



AVANTI MEADOWS
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This week's content



At the beginning of the week, I was delighted to be able to share our final Ofsted report. We are officially a Good school, with Outstanding features. My thanks goes to all involved in working so hard to ensuring that the inspection process was a successful one.

We have linked the report below, and you may see an article in the local paper next week.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Ofsted report: [**Inspection of Avanti Meadows Primary School: School Report**](#)

Sally Allan

Executive Principal

Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools

Messages from our Head of School, Mrs Penney

I have had a wonderful time settling into Avanti Meadows this weekend have been so impressed with the children's attitudes to learning. I have seen some brilliant, engaging lessons going on, which the children are really enjoying. The creative writing in Y5, Y6 and in Y1 really stood out this week, when I visited the classes. It has also been lovely to see and feel the culture of care that we have here- new staff and new pupils are welcomed with open arms.

Jennifer Penney

Head of School

Avanti Meadows Primary School

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

- *Tuesday 30th: Rescheduled Pre-School Parent Consultations - In person*
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May 2024

- *Wednesday 1 May: Years 3 and 4 (Maple and Birch classes) visit to Saffron Walden Museum*
 - *Wednesday 1st May: Rescheduled Pre-School Parent Consultations - Online*
 - *Tuesday 7th May Fri - 10th May: KS1 (Hazel, Chestnut & Cedar classes) SATs*
- *Thursday 9 May: KS1 (Hazel, Cedar and Chestnut classes) visit to Mountfitchet Castle*
 - *Monday 13 - Thursday 16 May: Yr6 (Oak class) SATs*

- *Monday 20th - Friday 24th May : PTA Sponsored Read*
 - *Thursday 23 May: Yr6 (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

- *Friday 5th July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS2 PM*
 - *Monday 8th July: Reception (Elm class) visit to Discover Children's Story Centre*
 - *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

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



Dear Avanti Families,

Our Fundraising

We wanted to advise that our fundraising efforts for this term will go towards the following purchases:

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- *books for the new library*
 - *books for the new book banded scheme for KS2*
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We hope you will continue to support us in achieving this over the coming months supporting our events.

AGM

As we having been running for almost a year our next meeting will be our AGM.

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

It will be held at The Nag's 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



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.

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*](#)

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.

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):

- *Olivia R - Writer of the Week*
 - *Elsie-Lew B - Learner of the Week*
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Chestnut (Year 1/2)

- *Iyanu O-S - Writer of the Week*

- *Hadriel A - Learner of the Week*
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Cedar (Year 2):

- *Kayal V - Writer of the Week*
 - *Asya T - Learner of the Week*
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Maple (Year 3):

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

- *Noak K - Writer of the Week*
 - *Isabella G - Learner of the Week*
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Willow (Year 5):

- *Albie C - Writer of the Week*
 - *Freya F - Learner of the Week*
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Oak (Year 6):

- *Harriet R - Writer of the Week*

- *Blake T J - 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



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

EYFS, & KS2 Class Teacher - Avanti Meadows Primary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time

Salary/Grade: MPS1 to UPS1

For further information click here: [EYFS, & KS2 Class Teacher](#)

Closes: 5 May, 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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