



**AVANTI MEADOWS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Parent Newsletter 16.02.24

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*We have reached our spring half term, and looking back, we have all achieved so much in school, with the children and for the children. The whole team at Avanti Meadows continue to work incredibly hard to ensure that your child has the best education and widest opportunities possible. My thanks to them for everything they all do, which always goes above and beyond job expectations.*

*To grow a school is exciting and opens up a wealth of creative and new approaches for everyone involved. For information, we now have 224 children in the school, which is nearly 100 more than this time last year! We also are now 8 classes strong, with a plan to open another class from September.*

*From Monday 26 February, we have a new collection arrangement in place, new rewards systems and a new-look home learning approach. Please see below for all the information you need!*

*Hope you enjoy your half term break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 26 February at 8.15am*

**Sally Allan**

**Executive Principal**

**Avanti Brook and Avanti Meadows Primary Schools**

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## Weekly updates



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### **1. Behaviour for Learning: Rewards**

*We are introducing a new rewards system for the children after half term. Our revised behaviour for learning expectations and stages have been working very well and we have definitely seen an improvement in children's focus in class.*

*We will introduce the system after half term in Monday's assembly. The rewards are based on demonstrating our three core pillars of: Educational Excellence, Character Formation and Spiritual Insight. There will be opportunities for the children to be rewarded on an individual basis, as well as a class basis.*

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

*Also after half term, we will be aligning home learning for all year groups. Information from Years 1 & 2 News and Notices will be moved into a Learning Letter to align with Years 3-6.*

*All year groups will also receive a 'Curriculum on a Page' for the half term, so you are aware of what is being taught in all subject areas for your child.*

*I do hope that this will provide you as parents more of an insight as to what is happening in all of our classrooms every day!*

### **3. Reminder of new collection arrangements from Monday 26 February**

*From Monday 26 February, collection arrangements will change at the end of the school day. We do foresee an initial period of testing out this arrangement, and thank you in advance for your patience.*

*Please do take time to remind yourself of the changes that affect you, depending on which year group your child is in.*

### **New Collection Arrangements**

### **4. Festival of Literature**

*On Monday, six very excited children from Key Stage One visited Bishop's Stortford College for a special author visit. As part of the 'Festival of Literature' schools programme, Chitra Soundar, an award winning author and storyteller, led a wonderful session with KS1 children from all over Bishop's Stortford. She shared her inspiration behind becoming an author and read us her favourite book. Chitra told the children about her schooling in India and special memories she has of story writing in school. It was a lovely session to be a part of and a great treat. Well done to those children who attended; you represented our school very well.*

**Miss Field**

### **5. Parent Consultations**

*Please be advised that 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.*

*We will open the booking after half term, and confirm the times of this with you once we're back after 26 February.*

***6. 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***

***7. Family Support Team***

*Please do register for these services. Please see the leaflet attached for further information.*

***Family Support Team***

***Mrs Samuels***

***8. World Book Day information - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March***

*World Book Day is taking place on the 7th March 2024 and we are currently very busy in school putting lots of exciting plans into place so the children can make the most of this enjoyable day and celebrate everything Reading! Our theme this year will be 'Bedtime Stories' and we would like the children to come to school wearing their comfiest pyjamas with their favourite book.*

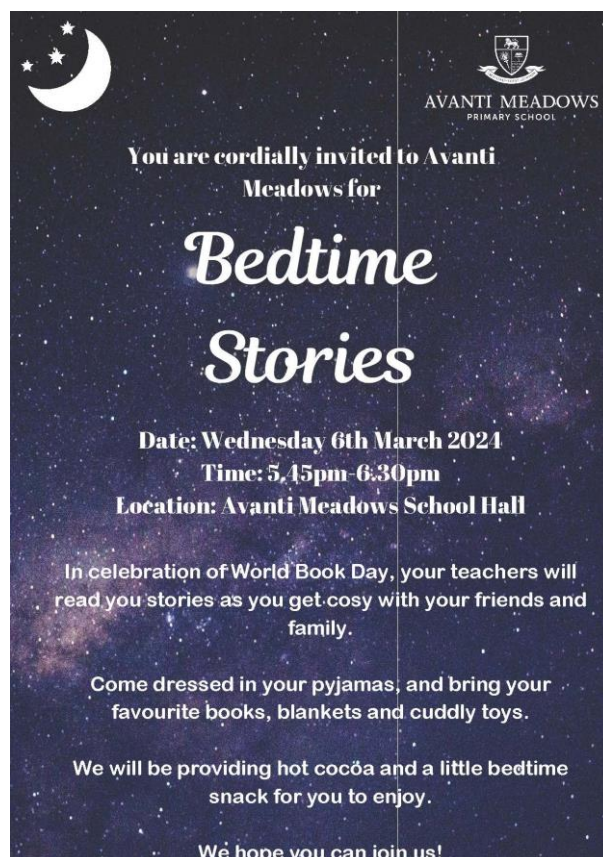
*To begin our World Book Day celebrations, children are cordially invited to attend a bedtime story extravaganza back at school with their friends on 6th March 2024, including cocoa and a bedtime snack! Please see the poster below for more information on this.*

*Our day in school will revolve around a whole host of engaging activities to do with reading! Children will have the chance to read a new text and respond to it with writing, artwork and much more.*

*Finally, we are excited to announce the chance for all children to enter a competition to win their very own book voucher – there will be more details on this coming very soon after half term so watch this space!*

**Miss Hibbins**

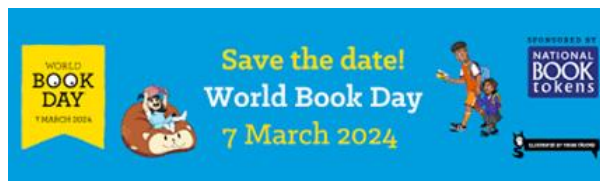
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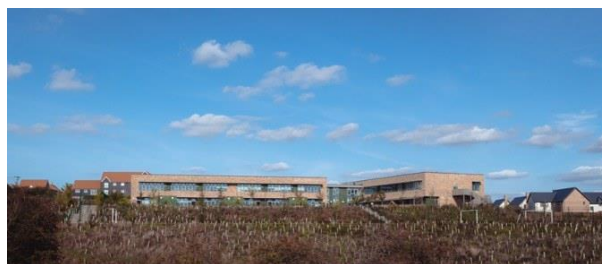








## PE Days at Avanti Meadows



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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*

*Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday*

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



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### *February 2024*

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- *Friday 16 February: 8.30am-9.15am Head of School Parent Coffee Morning*
  - *Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February: Half term*
  - *Monday 26 February - 3.15 -5.30pm Late Play (EYFS Internal) cancelled*
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### **March 2024**

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- *Thursday 7 March: World Book Day*
  - *Friday 15 March: Red Nose 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: 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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**A MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the Valentines disco last week it was an absolute hoot! We hope you all had a fantastic time, it certainly looked like it from all the smiles everyone left with!

*In total you helped raise a whopping £959.58!!!!*

### **EASYFUNDRAISING**

*We have a fantastic opportunity to boost our pot with FREE Money from easyfundraising, £2 for every person who signs up, all you need to do is sign up and download the app and set your choice of cause as Avanti Meadows PTA that is all. There is no catch or obligation to spend money, but if you are an online shopper you can use it as charity cashback tool. A few of you have already so thank you!!*

## **PTA MEETING**

*We would like to invite you to our next PTA meeting at 7pm on Thursday 29th February at the Nags Head Pub in Bishop's Stortford. We would absolutely love to see some new faces with some fresh ideas.*

### ***Interested in joining the PTA?***

*We have a number of roles open, and we would love to grow our team please get in touch if you want more information or think you could jump on board!!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*2nd hand uniform collection*

*Coffee Morning*

*Easter Event*

*More details on all these to follow.*

*Please contact us at [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com)*

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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**

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](mailto:AVANTIMEADOWSPTA@GMAIL.COM)

The poster features a blue background with white text and graphics. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three hands raised in a gesture of support or volunteering, with a heart shape behind them. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the main heading, followed by the call to action, the reasons to join, and finally the contact information.





## Reminders



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### *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**

### *School Clubs*

## **Extra Curricular Clubs Feb 2024 After Half Term**

### **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 1 March: Inclusion**
  - **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](#)**

### **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**

### ***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.*

### ***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.*

### **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](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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## **What's on.... / Holiday Club Information**



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### ***Extra Curricular / Holiday Clubs***

#### ***Premier Sports Half Term Holiday Camp***

***Venue: Avanti Meadows Primary School***

***Dates: 19 - 23 February, 2024 (Daily)***

***Times: 8.45am-4.00pm***

***Ages: 4-11 year olds***

***Additional info: Children vouchers accepted. For children aged 4 and above.***

**Half Term Holiday Camp Flyer**

*Please contact Miss Charlotte Hall for further information.*

**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**

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## Celebrations



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***Celebration Friday***

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

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- *Reggie C - Writer of the Week*
  - *Aaryaveer P - Learner of the Week*
  - *Evie M - Respect value certificate award*
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***Chestnut (Year1/2):***

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- *Hadriel A - Writer of the Week*
  - *Hadriel A - Respect value certificate award*
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***Cedar (Year 2):***

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- *Eymen B - Writer of the Week*
  - *Zara Z - Learner of the Week*
  - *Kelvin R - Respect value certificate award*
  - ***Maple (Year 3):***
    - *Albert P - Writer of the Week*
    - *Ivy B - Learner of the Week*
  - *Benjamin H - Respect value certificate award*
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***Birch (Year 4):***

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- *Dhananjay K - Writer of the Week*
  - *Logan G - Learners of the Week*
  - *Eloise P - Respect value certificate award*
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***Willow (Year 5):***

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- *Freya F - Writer of the Week*
  - *Felicity P - Learner of the Week*
  - *Jayden W - Respect value certificate award*
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***Oak (Year 6):***

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- *Bella C - Writer of the Week*
  - *Zaid R - Learner of the Week*
  - *Magnus H - Respect value certificate award*
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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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***Spiritual Wellbeing Lead***

*Contract Type: Permanent*

*Hours: Part Time - 11 hours a week (across Meadows and Brook)*

*Salary/Grade: Grade 5, pro rata*

*For further information click here: [Spiritual Wellbeing Lead](#)*

*Closes 21 February, 2024 11:59pm*

***Lead Teacher for Specialist Resource Provision - Avanti Brook***

*Contract Type: Permanent*

*Hours: Full Time - 32.5 per week (Brook)*

*Salary/Grade: MPS4 - UPS3 + SEN Allowance (TRL 1a)*

*For further information click here: [Lead Teacher for Specialist Resource Provision - Avanti Brook](#)*

*Closes 25 February, 2024 11:59pm*

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## Contact Us



# AVANTI MEADOWS

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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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