

FRIDAY UPDATE



The Avenue Infant School

Responsibility Perseverance Confidence Kindness Respect

Friday 16th October 2026

Autumn Term Week 7

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers for 'parents evening' appointments with your child's teacher next week. Thank you for your patience with the technical issues with the booking link, we would usually send this out much sooner but the technical problems took a while to resolve.

Please ensure you arrive approximately 5 minutes before your appointment time as we have limited waiting space. We do work hard to keep to timings so please be on time. Children do not go into the appointments with you so we suggest not bringing them along if possible. If necessary, children can be left in our library space, where there will be colouring activities available, whilst you are in your appointment. Your child's books will be available during your appointment for the teachers to show you and refer to.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we hope the children all have a fun weekend with time to recharge ready for the last four days of term next week.

SPECIAL AWARDS

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

Riyaan (Beech class) – for always trying his best, being a good role models and sharing all his ideas during carpet time.

Kaleb (Hazel class) – for an excellent hot write with brilliant handwriting.

Maryam (Maple class) – for being a kind friend and consistently following the school's Golden Rules.

Oriah Joy (Cherry class) – for trying hard in all areas of her learning for the past half term.



Class Attendance Award

Cherry Class - 99.2%

Oak Class - 90.0%

Beech Class - 89.3%

Hazel Class - 89.0%

Maple class- 88.6%

Oak class- 88.1%

BB Bear will visit the class with the highest attendance.



Emails/letters to look out for:

Parents Evening booking link
Reception curriculum evening
feedback form

Values tokens this week
192

Regular Readers Raffle winner
Is'Haaq (Beech)

Well done for reading four or more times at home last week.

What's on next week (Autumn 1 Week 8)

Monday - 8.30am Rock Steady Club

Tuesday - Parents evening - after school

**Wednesday - am Blossom Room parents meetings
- Parents evening - after school**

Thursday - School closes for half term break

Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED- Teacher training day

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we provide information about online safety and wellbeing. This information will also be shared on our Facebook page.

AI companions are becoming increasingly popular with young people, offering round-the-clock conversations with virtual characters designed to feel like genuine friends. Platforms such as Character.ai, Replika and Snapchat My AI can provide entertainment and creative opportunities, but their human-like interactions also raise concerns. This guide explores potential risks including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, oversharing personal information and harmful mental health advice.

As AI companions become more convincing, helping young people understand the difference between synthetic relationships and genuine human connection is increasingly important. This guide offers helpful advice for parents and educators on discussing AI friendships, reviewing privacy settings, managing subscriptions and encouraging healthy offline relationships. It also highlights the importance of seeking support from trusted adults rather than relying on chatbots.