



**AVANTI MEADOWS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Parent Newsletter 19.01.24

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*Thank you to those parents who joined our coffee morning today - please do see below for some of the feedback and how we are already responding. We welcome you to the upcoming ones on future Friday mornings.*

*Just a reminder to ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves to be able to play outside in this cold weather - and please can they all be named!*

*With best wishes*

**Sally Allan**

**Executive Principal**

**Avanti Brook and Avanti Meadows Primary Schools**

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## Weekly updates



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## **1. The School Office -**

Please kindly be advised that due to full staff briefing, the school office **will not** be open until 8.20am each Monday commencing Monday 22nd January 2024.

## **2. Parent Coffee Mornings -**

Fridays 8.30am-9.15am with Kelly Malcolm (Interim Head of School)

Today we had our very first 'Coffee Morning' for parents. Thank you to those who attended. It was lovely to meet you on a more personal level and to hear your views on the school; your feedback was valuable.

Three main areas were highlighted:

**Homework** - We understand the importance of home learning and are looking into a uniformed approach to homework for all year groups.

**Emails** - I am aware that at times there can be an influx of emails and that this can be overwhelming at times. We are reviewing the number of emails that are being sent to you and will ensure that these are communicated with you on a priority basis. We are considering the possibility of a text messaging service.

Please also be reminded that we employ a 48-hour grace period to reply unless emails are deemed as urgent.

**Door open** - Our doors open from 8.15-8.25am, however after discussion with some parents and in recognition of the traffic, which often plays a factor, we will keep one of the doors in the main hall open until 8.30am.

We would love to see more of you at our next 'Coffee Morning'. The dates and agenda for these sessions are below:

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- **Friday 26 Jan: Maths**
  - **Friday 2 Feb: Phonics**
  - **Friday 16 Feb: Reading/Writing**

- **Friday 1 March: Inclusion**
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*Miss Malcolm*

**3. Years 5 (Willow) & 6 (Oak) competed in a Sports Hall athletics event -**

*On Thursday, children from Years 5 & 6 competed in a Sports Hall athletics event. They were up against 5 other local schools at Birchwood High School competing in events such as standing long jump, javelin and speed bounce and obstacle relays and hurdles. We were so proud of how the children performed and represented their school. This was our first time attending such an event and we did not know what to expect so we were delighted to come 5th out of the 6 on the day.*

*The overall competition was spread across two days, with many more schools competing and congratulations go to Windhill 21 who were the overall winners of the event, beating St Josephs by 6 points!*

*Well done to all of our Year 5s & 6s who did so brilliantly and tried so hard on the day.*

*They were amazing!*

*Mrs Maguire*

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## PE Days



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*Reception: Elm Class - Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday (Field Friday)*

*Year 1: Hazel Class - Wednesday & Thursday*

*Year 1/2: Chestnut - Wednesday & Thursday*

*Year 2: Cedar Class - Tuesday & Thursday*

*Year 3: Maple Class - Thursday & Friday*

*Year 4: Birch Class - Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday*

*Year 5: Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday*

*Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday*

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## Dates for your diary: [School Calendar](#)



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### *January 2024*

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- *\*Friday 19 January: 8.30am-9.15am Head of School Parent Coffee Morning\**
  - *Wednesday 24 January: Yr6 (Oak class), Parent SATs information meeting at 3.30pm (in school)*
  - *Thursday 25 January: KS1 (Hazel, Cedar and Chestnut classes) Problem solving and teamwork workshop*
  - *\*Friday 26 January: 8.30am-9.15am Head of School Parent Coffee Morning\**
  - *Monday 30 January: Yr5 and Yr6 Young Voices, O2*
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### *February 2024*

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- *Thursday 1 February: EYFS (Elm and Blossom classes) Wonderdome Planetarium experience (workshop in school)*
    - *\*Friday 2 February: 8.30am-9.15am Head of School Parent Coffee Morning\**
  - *Thursday 8 February: KS1 (Chestnut, Hazel and Cedar classes) PTA Disco, 4.30-5.30pm (with parents, carers or guardians)*
    - *Thursday 8 February: KS2 (Maple, Birch, Willow and Oak classes) PTA Disco, 6-7pm (volunteers required)*
      - *Friday 9 February: INSET DAY (4) - **school closed to pupils***
  - *Monday 12 February: 8.30am-9.00am Reception (Elm Class) Parents in school for 'Learning together at school'*
    - *\*Friday 16 February: 8.30am-9.15am Head of School Parent Coffee Morning\**
      - *Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February: Half term*
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### **March 2024**

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- *Thursday 7 March: World Book Day*
  - *Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: End of term*
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### **April 2024**

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- *Monday 15 April: Commencement of Summer term*
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### **May 2024**

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- *Monday 13 - Thursday 16 May - Yr6 (Oak class) SATs*



- *Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May: Half term*
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### *June 2024*

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- *Monday 3 June: INSET DAY (5): - school closed to pupils*
  - *Monday 24th June: Friday 28th June 2024: Year 6 Retreat, The Vedanta*
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### *July 2024*

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- *Friday 19th July at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: End of term*
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## PTA events and reminders



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*To our Avanti Meadows family,*

*We would like to announce our first event of 2024 our very 1st Valentines Disco!  *

*This will be held at the school on **Thursday 8th February!***

*It will be held in 2 parts:*

*KS1 (Chestnut, Hazel and Cedar classes) disco will be from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and all parents and guardians will be required to accompany their child to the disco. This is to ensure the safety of the younger children a FREE adult ticket option will be available when booking.*

*KS2 (Maple, Birch, Willow and Oak classes) disco will then begin at 6pm until 7pm. This part of the disco can be run by volunteers providing we have enough adults willing to help out. Please do get in touch if you are able to help out.*

*We would please like to ask upon booking all details are correct and that children are collected promptly at the times stated!*

*Soft drinks will be included for all children and we will have a selection of valentines themed sweets, cakes and biscuits on sale as well as drinks for adults!*

*We will also have a tattoo bar!*

*We will send out a price list ahead of time so you can send your children in with the correct amount of money to purchase their goodies and if your an adult staying we also have card facilities available!*

*Booking will open on our PTA events page on **Friday 26th of January**. If you haven't yet signed up to our events page, please do so using the details below.*

*Please contact at [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com) if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer for this event.*

*Many thanks*

***Avanti Meadows PTA***

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE AVANTI MEADOWS PTA

## **PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS SIGN UP TO AVANTI MEADOWS PTA LINK**

THIS FANTASTIC PLATFORM WILL ALLOW YOU TO BOOK TICKETS AHEAD OF ALL PTA ORGANISED EVENTS, IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AS AND WHEN YOU CAN.

[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/AVANTIMEADOWSPTA](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/AVANTIMEADOWSPTA)

please use the above link or scan the QR code attached to register!



**THANK YOU ON  
BEHALF OF THE PTA**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Valentines disco*



Feb 8th KS2

disco

Avanti meadows PTA needs volunteers for this event to go ahead if you would like to volunteer please email [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com)



Valentine's  
Disco

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

KS1 4.30PM-5.30PM  
(PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY)

KS2 6PM- 7PM  
(VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED)

AT AVANTI MEADOWS  
SCHOOL

TICKETS ON SALE  
FROM 26TH JANUARY  
ON PTA EVENTS

TICKETS  
**£5**

Avanti Meadows  
PTA

The poster features a light pink background with a large white archway. Inside the archway, the text is arranged vertically. To the right of the archway, there is a large red heart containing the ticket price. A disco ball hangs from the top right, and several smaller red hearts are scattered around the text.

## Reminders



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### **Parent Coffee Mornings - Fridays 8.30-9.15am**

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- **Friday 26 Jan: Maths**
  - **Friday 2 Feb: Phonics**
  - **Friday 16 Feb: Reading/Writing**
  - **Friday 1 March: Inclusion**
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### **Lunch Bookings - ParentPay**

*Please be reminded that lunches must be booked a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Our catering providers **are not** able to accommodate meals selected/requested on the day. When a meal has not been pre-booked your child/children will be offered a jacket potato only. Please see guidance for booking meals [ParentPay How to book a meal](#).*

*To support the catering services, we would kindly ask that you inform your child about their meal selection as we often have children who are refusing to eat the meal chosen for them.*

### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

*Thank you for your patience waiting for confirmation on school clubs; Charlotte Hall sent the timetable for this half term out this morning. It is a great shame that some of our previous clubs have stopped running; we are looking for more options and we may be able to add a few extra clubs after half term.*

*Remember that we do have Premier Sports who run our Wrap Around Care club after school and who will happily enrol your child if you need childcare after school.*

### **Changes to contact details / family circumstances**

*Please be reminded that parent contact details, i.e. phone numbers, addresses, emails and collection arrangements need to be up-to-date and current within our school management information system, Arbor. If you have any changes/updates please ensure you either enter these into Arbor directly, or, you contact the school office to advise of any changes. Please also be reminded that any changes to family circumstances must be shared with the school, either the class teacher or directly with the school office.*

### **Wintery Weather arrangements**

*As the days are becoming colder, please make sure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves in school as we do still allow the children outside as much as possible for their playtimes. (Please ensure that these items are named.)*

### **Communication with school and Email**

*There are always times when you as parents are keen to contact the school for many different reasons. Email is the quickest way to share information - there are four members of staff who cover the office inbox, including me. Please do not email staff directly as they are in class all day, and it will delay a response to you. Please use [avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk](mailto:avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk)*

*We do receive a large number of emails every day, so if the message is not deemed as urgent e.g. safeguarding, then it can take up to 48 hours to respond.*

*You can call the office, of course, on 01279 598575, and Mrs Anna Restivo will be happy to help.*

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

*Please see the NHS guidance [NHS Is my child too ill for school?](#)*

### **School Office**

*We are always happy to deal with any queries at reception but can we kindly request that any non urgent queries are made after 10.30am please. The office is extremely busy between 8.00 and 10.30am as we complete important daily safeguarding processes, attendance registers and lunch orders. We appreciate your consideration. Please be reminded that the school office will open at 8.20am each Monday.*

### **Social Media Accounts - Avanti Meadows**

*Please do follow us on the following accounts:*

*Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AvantiMeadows](https://www.facebook.com/AvantiMeadows)*

*Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/avantimeadows/>*

*Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AvantiMeadows>*

### **School Website**

*We are working to update the Meadows website so that it can be a source of information for you as parents as well as other people in the community and prospective parents. We have added a calendar page, updated the Pre-School information and we will be overhauling the curriculum*



*information as well as many other pages. If you have any suggestions that you feel would be useful, please do email them to me through the school office.*

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## **Celebrations**



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### ***Celebration Friday***

#### ***Hazel (Year 1):***

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- *Henry A - Writer of the Week*
  - *Ava E - Learner of the Week*
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#### ***Chestnut (Year1/2):***

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- *The entire class - Writers and Learners of the Week*
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***Cedar (Year 2):***

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- *Zara Z - Writer of the Week*
  - *Edward K - Learner of the Week*
    - ***Maple (Year 3):***
      - *Noelani S - Writer of the Week*
      - *Charley H - Learner of the Week*
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***Birch (Year 4):***

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- *Freddie T - Writer of the Week*
  - *Eloise P - Learner of the Week*
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***Willow (Year 5):***

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- *Anya C - Writer of the Week*
  - *Nathan C - Learner of the Week*
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***Oak (Year 6):***

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- *Afryea O - Writer of the Week*
  - *Arthur D - Learner of the Week*
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## Term Dates 2023-34



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*Term Dates 2023-24*

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- *Spring Term 2024*
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*Monday 8 January - Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School*

*Friday 9 February - INSET DAY (4) - **School closed to pupils***

*Half term: Monday 19 Feb- Friday 23 February*

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- **Summer Term 2024**

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*Monday 15 April - Friday 19 July at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School*

*Half term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May*

*Monday 3 June - INSET DAY (5) - **school closed to pupils***

**Term Dates 2024-25**

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- **Autumn Term 2024**

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*Friday 30th August - INSET DAY (1) - **School closed to pupils***

*Monday 2 September - Friday 13 December at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School*

*Reception and Pre-School staggered start (dates tba)*

*Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November 2024*

*Monday 4 November - INSET DAY (2) - **School closed to pupils***

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- **Spring Term 2025**

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*Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025 at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School*

*Friday 31 January 2025 - INSET DAY (3) - **School closed to pupils***

*Half Term: Monday 17 - 21 February 2025*

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- **Summer Term 2025**

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*Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 18 July 2025 at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School*

*Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025*

*Monday 2nd June 2025 - INSET DAY (4) - **School closed to pupils***

*Monday 21 July 2025 - INSET DAY (5) - **School closed to pupils***

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## **Avanti Trust - Job Openings**

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*No current openings.*

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## **Contact Us**



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**Mrs Sally Allan** is Executive Principal for Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook Primary Schools

**Miss Kelly Malcolm** is the Interim Head of School

**Mrs Alison McCulloch** is Inclusion Lead for the Bishop Stortford Avanti Schools

**Mrs Claire Maher** is SENCO for Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook Primary Schools

**Ms Sam Ansell** is PA to the Executive Principal

**Mrs Anna Restivo** is our School Receptionist in the front office and will try to answer your enquiries

**Mrs Cathy McLornan** is our Welfare and Attendance Administrator

**Mrs Angeline Taylor** is the Administration Assistant for Pre-School enquires

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