



## NEWSLETTER- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Dear parents and carers,

### WELCOME TO THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to all the new children and parents/carers who have just joined us. We hope that all of you will have a very happy experience at The Avenue. We have been so impressed with how well the children have come into school and enjoyed their first week. Please remember the staff are always available to talk to you about any worries you may have, particularly in these very early days, so please don't keep your worries to yourself. Hopefully the children have shared some snippets of their days at school with you. If not, we try to share photos on our Facebook page so you can get an idea of what they have been up to.

We have been very impressed with the calm, sensible way the children have entered school for their first few days. They are already becoming independent with the start of session routines, e.g. finding their new classroom and peg. Thank you for ensuring your children are not using the playground resources and play equipment, before and after school. The playground resources will have been set up for morning play and must not be used before or after school.

Important messages can be passed to staff on the doors but we are asking that, where possible, messages about collection etc... can be rung in to the school office or emailed to [admin@theavenue-inf.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@theavenue-inf.northants.sch.uk) We are trying to avoid the congestion point at the office as much as possible.

#### **Reminders:**

- **Please ensure any medication your child requires if provided to the school with the correct forms completed.**
- Please **be safe and considerate in driving / parking near school**. We recommend parking slightly away from school and walking the last part of the journey. Please ensure residents paths / drives are not blocked. Thank you.

Next week (week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September) sees us adding lunchtime onto the morning so they will be collected at 1.00pm. Hopefully, you have already ordered your child's Kingswood lunch. If you have not booked a Kingswood lunch, you will need to provide a healthy packed lunch for next week. Can I please remind you that we cannot have nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes due to allergies in school. If you need any ideas for lunchboxes these are available at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/> If you would your child to have a Kingswood lunch, please ensure you have ordered by the Wednesday of the week before (you can order several weeks at a time).

#### **COMMUNICATION**

We have a small number of outstanding forms to be returned to the school office. Please could these be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Newsletters and communication will be sent by email. Please ensure you notify us of your up-to-date email address, as well as phone numbers, and regularly check for **emails from school**. If you have any problems, please see the school office. Newsletters are also posted onto the school website.

We recommend following our social media pages on **Facebook** (The Avenue Infant School) and **Twitter** (@TheAvenueInfant) to keep up-to-date on upcoming events and news as well as glimpses into the children's learning at school.

#### **READING BOOKS**

The children have brought home a reading folder containing their reading books and reading record. We ask that these books are shared with your child at least four times a week and marked off on their reading record. For wordless books, this can be talking about the pictures together or your child might want to 'read'

the story to you. Your child is also welcome to borrow books from our book shed (on the playground). If your child does not have a bookbag they are available from The Uniform Shop, Olympic Way, Wellingborough. <https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/collections/the-avenue-infant-school-wellingborough>

### **P.E. KIT**

★ Reception children have P.E on Friday from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child's comes to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day. This should be normal school top half uniform with leggings or joggers and trainers / plimsolls.



### **JEWELLERY REMINDER**

Child should avoid wearing jewellery at school. Earrings should be stud type (not hoop or dangly earrings). Please can we remind you that **NO** jewellery (including woven thread bracelets or special necklaces) can be worn during any P.E lesson. Children who have recently had ear piercings will **not be able** to take part until their earrings can be removed independently by the child, or are removed by their parent/carer before the start of the school day. **Adults in school are not permitted to remove children's earrings.** Children may prefer to leave their jewellery at home on the days they have P.E.

### **IMPORTANT ANNUAL DOCUMENTATION**

You will shortly receive a link to the annual forms that need completing. This will appear as an email from 'Teacher2Parent forms'. Thank you to all of you who have completed these forms and submitted them. If you are still to do so, please can we ask this is done **as soon as possible**. Please take time to read them carefully as they contain very important information and if you have any questions please ask.

### **ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**

Pupil Premium is additional funding that the school could receive to further support your child. This funding is used by the school to support your child, for example, free school trips, providing learning resources for home, pastoral support if required and additional teacher support for your child's individualised learning needs. This funding can really help make a significant difference to your child's progress.

Even if you are not sure you are eligible it takes moments to apply to check.

Use the link below:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Please note, as all children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the Pupil Premium for the school so we can provide additional support and resources if they are eligible. Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the Pupil Premium.

The application takes only a couple of minutes and is worth applying if you are unsure whether your child may be eligible. **If you would like some support with the application process, please see a member of the office staff who will be happy to help you.**

**Please remember that before and after school the playground resources are out of bounds to all children, and adults, (including younger (or older!) brothers, sisters, cousins, friends etc.)**  
**Thank you**

### **COATS AND JUMPERS**

Your child will be playing outside at lunchtimes and playtimes every day (even if it is drizzling) so please do send in light coats and jumpers/cardigans each day now as the weather could change at any time over the next weeks. Many thanks.



### **DOGS**

Please can we remind you that we do not allow dogs into the playground (even if carried)! If you bring a dog with you to collect your children, please arrange for it to be looked after outside the school grounds and well away from the gate. Thank you.





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## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Don't forget our page on the Uniformd website [www.uniformd.co.uk](http://www.uniformd.co.uk) is well-stocked with clean, good condition pre-loved uniform available at very affordable prices. This is updated as we receive stock so please keep an eye on it and grab a bargain! If you wish to donate uniform that is outgrown but in good condition, please bring it to school.

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE STRATEGIC RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL

We will shortly be asking if any parents / carers may be interested in standing as a parent representative on our school Governing Body. This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to give some of your time to support the school but does have a level of time commitment, mostly evening meetings, around 10-12 a year. So if you would like to put yourself forward as a parent governor, please speak to myself or a member of staff in the school office and we can give you further information. We could also put you in contact with one of our other governors who would be able to tell you more about the role and their experience.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- Dates for your diaries this term are included at the end of this letter.

We look forward to an exciting school year ahead and working with you all. Please remember that staff are always happy to answer queries / worries.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen Morrall (Mrs)  
Headteacher

## AUTUMN TERM 1

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term	~	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
School opens to new Reception pupils (part time sessions)	~	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception pupils in part time including lunchtime	~	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception children in full time 8.50 – 3.10pm	~	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 8.50 – 9.10am
Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care	~	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception Information Evening	~	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
Parents evenings	~	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
School closes for half term break	~	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm
School <u>closed</u> to pupils for staff training	~	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
School <u>opens</u> to pupils for Autumn Term 2	~	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 8.50am