



AVANTI MEADOWS
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We've made it to the end of term, and what an amazing, packed term it has been.. not to mention the visitors we had a few weeks ago. We are still awaiting the final report and I assure you I will share it with you as soon as I can.

Thank you to the team here at Avanti Meadows, who keep the children learning, smiling, giggling and playing each and every day, for another amazing term.

The final word must go, of course, to the amazing Miss Malcolm....

Have a wonderful Easter break, and we will see you back in school on Monday 15 April.

Sally Allan

Executive Principal

Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools

Goodbye message from Miss Malcolm

Dear Parents,

My time at Avanti Meadows has sadly come to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and am sad to say goodbye. I've worked in several schools over my career, but I can honestly say that the: community spirit, the warmth I received from the staff and parents and the sense of nurture and care for the children which comes through the Avanti Way, aren't always easy to find. The time children have to reflect, consider and understand through meditation and yoga is truly special; there is a real sense of calm through the school and children's interactions with each other. I feel humbled and privileged to have been part of the amazing journey the school has been on (noticed in the most recent inspection) and will continue to experience in the future. The ambitious curriculum, the exposure to enriched activities - coupled with the beautiful school grounds and the commitment and unwavering hard work of the staff, never go unnoticed. Personally, I have gained a lot from my time

here and will continue to take forth the value and ethos of the school forwards in my career. Thank you for your support and kindness. I will definitely be back to visit.

Best wishes,

Miss Malcolm



Weekly updates



1. Coffee Mornings

Last week we had our last Coffee Morning which focussed on Home Learning, as well as taking a trip down memory lane as we reviewed the previous sessions. Special acknowledgement was given to the parents who have been attending the coffee mornings since day one; we salute you. I thank the parents for their contributions to these sessions as they have been significant in driving some of the school changes, which shows the value of working in partnership with you. The relationships we have developed have been invaluable. It has been wonderful to see the growth of the attendance to our coffee mornings and I am sure that this will continue when the New Head of School takes over.

Please find attached a copy of our Golden Expectations:

Golden Expectations

Miss Malcolm

2. Church Farm, Ardeley - Elm Class Trip

Reception spent the day at Church Farm Ardeley on Tuesday for their educational visit this term. They had a wonderful, sunny day feeding the animals, planting seeds and doing a bit of pond dipping! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who joined us to make sure we had plenty of helping hands throughout the day; your presence was most appreciated! Below are a few photos of our adventures at the farm.

Mrs Samuels













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 - Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday

Year 4: Birch Class - Friday & Thursday

Year 5: Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday

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



March 2024

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- *Thursday 28 March: Yr5 Willow Class and Yr6 Oak Class, Wonder Dome Experience (in school)*
 - *Thursday 28 March: End of Term: 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: (No Late Play provision)*
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April 2024

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- *Monday 15 April: Start of Summer term*
 - *Thursday 18 April: Year 4 (Birch class) Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting at 3.30pm*
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May 2024

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- *Wednesday 1 May: Years 3 and 4 (Maple and Birch classes) trip to Saffron Walden Museum*
 - *Thursday 9 May: KS1 (Hazel, Cedar and Chestnut classes) trip to Mountfitchet Castle*
 - *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 5th July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS1 PM*
 - *Friday 12th July: Reserve date for Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS1 PM*
 - *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,

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

We would like to thank everybody who attended our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday. It was an absolute joy to see so many children and their families having fun together crafting and cheering each other on with the games! A massive thank you to all our volunteers for helping, we really appreciated your fabulous support.

Our raffle was a great success with around 155 tickets sold. All winners have been notified on the mobile numbers they provided at purchase and I believe everyone has now received their prizes! Our very popular children's hamper was won by Liliana-R S who was very excited to have such a big basket full of Easter goodies! Well done to everyone who won!

And Finally.....

Again we have raised a phenomenal amount of money, in total a whopping £1232!!!!

SUMMER TERM

With the summer term upon us we will be looking to embark on planning a Summer Fayre this will not be a small undertaking by any means so we would like to start reaching out now for parents and carers who may have something to offer this could be your time (helping at the event) a service, donation or sponsorship that would be suitable to the occasion. More information regarding dates and specific attractions will be released after the Easter holidays!

Please contact us at avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

Thankyou for your continued support!

Thankyou

Avanti Meadows PTA

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+ 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





Sports Day - save the dates

Please be advised that the dates are set as below:

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- *Friday 5th July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 (am) and KS1 (pm)*
 - *Friday 12th July: Reserve date for Sports Day, Reception and KS1 (am) and KS1 (pm)*
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Extra Curricular - Summer Term

Today, we have sent out our updated timetable of extra curricular clubs that are on offer after Easter - please do read the email carefully about how to book on and when to reserve a place for your child. You will see the enormous variety that is now on offer for the children - thank you to Miss Hall who has spent time organising this.

Extra Curricular Club Information

Lunch booking reminders

As the booking cut off date falls during the Easter break, please can we kindly request that you make your meal selections for w/c 15 April no later than Wednesday 10 April.

Thank you.

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

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

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

Kids eat for free or less this Easter in Hertfordshire

Please find link below from HCC who have rounded up a list of venues to eat this Spring school holiday where your children can eat for less or even for free!

[Kids eat for free or less this Easter in Herts](#)

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

HAVE FUN

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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 STORTFORD FC

Westabix
WILD CATS
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Scan to book

Medical and Welfare



The School Nursing Team

Dear Schools,

We have had a growing presence on social media for some time now we post public health messages and updates every day. However, we are very excited to announce our first live Q&A on Instagram. This will take place during the Easter Holidays, 10.4.24. Two school nurses will host the session and will be able to answer questions submitted on the day. The session is aimed at parents, children and young people who have questions about our service or health and wellbeing.

Come to our live Instagram Q&A on 10/04/2024 at 15:00

Thank you for your help and support.

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.



**Want to ask the
School Nurses a
Question?**

**Come to our live
Instagram Q&A on the
10/04/2024 at 15:00**



@hct_schoolnursing

Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

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- *Njoki K - Writer of the Week*
 - *Reggie C - Learner of the Week*
 - *Autumn H-A - Gratitude Value Certificate*
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Cedar (Year 2):

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- *Ronny H - Writer of the Week*
 - *Jamie C - Learner of the Week*

- *Meerajay K - Gratitude Value Certificate*
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Maple (Year 3):

- *Alma H - Writer of the Week*
 - *All the children in Maple class - Learner of the Week*
 - *Aria V-H - Gratitude Value Certificate*
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Birch (Year 4):

- *Chelsea K - Writer of the Week*
 - *Noah S - Learners of the Week*
 - *Teddie P - Gratitude Value Certificate*
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Willow (Year 5):

- *Amelia E - Writer of the Week*
 - *Jasmine D-P - Learner of the Week*
 - *Darren P - Gratitude Value Certificate*
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Oak (Year 6):

- *Magnus H - Writer of the Week*
- *Ella B - Learner of the Week*

Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-24

- **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



No current vacancies.

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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