



SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2024



The summer term has flown by and we now find ourselves in the final week of term!

We want to say a massive thank you to all the children for working so hard this year and for making Avenues an amazing place to work and to learn. It was lovely to see the Year 3 and 4 children's performances of Star Warts and we now look forward to the upper school production of Shrek!

Our Year 4 and 6 residential trips were a huge success which will have created many happy and long-lasting memories. We've also had a fantastic sporting year, with success in football and cross country and athletics.

We would like to thank all of the staff at school for their hard work throughout the year.

Lastly, we want to extend our gratitude to the parents/carers, families, and friends for continuing to support the children and the school.

We wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th September 2024.



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Staff – Leavers

Mr Taylor – Having joined the school back in 2014, Mr Taylor has become one of our longest standing members of staff. His passion for music and the performing arts has been truly wonderful and he has inspired so many children in his time here. Avenues has a proud history of music teaching and Mr Taylor has not only continued this but has helped music to thrive in his time here. Over the past 10 years, the school has taken part in opera projects, chamber choir performances at the hospital and countless music festival performances. They have also held some wonderful music recitals and produced some truly memorable end of year musicals. Mr Taylor has been central to all of these! Duncan leaves Avenues to take up a post as Head of Music at a local high school. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his great contribution to Avenues and for enriching the lives of the children during their time here.

Mr Yarnold – Joe joined us as an Academic Mentor in 2022 as part of the government catch-up programme after the disruption caused by Covid; he has worked with many children across the school, delivering high quality interventions in Maths and English. His sessions have been hugely engaging (and fun!) and he has enabled children to make some excellent academic progress. Joe has supported the school at numerous events in his time here, most recently leading the children in a cricket tournament. Joe leaves school to pursue a career in teaching. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

Nicola Hickman – Nicola has been a midday supervisor at Avenues since 2017 and supported many children to have wonderful lunchtimes. More recently, she has volunteered to support in classrooms, helping children with their learning and supporting teachers. She is now following up her work in classrooms in a support staff position at Recreation Road which means she will no longer be able to continue her MSA role at Avenues. We thank Nicola for all her hard work and wish her well in her new role.

Taryn Trenter – Taryn has worked at Avenues for the past year in the role of MSA. She has made a great impact with the children and worked well as part of the lunchtime team. During this role, Taryn has also supported in classes as a volunteer and, similarly to Nicola Hickman, will now be taking a role at Recreation Road on their support staff team. We thank Taryn for all of her hard work and wish her all the best.

Staff – People Joining Us

Mr. Parkhouse - Adam Parkhouse will be joining our teaching team next year to share the teaching of a year 6 class with Mrs. Knee. We welcome Adam to the team; he has been in for the transition days and I know he is looking forward to teaching here in September.

We are currently in the process of recruiting for Midday Supervisors and will also recruit for a new Music teacher as soon as possible.

Year 6 – Leavers

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of your journey at Avenue Junior. Whether you joined us in Year 3 or at some other point along the way, it has been wonderful seeing you grow in so many ways and we feel confident that you will leave here having carved out many long-lasting, happy memories.

The different opportunities at Avenues, including, for many of you, the Year 6 residential trip, provided you with unique experiences that will have pushed you outside of your comfort zones – these are the opportunities/challenges to help us to grow as individuals.

Your end-of-year performance of Shrek has been truly wonderful! It also serves as a great reminder that whilst you are all unique, with your own special talents and personalities, you are part of something together in Year 6 at Avenues and we will remember you long after you have left us and ‘flown the nest’ to go to high school.

Continue to hold the school’s values of resilience, aspiration, and respect close to your heart as you move forward to the next chapter in your lives. These are the building blocks for success in every aspect of your life; academically, emotionally, and socially.

All the staff at Avenues are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in the future!

PTA BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA BBQ which was a huge success! Thank you especially to the PTA members who worked for much of the week at school to ensure that everything ran smoothly. We would encourage as many of you as possible to lend a hand with the PTA next year as it is so worthwhile. This year, the PTA have reduced the cost of trips, given at least £1000 to each year group to access enrichment activities, film nights, disco, cake sales, bought the stage lighting and much more...The BBQ raised a whopping £4700!!! This is amazing and will certainly benefit the children at school in the year ahead.

Key Dates for 24/25

04.09.24 – Children return to school for the Autumn Term

Week beginning 23.09.24: family ‘drop-ins’ (times and days for each class TBC)

Week beginning 7.10.24:
Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultation meetings (dates and times TBC)

18.10.24: Anti-Racism, Wear Red Day

Have a wonderful Summer Holiday! We look forward to seeing you all in September!

