



# AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2024

## Dates for the Diary

13/09/24 – Author Visit (Anna James) –  
Year 5/6

16/09/24 – Democracy Day

24/09/24 – 27/09/24 – Family Drop-In  
Sessions

02/10/24 – Author Visit (Bex Hogan) –  
Year 3/4

07/10/24 and 10/10/24 – Parent/Carer  
Consultations

18/10/24 – Wear Red Day

25/10/24 – 03/11/24 - Half Term  
Holiday

04/11/24 – Start of the new term.

## Welcome!

A huge welcome to all of our new pupils and a warm 'welcome back' to our returning pupils. We hope you had a fantastic summer and are excited to get started on the new school year.

## A Message From Mr. Hooper...

Unfortunately, on the very last day of the holiday, I injured my leg which means I am quite a bit less mobile than I would like for a while! I have been advised to rest for a couple of weeks, but I hope to begin returning to school after this period.

Senior leaders and pastoral staff will continue to be available and there will be lots of familiar faces on the school gate at drop off and pick up times. If you wish to get in touch with me, please do so via the school office.

## EAL Inclusive Schools Award

We are proud to have achieved the English as an Additional Language Inclusive Schools Award to recognise our good practice in developing and supporting diversity of culture and language in our school. We are fortunate to have more than 40 languages represented within our school community!



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### **Sit and See - Family Drop-In Sessions**

This session will be an opportunity for you to come into school and see some of the work that your child has been doing in the early part of the school year. It will also be an opportunity to engage in a small learning activity alongside your child!

### **Attendance**

It is essential that your child attends school every day. We understand that sometimes it can be difficult to make the decision about whether your child should attend school if they say they are unwell. The NHS have produced the following guidance which hopefully can help guide your decision.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

At Avenue Junior, we are always here to talk through any issues that you may have with attendance, you can speak with either Lauren Gislam, our Family Engagement Officer or a member of the leadership team.

### **Is your child entitled to free school meals?**

If you receive one of the following then your child may be eligible: Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on or Child Tax Credit

Please do apply if you are eligible. As well as your child receiving free school meals, the school receives additional funding for each pupil identified. Further information can be found here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

If your child is eligible for free school meals then you may also be able to access a fully-funded place at the school's Before School Breakfast Club run by Set Your Sights. Places are limited but get in touch if you think this would be helpful for your child. More information

here: <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wrap-around-care/>

Contact Mrs. Manrique via the office to request a place.



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## Uniform

Our school uniform helps the children to feel attached to the school as well as ensuring there is equality amongst the pupils with no competition to wear the latest styles and labels. It is really important that all children adhere to the uniform unless exception has been made due to individual needs and in consultation with school. The whole policy is available at this link:

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/office/school-uniform/>

It's been lovely to see the vast majority of children wearing school uniform. If you need any support with uniform, please do contact us, as we do have some spare, good quality uniform that has been donated. If your child does not wear the correct uniform, their teacher will get in touch to see if school can help in any way.

## Communication with school

It's very important that if you have any questions or concerns that you know who to direct these to so you get a prompt and helpful response. Please see below for the appropriate communication protocols in school that should be followed:

Type of query/concern	Who to contact	How to reach them
Everyday queries: pastoral, behaviour concerns, learning, classroom matters.	Class teacher	Face-to-face, phone message via the office, email via the office, Class Dojo
SEN query	Class teacher	Face-to-face, phone message via the office, email via the office, Class Dojo
For SEN queries that the class teacher has not been able to answer.	Liz Williams (Senco)	Either via the school office by email or phone or directly at <a href="mailto:senco@avenuejunior.org">senco@avenuejunior.org</a>
Safeguarding Concern	Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mike Hooper, Dan Lowe, Susanna Manrique, Liz Williams, Lauren Gislam	Face-to-face, phone call or email for a call back via the school office. Your concern will be our priority.
Absences	Office	<a href="mailto:office@avenuejunior.org">office@avenuejunior.org</a> 01603441034
Help or support for family matters—child sleeping issues, behaviour at home, financial hardship, domestic abuse	Lauren Gislam (Family Engagement Officer)	<a href="mailto:lgislam@heighamcf.org">lgislam@heighamcf.org</a> , or any method via the school office, Class Dojo.

We hope that we are always able to address your concerns and queries but from time-to-time, if things have gone wrong, please do contact the senior leadership team, including Mr. Hooper. We will always listen and do our utmost to help and resolve any issues you may have.



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### Sit and See - Family Drop-in Sessions – Timings

	9.15 – 10.15 Small Hall	9.15 – 10.15 Main Hall	10.30 – 11.30 Small Hall	10.30 – 11.30 Main Hall
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5U	5BR	5H	5C
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	3G	3GY	3CP	3H
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	4MR	4RBR	4T	4GR
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6PK	6A	6R	6B

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Acorns Class – 2.30pm Acorns Classroom.
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We understand that not all families will be able to attend these sessions. We always ensure that we have a variety of staff at these events to look through books and engage your child in conversation about their work. Should you not be able to attend the drop-in session, but wish to look through your child's book, please message their teacher on Class Dojo and they'll arrange a suitable time to do so after school.

### Office Update

New Year 3 parents - Parent Mail has been set up and you should have received an email registration link to create your account. If you have not, then please email the office at [office@avenuejunior.org](mailto:office@avenuejunior.org)

Music lessons start on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Your child's class teacher will notify you of the day and time of these.

Many thanks.