



# FRIDAY UPDATE

Friday 12th September 2025



In celebration assembly today we said well done to the following children, who received **Special Awards** and special gold Headteacher's Award sticker:

**Beau** (Beech class)- for being a very enthusiastic mathematician and working hard in Investigate and Learn time.

**Porcha** (Hazel class) - for excellent teamwork and leaderships skills in P.E.

**Leo O** (Maple class) - for showing determination and striving to complete tasks to the best of his ability.

**Afia** (Cherry class) - for working hard on getting all her stamps on her learning journey this week.



## Class Accolades

**Beech Class**— For challenging themselves to produce super work during Investigate and Learn time.

**Hazel Class**— For teamwork and super communication their teams in PE.

Each class received two class ticks. Well done everyone!



## LETTERS / EMAILS HOME THIS WEEK:

- Images Statement
- Reception Baseline Assessment

Values tokens  
total this week:  
**145**



## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Autumn 1 Week 3):

- Monday 15th September - Rock Steady Lessons  
- Reception pupils staying for lunch all week 9.30am—1.00pm
- Tuesday 16th -
- Wednesday 17th - Year 2 P.E.
- Thursday 18th - Year 1 P.E.
- Friday 19th - **Year 2** Family Reading 8.50—9.10am

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE**

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload content to be shared around the world on demand. It's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it is appropriate for young eyes.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**: YouTube is a vast platform where users can upload anything. This means there is a high risk of children coming across content that is inappropriate, offensive, or harmful. This can include violence, sexual content, and hate speech.
- CONNECT WITH STRANGERS**: YouTube allows users to interact with each other through comments and direct messages. This can lead to children being contacted by strangers, which is a significant safety risk.
- RADICALISATION**: YouTube is a platform where extremist views can spread easily. Children may be exposed to content that promotes violence, terrorism, or other harmful ideologies.
- ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS**:
  - APPLY RESTRICTED MODE**: This feature filters out content that is inappropriate for children.
  - TRY GOOGLE FAMILY**: This service allows parents to manage their children's YouTube experience, including setting age restrictions and monitoring activity.
  - MONITOR ENGAGEMENT**: Parents should regularly check their children's YouTube history and interactions to ensure they are safe.
  - CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS**: This is a safer version of YouTube designed specifically for children.
  - CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**: Parents should ensure their children's accounts are set to private to limit who can see their content.
  - LIMIT SPENDING**: Parents should be aware of in-app purchases and set limits on how much their children can spend.

**Meet Our Expert**: Alex Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for The Guardian, TechCrunch, and other leading tech publications.

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As part of our commitment to safeguarding, it is important that we ensure that parents/carers are as informed as possible about online safety and well-being. **What parents and carers need to know about the dangers of YouTube**

Since the start of the term, we have had lots of lovely conversations with the children about their Summer and amongst the wonderful stories of holidays and trips to visit friends and family, have been quite a few mentions about accessing online platforms. One of the most prevalent mentioned has been YouTube. Although, we appreciate YouTube does have some much-loved characters and stories on the platform, we are also aware that it has a lot of potentially harmful and unsuitable content. Please see the attached E-safety update to ensure your children are accessing the platform safely.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

The guide on this subject can be downloaded from our school Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheAvenueInfantSchool/> and from the school website.