



NEWSLETTER- Friday 11th September 2026



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, and started to make some lovely friendships.

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

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, PLEASE ensure all your child's possessions are named- including bookbags, lunchboxes, water bottles, coats, cardigans / jumpers, hats, shoes.**
- **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. Parents must not stop / park or drop off on the zig zag markings outside school. Thank you.

LUNCHES:

Hopefully, you have already ordered your child's Kingswood lunch next week. 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).**

In line with new safer eating guidance, PLEASE ALSO ENSURE FRUIT (E.G. APPLES & GRAPES) ARE CUT UP.

COMMUNICATION

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) 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>

JEWELLERY REMINDER

Child should avoid wearing jewellery at school. Earrings should be stud type (not hoop or dangly earrings).

IMPORTANT ANNUAL DOCUMENTATION

You will shortly receive a link to the annual forms that need completing. This will appear as an email from 'The Avenue Infant School 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE- ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT

Recent changes to free school meal eligibility mean that more families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify for support. As such, even if you have checked before, it might be worth applying to see if your child is eligible.

Please note, 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.

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 support for your child's individualised learning needs. This funding can really help make a significant difference to your child's progress.

Use the link below:

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

Click the box saying 'apply up to Year 2'.

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 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.

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
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 1

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term	~	Thursday 3 rd September
School opens to new Reception pupils (part time sessions)	~	Tuesday 8 th September
Reception pupils in full time	~	Monday 14 th September 8.40am – 3.00pm
Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care	~	Friday 25 th September 3.00pm
Reception Curriculum Evening	~	Wednesday 7 th October 6.30pm
Parents evenings	~	Tuesday 20 th and Wednesday 21 st October
School closes for half term break	~	Thursday 22 nd October
School <u>closed</u> to pupils for staff training	~	Friday 23 rd October AND Monday 2nd November
School <u>opens</u> to pupils for Autumn Term 2	~	Tuesday 3 rd November 8.50am