



AVANTI MEADOWS
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Welcome back to the Spring Term 2. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation with the new collection arrangements - the feedback has been very positive and we continue to guide and support you to collect your child in a safe manner.

You will see a shift this week in terms of communication around learning in school. The (popular) KS1 News and Notices will no longer be coming out in its previous format (sorry). We have moved all classes to promote greater alignment to a weekly learning letter; your child will bring home a hard copy each week and we will also email it to you. This week, your child will also have a 'Curriculum on a Page', which outlines the half termly overview of the full curriculum in each class. Reception class parents will continue to receive the Early Years Editorial. We do hope you like this new format.

We have a few job vacancies for Pre-School due to its rapid growth; we are looking for Pre-School Teaching Assistant as well as a Pre-School Teacher. Please see the links below if you're interested. We also currently have several openings for teaching assistants as well.

Enjoy the weekend,

Sally Allan

Executive Principal

Avanti Brook and Avanti Meadows Primary Schools

Weekly updates



1. Behaviour for Learning: Rewards

We have launched our rewards system this week, and the children are very excited. The Behaviour for Learning Framework will go to our newly formed SSC later this month and then we can publicise this on our website. I am sure the children will gladly tell you all about it and the rewards that are being given out in class.

2. New Look - Home Learning: Learning Letters for Years 1-6

Today, all children will come home with a new look learning letter that will outline for each class the learning that has taken place this week in core subjects, as well as guidelines for home learning. They all look very similar, so we have colour coded the classes letters!

The children will also be given a 'Curriculum on a Page' sheet, which shows the learning for this half term in all of the subjects. We hope that this will give you a real insight into what your children are experiencing at school.

We will also email these to you so you have a copy as well, just in case the hard copies don't make it home!

3. New Collection Arrangements

We hope you found that the introduction of the new collection arrangements worked well this week. Feedback from parents has been positive and we want to thank you for your patience with this. By now you should be familiar with the collection location for your child's class. A reminder, however, that when driving into the school grounds, the 5mph speed limit must be adhered to.

4. World Book Day - Thursday 7 March, 2024

*As you are aware, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with our preparations well underway for our 'Bedtime Stories', 'Drop Everything and Read', and our very first World Book Day competition. Please find parent letter attached: **World Book Day: Thursday 7 March 2024***

5. Parent Coffee Mornings

*Once again thank you to the core group of parents who have been attending our Coffee Mornings. We have our next session on **Friday 8 March** which is a Phonics session **led by Ms Fields**. We are keen to work with you in terms of what information you feel, as a parent, would be most useful. Please can I ask you to email us avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk with suggestions for the focus of future coffee morning sessions.*

6. School Lunches

Please can we remind you to complete the order for your child's meal in advance of the week ahead and ensure that your child is aware of the meal order. There are still a few instances where children are left with jacket potatoes because an order has not been completed. We want to ensure children are eating a full meal and are happy with their food order.

7. Red Nose Day - Friday 15 March, 2024

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief is back on Friday 15 March, 2024. Please can the children come into school wearing their uniform and something red, for example a red hair accessory, red socks, a red nose, a red t-shirt or sweatshirt over their uniform. We kindly request a donation of £1 and this can be made via [ParentPay Donations Page](#):

Comic Relief 2024 Donations



 
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You are cordially invited to Avanti
Meadows for

Bedtime Stories

Date: Wednesday 6th March 2024
Time: 5.45pm-6.30pm
Location: Avanti Meadows School Hall

In celebration of World Book Day, your teachers will read you stories as you get cosy with your friends and family.

Come dressed in your pyjamas, and bring your favourite books, blankets and cuddly toys.

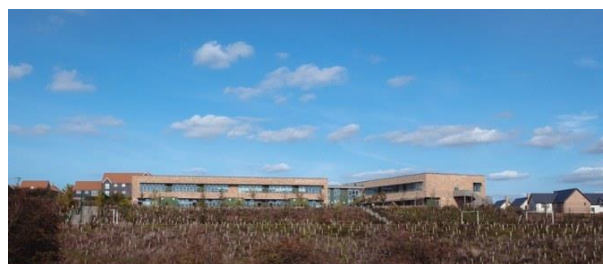
We will be providing hot cocoa and a little bedtime snack for you to enjoy.

We hope you can join us!



  **Save the date!**
World Book Day
7 March 2024   SPONSORED BY
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PE Days at Avanti Meadows



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

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



March 2024

- *Thursday 7 March: World Book Day*
- *Wednesday 13 March - Tuesday 19 March: Book Fair (all parents and children after school each day)*

- *Friday 15 March: Red Nose Day*
 - *Tuesday 26 March: Reception (Elm) Class trip to Church Farm Ardeley*
 - *Thursday 28 March: Yr5 Willow Class and Yr6 Oak Class, Wonder Dome Experience (in school)*
 - *Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: End of term (No Late Play provision)*
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April 2024

- *Monday 15 April: Start of Summer term*
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May 2024

- *Monday 13 - Thursday 16 May - Yr6 (Oak class) SATs*
 - *Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May: Half term*
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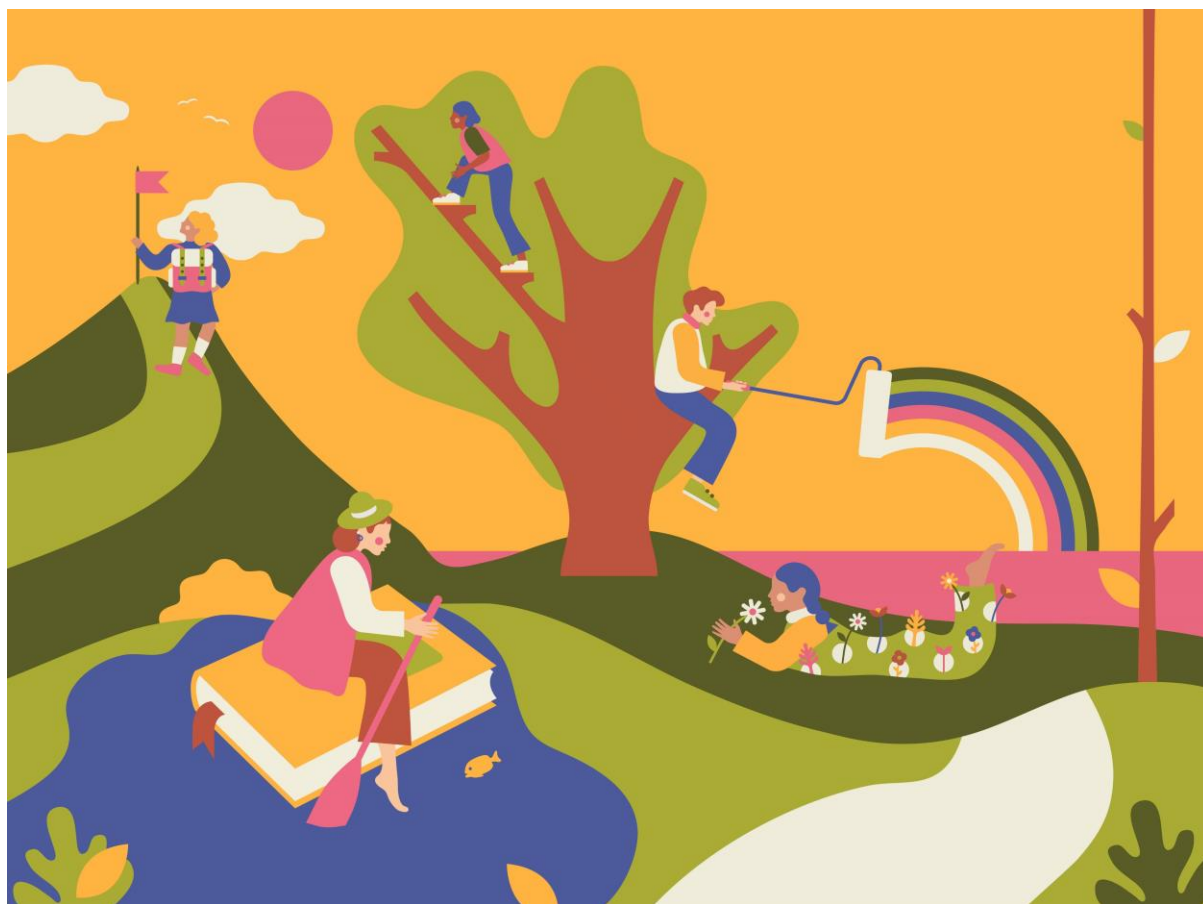
June 2024

- *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

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



Dear Avanti Families,

Our PTA is run by a very small group of parents and we are gaining amazing momentum in our events and fundraising. We would love to have some more parents/carers on board that can bring fresh ideas, skills and enthusiasm to our organisation. If you think this could be for you please do contact us for a chat about roles that are available and how you could best fit in to Avanti PTA family.

Please contact us at avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

More info regarding upcoming events will be issued next week.

Thank you and best wishes for the weekend.

+ 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



Reminders





Parent Consultations

Please be advised the booking is now live. Please ensure your sessions are booked via Arbor.

Parent Consultations will be taking place as usual in a hybrid manner with in school and online appointments available as follows:

Week beginning 11 March:

Tuesday 12th March: Yr1 online, 4-6.30pm

Wednesday 13th March: EYFS & Yr2 in school, 1-4.00pm

Wednesday 13th March: Yr5 & Yr6 online, 4-6.30pm

Thursday 14th March: Yr4 online, 4-6.30pm

Week beginning 18 March:

Monday 18 March: Yr5 & Yr6 in school, 1-4.00pm

Monday 18 March: Yr2 online, 4-6.30pm

Tuesday 19 March: Yr1 in school, 1-4.00pm

Wednesday 20 March: Yr4 in school, 1-4.00pm

Thursday 21 March: EYFS online, 4-6.30pm

Year 3 consultations will take place after Easter, once Miss Vass has joined the school.

If you have any queries with your bookings or Arbor login details, please contact Miss Hall,
avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk

Parent Coffee Mornings - Fridays 8.30-9.15am

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

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 8 March: Phonics**
 - **Friday 15 March: Behaviour and Rewards**
 - **Friday 22 March: Home Learning**
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The Avanti Way

The Avanti Way is the route map for the Avanti family of schools. It sets out our purpose and vision, to make clear our highest expectations and commitment to inspiring spiritually compassionate changemakers. Please read more here: [The Avanti Way](#)

New Collection Arrangements from Monday 26 February

[New Collection Arrangements](#)

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.

Spring & Summer Menu 2024

Parent donations - old school uniform

Please can we kindly request donations of school uniform items, PE Kit and socks. We wish to keep a stock of clothing in school. Please can you hand any donations into the school office. We also kindly ask that if your child is sent home in a change of clothes from our spares that these items are washed and returned to the school office.

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

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.

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.

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.

What's on.... / Club Information



Extra Curricular / Holiday Clubs

Hertfordshire KS2 Book and Activity Club

Please see attached information on KS2 Book and Activity Club offering from Hertfordshire Libraries:

KS2 Book and Activity Club Hertfordshire Libraries

FREE Workshops for Yr5 & Yr6 Children - Saturday 2 March 2024 9.00am-12.00pm

Please see attached information about an academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning hosted at Bishop's Stortford College.

Invite and Inspire

Wild Cats Girls' Football sessions - Birchwood High School on Wednesday evenings

Please see attached information about Girls Football sessions being held at Birchwood High School for girls aged between 5-11.

Wild Cats Girls' Football sessions

Easter Holiday Camp at Avanti Meadows

Premier Education would like to invite your child to attend our Super Camp holiday club taking place at Avanti Meadows this Easter. Please find further details attached:

Easter Holiday Camp - Premier Education

Avanti Meadows Internal Breakfast Club - Changes to booking system

Medical and Welfare



ELSA - w/c 4th March

We will be running intervention sessions for children to provide additional Emotional and Literacy support assistance (ELSA). These sessions will commence after half term w/c 4th March. The sessions will be weekly, both group and 1:1. Please see attached for further information.

Mrs Maher

ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Parenting Sessions

Please be reminded that after half-term Hertfordshire Family Support Services will be running parenting classes at Avanti Brook Primary School. If you feel that you would like to attend, please register with Herts Family Support Services using this link:

Register with Herts Family Support Services

Here is a link to the Hertfordshire Family Centre website if you wish to have a look and see what other services they may have on offer:

[Hertfordshire Family Centre Service](#)

Attendance - Is my child too ill for school?

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

Measles Information

Cases of measles are currently increasing in England. Children who missed the MMR jab as part of the childhood vaccination schedule can catch up at any time. Please contact your GP surgery for assistance.

Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms, runny nose, cough, conjunctivitis and a high fever may develop along with spots in the mouth. The distinctive rash of measles begins around day 3. A rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreads across the body.

*Any child thought to have measles **should not be** sent into school. Please contact your GP surgery or NHS 111 to seek advice over the phone. Please click the attached for further advice:*

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Medical information / Immunisations

We would kindly request that the immunisations information for your child/children within Arbor is completed and kept up to date. This area can be completed from your Arbor parent accounts. If you have any issues accessing your accounts, please contact Miss Charlotte Hall.

School Nursing Newsletter

Please find attached the latest edition of the Hertfordshire Family Centre Service and Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust newsletter.

Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

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- *Maddie K - Writer of the Week*
 - *Deena A-R - Learner of the Week*
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Chestnut (Year1/2):

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- *Mara M - Learner of the Week*
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Cedar (Year 2):

- *Talia T - Writer of the Week*
 - *Edward K - Learner of the Week*
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Maple (Year 3):

- *Aidan S - Writer of the Week*
 - *Yasmine W - Learner of the Week*
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Birch (Year 4):

- *Emily C - Writer of the Week*
 - *Ella R - Learners of the Week*
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Willow (Year 5):

- *Austin T - Writer of the Week*
 - *Ryan P - Learner of the Week*
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Oak (Year 6):

- *Aiden K - Writer of the Week*
 - *Grace C - Learner of the Week*
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Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-24

- *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

- **Summer Term 2024**

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

- **Autumn Term 2024**

*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***

- **Spring Term 2025**

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

- **Summer Term 2025**

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

Job Vacancies



Pre-School Teacher

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full time, Part Time

Salary/Grade: MPS1 - MPS6

For further information click here: [Pre-School Teacher](#)

Closes: 13 March, 2024 at 11:59pm

Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time, Term Time

Salary/Grade: Grade 2

For further information click here: [Pre-School Teaching Assistant](#)

Closes: 8 March, 2024 at 11:50pm

Teaching Assistant(s)

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time, Part Time

Salary/Grade: Grade 2

For further information click here: [Teaching Assistant](#)

Closes: 3 March, 2024 at 11:59pm

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

Miss Charlotte Hall is Senior Administrator and will answer queries about admissions

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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