



FRIDAY UPDATE

Friday 17th October 2025



After another super week, we are so looking forward to sharing your child's progress so far this school year at our parents evenings next week. Please ensure you have booked an appointment and try to arrive just before your appointment time so the timings can be kept to. We do give a signal to teachers when time slots are ending so we can try not to overrun - thank you in anticipation of your support in this.

I also wanted to share that Mrs Nina Fowle, our school Family Support worker, will be leaving on Friday 24th October. She has been an incredible asset to our school and supported hundreds of families and children over her time at The Avenue. If you would like to share a personal thank you for Mrs Fowle's support, please drop an email, card or message to the school office. We will definitely miss Mrs Fowle but I am pleased to say we have recruited Miss Jodie Halford into the role. Miss Halford will join us officially after the half term break. Have a wonderful weekend.

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

- Goddea (Beech class)** - for being such an enthusiastic and self-motivated learner.
- Chloe (Hazel class)** - for hard work, perseverance and independence in Maths.
- Swara (Maple class)** - for perseverance and determination in Maths tasks this week.
- Is'haaq (Cherry class)** - for showing confidence in Maths and always trying to challenge himself.



Class Accolades

- Cherry Class** - For trying so hard in handwriting practice and improving your letter formation.
 - Beech Class** - For modelling our class continuous provision so beautifully for our visitors.
- Each class received two class ticks. Well done everyone!

LETTERS / EMAILS HOME THIS WEEK:

- FOTAS newsletter
- Data Collection Sheets
- Attendance information

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Autumn 1 Week 8):

- Monday 20th October - Rock Steady Lessons
- Tuesday 21st - **Parents Evening appointments 3.40 - 6.00pm**
- Wednesday 22nd - Year 2 P.E.
- Thursday 23rd - Year 1 P.E.
- **Parents Evening appointments 3.40 - 6.00pm**
- Friday 24th - FOTAS Mufti day - in exchange for £1 donation
- **Year 1 Family Reading 8.50 - 9.10am**
- Reception P.E.
- **END OF TERM - school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 4th November.**

Values tokens
total this week:

75



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. Top tips for setting boundaries around gaming

Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game.

The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and our guide has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries.

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