



AVANTI MEADOWS
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We have welcomed a number of new staff to the Avanti team this week; please do see the separate termly update letter I sent out at the start of the week.

It has been a delight to see the children back in school after the Easter break and they have been straight back into learning.

Mrs Penney has taken time to visit every class this week to say hello and has already talked to many children about school life.

Wishing you a good weekend,

Sally Allan

Executive Principal

Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools

Message from Head of School, Mrs Penney

My first week has been filled with excitement. Thank you to the children, staff and families who have been so friendly and welcoming. I think I have found my way around the layout of the school now, and I am gradually starting to put names to faces. Some of the learning and attitudes I have seen around the school have been really impressive and I cannot wait to get more deeply involved with our wonderful school as it grows and develops.



Jennifer Penney

Head of School

Avanti Meadows Primary School

Weekly updates



1. 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 Penney

2. Wonderdome - Yrs 5&6 (Willow and Oak classes)

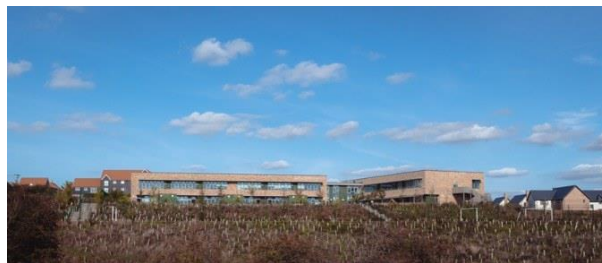
On Thursday 28th March, Years 5 and 6 were very lucky to be able to experience the Wonderdome! This is a mobile planetarium which allowed children to be immersed in the world of space and to prepare them with plenty of facts for their new units of Earth and Space (Year 5) and Light (Year 6). The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were amazed by what they had found out.

Miss Hibbins





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 - Thursday & Friday

Year 5: Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday

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



April 2024

- *Thursday 25 April: Year 4 (Birch class) Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting at 3.30pm*
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May 2024

- *Wednesday 1 May: Years 3 and 4 (Maple and Birch classes) visit to Saffron Walden Museum*
 - *Thursday 9 May: KS1 (Hazel, Cedar and Chestnut classes) visit to Mountfitchet Castle*
 - *Monday 13 - Thursday 16 May - Yr6 (Oak class) SATs*
 - *Thursday 23 May - Year 6 (Oak class), Crucial Crew Trip to St Barnabus Centre (TBC)*
 - *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 6 June: Pupil Class Photos*
 - *Monday 24th June: Friday 28th June 2024: Year 6 Retreat, The Vedanta*
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July 2024

- *Tuesday 2 July: Reception (Elm class) Teddy Bear's Picnic*
 - *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*
 - *Friday 19th July at 1.30pm, 3.00pm for Pre-School: End of term*
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September 2024

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



Dear Avanti Families,

PTA SUMMER TERM

Our plans for our summer term are as follows:

- *'Ready steady read'..... a sponsored reading fundraiser for our new library.*
- *Second-hand uniform collection*

- *After school tuck shop to return!!!*
 - *Our very first Summer Fair!*
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More details will follow for these exciting events.

Our Summer Fair is shaping up to be a fantastic day. We have set a provisional date, Saturday 6th July. We would like to appeal to all parents who would be available to volunteer, if you can, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you have a small business or hobby and you would like to have a stall at the event please let us know. We are also looking for catering support, if you enjoy cooking or love to bake please reach out!

If anyone has anything else they would like to suggest or offer assistance, funding, donations etc we would love to hear from you!

Contact us at avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

AGM

Our next meeting is an AGM as we have now been running for almost a year!

Everyone is invited to attend and we would love to see some new faces!

It will be held at The Nags Head in Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm.

Thankyou for your continued support

Avanti Meadows PTA

avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

+ 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 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.

What's on.... / Club Information



Extra Curricular / Holiday Clubs

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

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.



A promotional poster for Wild Cats Girls' Football. The background is a vibrant purple and blue gradient. In the center, a young girl in a light blue and yellow football kit is smiling and making a peace sign. The text 'HAVE FUN' is written in large, pink, bubbly letters in the top left. Below it, 'LOL' is written in red and blue. The girl's kit has 'WILD CATS' written on it. In the top right, there are logos for 'ENGLAND FOOTBALL' and 'BISHOP'S Cleeve FC'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code with the text 'Scan to book' below it. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: 'Birchwood High School', '3G Pitch - CM23 5BD', 'Wednesdays 5 - 6pm', and '£3 per session with Lead BSCFC Coach Hugo!'. In the bottom right corner, there is a 'Wild Cats' logo with a 'Weetabix' logo above it.

HAVE FUN

LOL

WILD CATS

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

BISHOP'S CLEEVE FC

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

Scan to book

Birchwood High School
3G Pitch - CM23 5BD

Wednesdays 5 - 6pm

£3 per session
with Lead BSCFC Coach Hugo!

WILD CATS
GIRLS FOOTBALL

Weetabix

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.

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.

Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

- *Maya G - Writer of the Week*
 - *William B - Learner of the Week*
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Chestnut (Year 1/2)

- *Mara M - Writer of the Week*

- *Vritika P - Learner of the Week*
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Cedar (Year 2):

- *Harry W - Writer of the Week*
 - *Mark B - Learner of the Week*
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Maple (Year 3):

- *Aria V-H - Writer of the Week*
 - *Noelani S - Learner of the Week*
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Birch (Year 4):

- *Lillie-Mae L - Writer of the Week*
 - *Johnnie P - Learners of the Week*
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Willow (Year 5):

- *Darren P - Writer of the Week*
 - *Gracie S - Learner of the Week*
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Oak (Year 6):

- *Sam F - Writer of the Week*

- *Tyra W - Learner of the Week*
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Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-24

- **Summer Term 2024**

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



Teaching Assistant - Avanti Meadows Primary School

Contract Type: Fixed term contract

Hours: Full Time, Term Time

Salary/Grade: Grade 2

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

Closes: 22 April, 2024 at 11:59pm

Student Services Manager - Avanti Grange Secondary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time

Salary/Grade: Grade 5

For further information click here: [Student Services Manager](#)

Closes: 22 April, 2024 at 11:59pm

Year 1 Teacher - Avanti Brook Primary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: MPS1 to UPS1

Salary/Grade: MPS1 to UPS1

For further information click here: [Year 1 Teacher - Avanti Brook Primary School](#)

Closes: 29 April, 2024 at 11:59pm

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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