The Avenue Infant School

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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear parent and carers,

It has been lovely to see the children return to school after the half term break and already get into the swing of the new learning for this term.

Please take the time to read the details below, outlining information and events for this term.



Remembrance Day poppies:

Remembrance Day poppies are available in school. If your child would like a poppy, please send in their donation (in a named envelope) for the Royal British Legion so they can get a poppy when the Year 2 helpers visit their class with the poppies and collection box. Thank you

Pupil's belongings:

A significant quantity of lost property has accumulated in the school over the last couple of months. We are working hard to encourage the children to be responsible for their own things but this is very difficult when items are unnamed. **PLEASE ensure clothes, coats, shoes, drink bottles, book bags are ALL clearly named and that this is regularly checked as names can wash away / fall off.** This would really help children look after their belongings and reduce lost items. Thank you

Building work update

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the changes to our school in preparation for the building works. Arrangements are progressing with the Local Authority and I will keep you informed when I know more about start dates etc.

Christmas Celebration

At the end of term we will also be inviting families to join our Christmas celebration at the United Reformed Church when we tell the story of the first Christmas through songs and narration. The performance will be in the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December- further details to follow nearer the time.

Homework

Thank you for those of your who manage to squeeze in time for the children to share or practise their skills at home, it is so crucial to help retain new learning and build confidence. We send out an overview of the terms learning which may help with ideas to discuss or practise. In addition and more specifically, most children also get QR codes to access phonics practice videos to support their reading. We ask parents to always prioritise reading at home, hearing your child read their reading book, or own choice, **at least 4 times a week**. Please log these reads on their school Reading record so their reads can be noted and we can celebrate your child's home reading with them by entering their name into the weekly book raffle. Children who read regularly throughout the term will also have the chance of winning a £10 book token at the end of this term.

Parking



Please can i remind everyone that we all need to park / drive around school with consideration of residents, other road users and pedestrians. We all want our school locality to be as safe as possible for our children. Our zig zag road markings are there to indicate no parking / dropping off in this area and cars should not stop or park near the railings opposite (now marked with double yellow lines).

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Parked cars should not block footpaths and residents' paths / drives. If you see unsafe driving / parking this can be reported to the Community Police team. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead. Thank you, as ever, for your on-going support. Please do chat to a member of staff if you have any questions or worries, we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall

Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- AUTUMN 2 2026

EVENT	DATE
Reception Family Reading	Friday 6th November 2.30-3.00pm
Siblings photos at Park Junior (please book via Park Junior)	Wednesday 11th November
Anti-bullying Week	Week commencing Monday 16th November
Wear Odd Socks day- celebrating difference and diversity	Monday 16th November
Wear something spotty for a donation to Children in Need	Friday 20th November
Reception Family Reading	Friday 20tht November 2.30-3.00pm
Reception Family Reading	Friday 4th December 2.30-3.00pm
Save the Children- Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10th December
School trip to pantomime at The Castle	Friday 11th December pm
School closes for Christmas holidays	Friday 18th December 3.15pm