



**AVANTI MEADOWS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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*Avanti Meadows really did shine this week as everyone threw themselves so wholeheartedly into World Book Day. I will try and keep this newsletter brief, so you can enjoy the wonderful pictures and experiences that many children have enjoyed this week.*

*My huge thanks to Miss Hibbins, our English Lead, who organised such a magical day for us all, and the chance to wear our PJs all day! Thank you also the adults who supported the Bedtime Story on Weds after school; we had approx 70 people in the hall enjoying the snuggly time, hot chocolate, sweet snacks and lovely stories. If you were able to join us for Drop Everything and Read, thank you also for coming in too.*

*The fruit/vegetable characters that came in from home were inspirational: from a carrot Fantastic Mr Fox, to an aubergine witch, from Room on the Broom, a melon pig from Charlotte's Web, and a cucumber dragon to a pineapple owl, as well as a very cute kiwi gruffalo- they were all so wonderful. Thank you.*

*Please do look through the pictures to enjoy and share with your child.*

*Have a great weekend,*

**Sally Allan**

**Executive Principal**

**Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools**

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## Weekly updates



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### ***1. World Book Day - Bedtime Stories, Drop Everything and Read and your favourite character as a vegetable competition***

*Well... what a fantastic day we had yesterday! Our third World Book Day here at Avanti Meadows and I can happily say it was our best one yet! It was wonderful to see the children so excited about reading and looking so very cosy in their pyjamas.*

*Our celebrations were started off with a wonderful Bedtime Stories event on Wednesday evening where we were able to share many different stories with some of the children and their families. Thank you to all those who joined us.*

*World Book Day itself was a hive of activity in school – the excitement for reading really was in the air! Children completed so many wonderful activities around this year's chosen book, 'The Wonder'; lots of fantastic artwork and writing was produced across the school! The entries for our very first World Book Day competition were phenomenal and it was incredibly hard to judge them. A big well done to everyone who took part and to our winners: Olivia B in Elm, Logan S in Cedar and Diana B in Maple.*

*We were also lucky enough to take some of our Yr5 & Yr6 students over to HazelEnd Care Home where we shared the love of reading and made the days of some of the residents we met.*

*Finally, a big thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils who made it such a special day for all. Now to get started on next year!*

**Miss Hibbins**

## **2. Retune Workshop - 5th March 2024**

*This week, children in Willow Class (Yr5) had the fantastic opportunity to complete a workshop with a company called 'Retune'. Their workshop was all about their mind, their brain and their mental wellbeing, all linked to music. The children learnt a strategy called SCALES which helped them understand what they can do to keep themselves healthy. Greg and Austin, who ran the workshop, said they were a fantastic class with lots of great ideas! Well done Willow Class!*

**Miss Hibbins**

## **3. Trip to Hazelend Care Home**

*'Dear Avanti Meadows,*

*Thank you so much for coming to read to our residents on World Book Day today. It was great having you with us and the atmosphere in the lounge was brilliant. The residents really enjoyed your company and I hope that we can organise other events with the school and the children in the near future.*

*Many thanks again for your time and we look forward to seeing you again soon.*

*Kind regards*

**Dawn Martin, Lifestyle Manager, Hazelend Care Home'**

## **4. 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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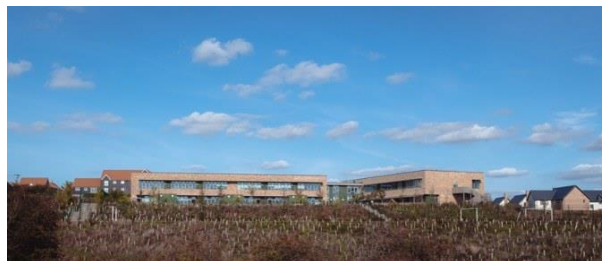








## PE Days at Avanti Meadows



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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*

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



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### March 2024

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- *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***

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- *Monday 15 April: Start 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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*Dear Avanti Families,*

### ***EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - Saturday 23 March, 12-3pm***

*We are hosting our first ever easter event, packed full with lots of fun and creative activities for you and your family to enjoy! Non-avanti siblings are welcome to attend, under 2s are free but will not be able to claim an egg, and only the children attending will require a ticket this will give them access to all the games, activities and our exclusive egg hunt! We shall also be holding a RAFFLE at the event with prizes such as:*

*Easter goodies*

*Basket of McMullen beer*

*Giftboxes*

*£15 voucher for Little Monsters soft-play*

*Escape room voucher*

*And much more...*

*Raffle tickets may only be purchased at the event!*

***YOU MUST PRE-BOOK*** your tickets on our ***PTA EVENTS WEBSITE!*** ***SALES OPEN TODAY AT 3pm!*** We are closing sales at 23:55 on Monday 18 March in order to organise the egg purchases. We cannot take bookings after this date or accept on the day arrivals. If you have trouble booking please do contact us for assistance by emailing [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com)

*To ensure this event goes ahead safely and smoothly, we will require a large number of volunteers at least 12 so if you can help out please contact us.*

*We look forward to seeing you all there!*

#### ***Our Funding support***

*Since our last update we have been able to fund:*

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- £600 cost of Leavers Hoodies for our wonderful Yr 6 pupils, who will be leaving Avanti Meadows in July.*
  - £50 in book vouchers for the World Book Day Competition.*
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*We have also established a savings pot. So far we have raised £500 towards a whole new book collection to support Read Write Inc for Phonics. This will be a large contribution so the more successful our events are, the more we raise to support our school. Thank you.*

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 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA QR CODE \*

Here's a QR Code for your Easter eggstravaganza event.



Event URL:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta/?event=event&eventId=78011>

# + 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





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### ***New Collection Arrangements***

*A reminder, please, when driving into the school grounds, the 5mph speed limit must be adhered to at all times.*

### ***New Collection Arrangements***

### ***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 within 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 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](#)*

### **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.*

#### **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.*

#### **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.*

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## **What's on.... / Club Information**



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### ***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](#)**

***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***

*Please be reminded that changes have been made to the booking system. Please ensure Breakfast Club bookings are made via Arbor with payments made through ParentPay.*

*Please be advised that if you arrive at breakfast club without a booking, you may be turned away and your child will not be able to attend.*

*If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Charlotte Hall.*

***Avanti Meadows Internal School Clubs***

**[Extra Curricular Clubs Feb 2024 After Half Term](#)**

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**HAVE FUN**

**LOL**

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

Birchwood High School  
3G Pitch - CM23 5BD

Wednesdays 5 - 6pm

£3 per session  
with Lead BSCFC Coach Hugo!

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

BISHOP'S CLEEVE FC

Westabix  
**WILD CATS**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

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## Medical and Welfare





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### ***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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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.*

### **[Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter](#)**

### ***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.*

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## Celebrations



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### *Celebration Friday*

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

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- *Rohan P - Writer of the Week*
  - *Bea H - Learner of the Week*
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#### *Chestnut (Year1/2):*

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- *Arthur P - Writer of the Week*
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#### *Cedar (Year 2):*

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- *Millie W - Writer of the Week*
  - *Fegiro O - Learner of the Week*
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***Maple (Year 3):***

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- *Sonny E - Writer of the Week*
  - *Olly L - Learner of the Week*
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***Birch (Year 4):***

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- *AJ T - Writer of the Week*
  - *Zayd Z - Learners of the Week*
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***Willow (Year 5):***

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- *Fi AO - Writer of the Week*
  - *Onyx N - Learner of the Week*
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***Oak (Year 6):***

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- *Jiya G - Writer of the Week*
  - *Liam P - Learner of the Week*
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## Term Dates



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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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## **Job Vacancies**



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***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 11:59pm*

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## Contact Us



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**Mrs Sally Allan** is Executive Principal for Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows 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

**Mrs Palak Elavia** is our Area Business Support Manager, Bishops Stortford Hub

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

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

**Mrs Anna Restivo** is our School Receptionist

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

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



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

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