



AVANTI MEADOWS
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Messages from our Head of School, Mrs Penney

Dear Avanti Families,

We have all been enjoying the sunshine in school this week - I hope you have too! Summer Term is always a great time to get plenty of fresh air and re-energise.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been on an exciting educational visit to Mountfitchet Castle this week - I cannot wait to hear all about it and find out what the children learned. In school, I have been particularly impressed with many children telling me they are determined to learn all their times tables, some of whom have been practising every day in school and at home - Wow! Keep it up.

We wish our amazing Year 6 pupils lots of luck with their SATs exams next week. The tests take place Monday to Thursday and we know the children have been working so hard leading up to this week of tests. They are certainly a resilient and hardworking group of pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jennifer Penney

Head of School

Avanti Meadows Primary School

Weekly updates

KS2 SATs Monday 13 - Friday 17 May

Please ensure all Yr6 pupils arrive to school on time and have had a good night's sleep.

SPF sun cream and sun hats

Do remember to apply a strong, long lasting SPF product before school as the weather warms up and ensure the children have an appropriate sun hat with them in school.

Reading - daily practise at home

Please keep reading with your wonderful children each day at home. We really appreciate this collaboration and it helps children to learn to read more quickly and more fluently, when they are able to practise at home each day.

KS1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle, Stansted

On Thursday, KS1 took a trip to Mountfitchet Castle in Stansted. The weather was beautiful and children had a great time exploring the grounds in the sunshine. It was a fantastic day! I would like to say a HUGE well done to every child in Chestnut, Hazel and Cedar class, your teachers were so proud of you. Please enjoy looking through some photos that were taken!

 Miss Field

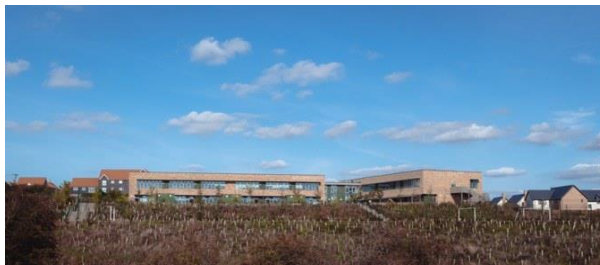








PE Days at Avanti Meadows



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

Year 1: Hazel Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1/2: Chestnut - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2: Cedar Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Maple Class - Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday

Year 4: Birch Class - Thursday & Friday

Year 5: Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday

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



May 2024

- *Monday 13 May: Last day for KS1 SATs*
- *Monday 13 May - Thursday 16 May: Yr6 (Oak class) SATs*
- *Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May: PTA Sponsored Read*
- *Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May: Walk to School Week*
- *Thursday 23 May: Yr6 (Oak class), Crucial Crew Trip to St Barnabus Centre*

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

- *Monday 3 June: INSET DAY (5): - school closed to pupils*
 - *Friday 7 June: Pupil Class Photos*
 - *Thursday 20 June: New Reception Pupils (2024/2025), Parent Information Evening (5-6pm)*
 - *Monday 24 June - Friday 28 June 2024: Year 6 Retreat, The Vedanta*
 - *Tuesday 25 June: Yr2 (Cedar class) and Yr5 (Willow class) Music Festival at South Mill Arts*
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July 2024

- *Tuesday 2 July: New Reception Pupils (2024/2025), Teddy Bear's Picnic (2pm)*
 - *Friday 5 July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS2 PM*
 - *Monday 8 July: Reception (Elm class) visit to Discover Children's Story Centre*
 - *Friday 12 July: Reserve date for Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS2 PM*
 - *Saturday 13 July: PTA Summer Event (date change)*
 - *Friday 19 July at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: End of term*
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September 2024

- *Monday 30 September to 4 October - Year 5 (Willow class) PGL Trip*
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PTA events and reminders



Dear Avanti Families,

Ready Steady Read & Listen

Our Sponsored Read Week is almost upon us!

Next week a separate email will be heading your way with all the important information on how your children can take part! They will be coming home with a sponsor sheet and reading log to complete the week of the challenge. So please keep an eye out and check your child's school bag for these sheets!

We have set a target of £1000 which will generously be topped up by a further £600 from Usborne books!

On a final note...

We will be calculating the reading time in minutes across the classes and the class with the most minutes spent reading will get to help choose the books that are ordered for our younger children in Reception and Yr1 taking part in ready steady listen the class with the most minutes listening time will win a set of books for their class!

AGM MEETING

It will be held at The Nags Head, 216 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm.

Please do come along to the meeting, where we will be providing a review of how this year has gone and plans will be shared for next academic year. We would love to hear from some of you and have the chance to show you how well this year has gone!

AVANTI SUMMER FESTIVAL!

We are hosting our first summer event this year on Saturday 13 July from 11am-2pm. It will be a fantastic event for the whole family, with music, games, summer treats and so much more! Also featuring a special appearance from our Cheerleaders and KS1 choir.

Children must attend with an adult and you are welcome to bring along a picnic (this must however not contain meat, fish, nuts or eggs in keeping with the Avanti ethos). A selection of snacks and drinks will be on sale. We are so excited to see you all there!

We will, as ever, require some wonderful volunteers to help us at the event so if you are willing, please drop us an email message or contact your WhatsApp Class Rep for further information.

Thankyou for your continued support

Avanti Meadows PTA

avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

£5 per Child

Avanti Summer Fest

Sat 13th July 11-2PM
 @Avanti Meadows primary School
"something for all the family"

FEATURING

Avanti meadows Lions cheerleaders
 Icecream van KSI Choir Tattoo
 Picnics welcome Bar
 Crafts
 Facepainting Tombola
 Games Music Snack Shack

Read for your school

Take part in our
Ready, Steady... Read!
 from 20th May to 26th May

Get sponsored, get reading
 and see what you can achieve

In partnership with
 USBORNE

+ 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





Avanti Meadows: First Ofsted rating for Bishop's Stortford primary school at St Michael's Hurst is 'good with outstanding features'

Please see attached:

[*Bishop's Stortford Independent - published 30 April 2024*](#)

May – National Walking Month

Please see posters attached from HCC.

Mobile phones proposal/consultation

Further to our recent email from Mike Ion, Education Director, Avanti Schools Trust, please kindly be reminded to complete the feedback form by Friday 10 May, 2024.

[*Mobile phones: use by pupils in AST schools*](#)

Mr Mike Ion

Parent Coffee Mornings

Our Parent Coffee Mornings will be taking place this term as follows:

Friday 17 May 8.30-9.30am

Friday 14 June 8.30-9.30am

Please do join us for these sessions. 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.

Mrs Jennifer Penney

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 KS2 (pm)*
 - Friday 12th July: Reserve date for Sports Day, Reception and KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm)*
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Extra Curricular - Summer Term

Please find the summer term timetable of extra curricular clubs attached.

Extra Curricular Club Information

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.



Getting healthier is a walk in the park!

Did you know...

May is National Walking Month.

Walking just 20 minutes a day can help you live longer. **Swapping short journeys** can help you **be more active** and **reduce your exposure to air pollution.**

Let's clear the air

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At a stop? Turn it off!

Protect children from air pollution **by turning off your engine** when at a stop.

Discover more simple steps to protect yourself and your loved ones at hertfordshire.gov.uk/cleanerair

Let's clear the air

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Could you walk with us?

Take part in **Walk to School Week** this May. The five day challenge is a great way to start the day, **helping kids to be more active** and **improving air quality** around schools.

Let's clear the air

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Swap seatbelts for a stroll

Did you know...

May is National Walking Month. Could you try walking the kids to school? **It's an easy way to get active and reduce air pollution in your local area.** That's better for us and the air we breathe.

Let's clear the air

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What's on.... / Club Information

Extra Curricular / Holiday Clubs

Saturday 18 May 2024: Bishop' Stortford College: Invite and Inspire

Please see attached information detailing an academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning for Yr 5 and Yr6 pupils.

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

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

Scan to book



Invite and Inspire

FREE workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Saturday 18 May 2024

9.00am — 12.00pm, Bishop's Stortford College

An academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning.



May Workshops:

- Experimental Approaches to Acrylic Paints
- Comic Book Character Design
- Mathematical Puzzles and Challenges
- Music
- Young Scientists
- Creative Writing



Scan the QR code for more information and to book.

bishopsstortfordcollege.org/about-us/our-community/invite-and-inspire/



Medical and Welfare



Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Want to know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire? Check out platforms available in the poster attached.

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.

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 know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire?

Check out our platforms:



<https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx#>
www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing



07480 635 050
Confidential text message service ran by the school nursing team for 11-19 year olds. Text in any health and wellbeing concerns



@hct_schoolnursing
@teenhealth.hct



@HCT_SchoolNurse



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www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire



www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire



School nursing duty number
0300 123 7572
9am - 5pm Monday to Friday
(excluding bank holidays)

Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

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- *Catalina M B - Writer of the Week*
 - *Rohan P - Learner of the Week*
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Chestnut (Year 1/2)

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- *Alp A - Writer of the Week*
 - *Alice T - Learner of the Week*
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Cedar (Year 2):

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- *Learners of the Week - everyone in Cedar Class for excellent effort in their SATs this week*
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Maple (Year 3):

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- *Arjun G - Writer of the Week*
 - *Alma H - Learner of the Week*
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Birch (Year 4):

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- *Emily C - Learner of the Week*
 - *Chelsea K - Writer of the Week*
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Willow (Year 5):

- *Gracie S - Writer of the Week*
 - *Dylan B - Learner of the Week*
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Oak (Year 6):

- *Summer P - Writer of the Week*
 - *Afreya O - Learner of the Week*
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Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-24

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- *Summer Term 2024*
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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

Mrs Jennifer Penney is the 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>