.30pm)

**Friday 19 July** – 9.15am Celebration Assembly (all parents)

**Friday 19th July**– Term ends at 1.00pm for Reception (Stort Class) and Pre-School (Lea Class)

### **New School Year- 2024/2025 Week commencing 2nd September**

**Year 1** (Cam Class) pupils return Monday 2nd September at 8.30am.

**New Reception** (Stort Class) pupils, staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 8.30am–11.00am (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30–1.00pm (includes lunch)

Monday 9th September 8.30am–3.15pm

**New starters in Pre-School** (Lea Class), staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 8.30am–11.30am (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30–11.30am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

**Existing Pre-School** (Lea Class) pupils, staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 12.30–3.30pm (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30am–11.30am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

**Monday 9th September** – After School Late Play provision commences



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## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Sun Cream and Sun Hats – now the sunshine has finally arrived, please could we kindly request that the children bring a named sun hat into school. Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing all day sun cream.

Large sheets – We still welcome large pieces of fabric or bedsheets. We would love to continue doing some large-scale painting with the children. and then using the fabric as a den building material.

Mud kitchen– We are developing our mud kitchen area now that the weather has been warming up (ever so slowly!). If you do have any old pots/pans, a pestle & mortar, or metal tea pots, we will happily give them a new home!

Updates to our Late Play Provision – Our catering suppliers Govinda's is now providing the meals at our Late Play sessions. We request that your sessions are pre-booked, 2 weeks in advance and we have a 2 week notice period for any changes to your child's Late Play sessions with notification made via email: a

Gold Star Award badges – please could we kindly remind you to return the Gold Star badge once your child has held the badge for one week. Thank you for your support.

Reception (Stort Class) trip to Discover Children's Story Centre – please be reminded to return consent forms and kindly complete your payment via Arbor – thank you.

### **Is my child too ill for school? Is my child too ill for school**

Please see attached NHS guidance. Please kindly be reminded that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at **least 2 days (48 hours)**.



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### Parent Volunteers

If you would be interested in volunteering within school, please kindly contact the school office for further details. We will be looking for parents readers in September along with parents to accompany school trips. Volunteers will need an enhanced DBS certificate that will be organised by our central HR Team.

### End of term – finish time change

Please be advised on the final day of term, Friday 19th July our finish time will be 1.00pm for **both** Reception (Stort Class) and Pre-School (Lea Class) this is a change to our publish times.

### My Nametags

Did you know that the average child permanently loses nine pieces of school kit per year? To this end Avanti Brook is now a member of MyNametags fundraising scheme.

“For every order of personalised labels for children’s clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 24% to your child's school. Please help us to return lost clothing and support your school’s fundraising efforts by placing an order for labels with My Nametags. Go to the school website and click on the My Nametags link. Every order placed when clicking on this link will be counted in the fundraising total for our school.”

Please find link attached below and at the check out stage, please enter the school ID.

Website: [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com)

Our school ID is: 109680

We do kindly ask that all items of clothing along with shoes, water bottles and any other items brought into school are clearly labelled. We thank you for your support.



### Home Start Hertfordshire – Pathway to Work – Volunteer with us!

Looking to return to work? Interested in a career working with children and families? Please find further information in the poster added below.



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## PATHWAY TO WORK

# Volunteer with us!



Looking to return to work?  
Interested in a career  
working with children  
and families?

## Gain new skills and build on your experience by volunteering for Home-Start Hertfordshire

Be a Volunteer Family Mentor and help build brighter futures for children – and we will support you on your Pathway to Work. **It's a win win!**

Your free training will include:

- **Safeguarding & confidentiality**
- **Communication & values**
- **Meeting the needs of children**

We can also offer you a reference\* and support with writing your CV. We are an inclusive charity and value a diverse volunteering workforce.

\* Subject to a minimum of six months volunteering



**FREE  
TRAINING  
COURSE**



*"If anybody is looking to do some volunteering I would recommend Home-Start without hesitation. As a volunteer you support the family – but Home-Start supports you."*

HSH Volunteer Family Mentor

**Contact us today for more information:**

For an informal chat about this opportunity please call us on **01438 367788** or email **admin@home-startherts.org.uk**

**[www.home-startherts.org.uk](http://www.home-startherts.org.uk)**

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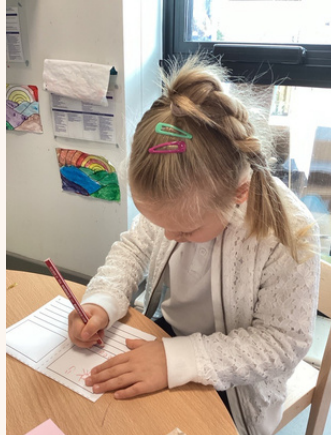
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Golden Certificate Award:  
Pre-School: Michael  
Reception: Hayden

## Reception Home Learning Ideas

- Practise writing name
- Set 1 & 2 digraph sounds: sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk, ay, ee, igh, ow (snow), oo (zoo), oo (book), ar (car)
- Reading- Resource found here
- Number formation: Topmarks Number of the Day
- Handwriting 'around' letters: c a o d g q
- Explore doubles with the doubles song...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68>





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You are invited to our celebration assembly for  
the first academic year of Avanti Brook Primary School

FRIDAY 19 JULY AT 9.15AM

**Dear Parents, Carers, Colleagues and Friends,**

**You are invited to join us at Avanti Brook Primary School on Friday 19 July to celebrate the end of our wonderful first year of the school being open. We have had the most amazing inaugural year, and we are excited for what is to come in the future. Please use the link to [RSVP](#) and let us if you you'd like to attend. Within the form, there is also a chance for you to leave a message to our founding members of Avanti Brook, which we will share during the assembly.**

**We look forward to welcoming you to our special celebration.**

**With my very best wishes**

**Sally Allan  
Executive Principal  
Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook**





# PTA News and Updates



## AVANTI SUMMER FESTIVAL!

Dear Avanti Families,

### AVANTI FEST - Saturday 13 July 11.00am-2.00pm

Music, games, crafts, snacks and stalls for a fantastic family day out with appearance from our cheerleaders, school choir and the local fire crew in their shiny red fire engine! Advance Tickets will be on sale from 14 June through our PTA events page. You may also purchase tickets on the day at the gate, if you want to avoid the queue please book in advance!

Only children 2years+ require a ticket. Adults are FREE but must attend. Tickets are £5.00.

We really need some more parents to volunteer on the day. We are looking for support with setting up, support during the event and support packing away. If you can support for any amount of time, we will be very grateful. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough volunteers we will have to cancel the event. Please email [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com) if you can support with any of the above.

Thank you for your continued support.

Avanti Meadows PTA  
[avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com)

**+ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for parents to volunteer their time, knowledge, creativity and supervision to the PTA.

**WHY JOIN THE PTA?**

- BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR KIDS
- HAVE A VOICE IN CREATING A SAFE, CHALLENGING AND INSPIRING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
- CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS
- STAY INFORMED
- FLEXIBILITY TO YOUR AVAILABILITY
- WE HAVE GREAT FUN PLANNING AND EXECUTING EXCITING EVENTS

**EMAIL US**  
AVANTIMEADOWSPTA@GMAIL.COM

**Child Ticket £5**  
**Adults &**  
**UNDER 2's FREE**

Available online or on the day

**Games Tokens**

**10 for £5**

**20 for £10**

Available on the day only

Scan QR code to book



[www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta)

Onsite parking permitted