

FRIDAY UPDATE

Friday 27th February 2026



Its been a super first week back at school and even with a little bit of sunshine. Please could children continue to bring coats to school due to the variable weather.

Please note the additional events for World Book day next week, including special Book and Breakfast Family Reading (see below). Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Class Accolades

Cherry Class— For having a super first week back. The class received two class ticks. Well done everyone!

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

- Tajah** (Beech class)- for showing great perseverance in writing and choosing amazing adjectives.
- Lesley** (Hazel class) - for always working hard and having such a positive attitude to learning.
- Kianna** (Maple class) - for showing determination when working towards her learning journey in class.
- Leo S** (Cherry class) - for working really hard to create a well-designed bridge in D.T. this week.
- Shrinitha** (Willow class) - for challenging herself with her writing all week.
- Ayla** (Oak class) - for trying so hard to read her 'special friend' sounds this week.



Regular Readers Raffle

Well done to this week's winner:

Ariah (Hazel)

Reading 4 or more times in a week gives your child an entry into the raffle.



Class attendance for last week



- Hazel class 98.7%
- Willow class 96.8%
- Maple class 93.8%
- Cherry class 93.3%
- Oak class 92.8%
- Beech class 91.0%

BB Bear will spend next week in the class with the highest attendance.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Spring 2 Week 2):

- Monday 2nd March - Year 2 Book and Breakfast Family Reading for World book Day 8.50—9.10am
- Reception team to Multiskills competition
-Rock Steady lessons
- Tuesday 3rd - Year 1 Book and Breakfast Family Reading for World book Day 8.50—9.10am
- Wednesday 4th - Reception Book and Breakfast Family Reading for World book Day 8.50—9.10am
-Year 2 P.E.
-Art Minds Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Thursday 5th - Year 2 visit to author event at Wellingborough School
- Year 1 P.E.
- Friday 6th - Reception P.E.
- Gymnastics Club 3.15—4.30pm

LETTERS / EMAILS HOME THIS WEEK:

- World Book day information
- Year group learning newsletters
- SALT sessions for parents/carers information

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the show. Squid Game, the first-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ for strong violence, substance use, and some sexual references. The show's popularity has spread across online platforms, and there is a greater risk of young people being exposed to unrealistic images, misleading parents and carers to be exposed to inappropriate content to watch.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT: The show contains strong violence, including characters being killed, and some sexual references. The show also contains strong language, including the use of profanity and slurs.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE: The show's premise, which involves children playing deadly games to win cash prizes, is highly appealing to young people. The show's popularity has spread across online platforms, and there is a greater risk of young people being exposed to unrealistic images, misleading parents and carers to be exposed to inappropriate content to watch.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS: Parents and carers should be aware of other content that may be similar to Squid Game, including other reality shows and games.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS:

- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS:** Parents and carers should use parental controls to restrict access to the show and other content.
- MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY:** Parents and carers should monitor their child's online activity, including social media and gaming.
- MONITOR BEHAVIOUR:** Parents and carers should monitor their child's behaviour, including any signs of stress or anxiety.
- CHECK AGE RATINGS:** Parents and carers should check the age ratings of any content their child is watching or playing.
- HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS:** Parents and carers should have open conversations with their child about the show and any potential risks.
- WATCH THE SHOW:** Parents and carers should watch the show themselves to understand the content and any potential risks.

Meet Our Expert: National Online Safety (NOS) provides free advice and support for parents and carers. Visit www.nos.gov.uk for more information.

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 Squid Games

Recently, a number of our children have mentioned or begun playing 'Squid Games' related activities throughout the day. As such this guide to potential risks with watching or playing Squid Games is to help parent stay informed.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the TV show, Squid Game and related online games. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as inappropriate content, viral spin-offs and scene re-enactments.

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