



# Avenue House School

Newsletter 02.10.26

Dear Avenue House Parents,

## A Special Thank You to Our Avenue House Families

As we come to the end of what has been a particularly significant week for our school, I would like to take a moment to thank all our Avenue House families for your support, patience and the many kind messages received during our ISI Inspection.

Inspections are, by their nature, an important opportunity for schools to reflect on and showcase their work. They also require a great deal of time and commitment from staff. This week, many members of our team, including myself, spent considerable time in meetings before, during and after the school day. As a result, we may not always have been as available as we would normally be, and I am extremely grateful for the understanding and patience shown by our parent community throughout the process.

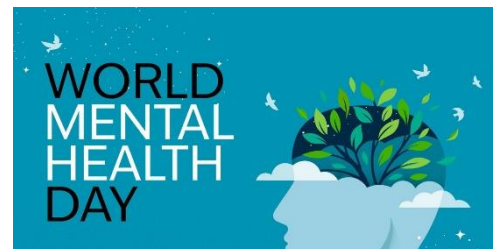
While we must now wait for the formal inspection process to be completed and quality assured before any final judgements are confirmed, I can say that we feel the inspection was a positive experience for our school. The inspectors spent time observing all aspects of school life and gaining a thorough understanding of the Avenue House community.

Perhaps most pleasing of all was the wonderful feedback shared about our children. The inspectors commented on the pupils' behaviour around the school, their positive interactions with one another, their conduct in the playground and, importantly, their enthusiasm for learning. Those observations reflect the values we seek to nurture every day and are a credit to our children, staff and families alike.

We now look forward to receiving the final report in due course. It served as a powerful reminder that the greatest strength of any school lies in the quality of the relationships that underpin it. When children are supported by a strong partnership between home and school, they can flourish both academically and personally. Thank you for the trust you place in us and for the role you play in making Avenue House such a special community.

## World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow!

Next Friday, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day with a special day dedicated to wellbeing, happiness and connection.



This year's theme, "**Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change**," encourages us to listen to and value one another's experiences, helping everyone feel heard, understood and supported. The focus of World Mental Health Day 2026 is ensuring that all voices are valued and that sharing experiences can help bring about positive change.

To mark the occasion, children are invited to wear something yellow, a colour often associated with hope, positivity and support for mental health awareness.

Throughout the morning, pupils will take part in a variety of engaging activities, rotating between different sessions designed to promote positive mental health, self-awareness, kindness and resilience. These activities will provide opportunities to reflect, collaborate and explore practical ways of looking after their wellbeing.

In the afternoon, everyone will enjoy a relaxing movie with a hot chocolate or squash, providing a cosy and enjoyable end to a day focused on caring for ourselves and one another.

We are very much looking forward to sharing this meaningful and memorable experience with the children and helping them celebrate the importance of positive mental health in a fun, supportive and inclusive way.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

*Ms. Rav Nandra*

#### Key Dates in October 2026

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Avenue House School Open Day 10am – 12pm

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening 4 - 5:30pm

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Just One Tree Day- Children wear green (non-uniform day)

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Last Day of half-term 3pm finish

## Celebrating Our Weekly Award Winners

Congratulations to all the children we celebrated in this week's assembly. They were recognised for their achievements, effort, resilience, and acts of kindness. We are incredibly proud of the many positive ways they contribute to our school community.

| Class             | Star of the Week<br>Outstanding Effort<br>& Attitude | Pink Slip<br>Academic<br>Achievement | Green Slip<br>Positive<br>Behaviour | Growth Mindset<br>Award<br>Resilience &<br>Perseverance |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Year 1<br>Beech   | Rory                                                 | Daniel                               | Alex                                | Dorian                                                  |
| Year 2<br>Willow  | Darcey                                               | Madeleine                            | Rafael                              | Isaac                                                   |
| Year 3<br>Oak     | Lizi                                                 | Lucy<br>Evelyn                       | Everyone in Year<br>3               | Chloe                                                   |
| Year 4<br>Maple   | David                                                | Victor                               | Reina                               | Siena                                                   |
| Year 5/6<br>Cedar | Hiro                                                 | Everyone in Year 6<br>Hiro<br>Aymara | Aymara                              | Elijah                                                  |

The House with the winning number of points is:





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## PARENT, YOU HAVE A VOICE

London SEND Parents' Advocacy  
and Empowerment Event

KNOW THEIR RIGHTS. FIND YOUR VOICE.  
ADVOCATE WITH CONFIDENCE.



### DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SEND?

Do you leave meetings feeling unheard, overwhelmed or unsure what to do next?

### This event is for you.

You know your child. We will help you understand their rights and use your voice.

#### WHAT YOU'LL TAKE AWAY

- 1 Clear SEND knowledge**  
Understand EHCPs, provision, placements, annual reviews and routes for challenging decisions.
- 2 A stronger voice**  
Prepare for meetings, ask focused questions, record concerns and follow up effectively.
- 3 Answers and connection**  
Hear lived experience and ask questions of SEND legal, professional, charity and parent advocates.
- 4 A practical toolkit**  
Take away checklists, evidence prompts, meeting guidance and useful next steps.

#### SAVE THE DATE

**04**  
DECEMBER  
2026

#### FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026

- **10:30am-1:00pm**  
Doors open at 10:00am
- **Assyrian Society of Great Britain**  
1 Temple Road, London W5 4SL
- **For parents, carers and family advocates**  
**Limited places | Advance booking required**

#### COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.

Leave with knowledge, practical tools and a stronger voice.



## Autumn Term 2026 Diary Dates

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| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                                          | Autumn Term 2026 commences                                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September                                                         | Years 3 to 6 Trip to Regents Park Open Air Theatre – CATS                                                                                                              |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                                           | Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform day)                                                                                                                                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                                           | AHSPSC Welcome Meeting 8:30am - in MPR                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September                                                           | Individual & Sibling Photos                                                                                                                                            |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September                                                           | AHSPSC MacMillan Coffee Morning 8.15am to 9.30am                                                                                                                       |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September                                                         | AHS Pupils – Ealing Mini Mile 11am to 5pm                                                                                                                              |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October                                                              | World Mental Health Day                                                                                                                                                |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October                                                           | AHS Open Day 10am - 12pm                                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                                          | Parents' Evening <b>4pm to 5:30pm</b> – Please note that there will be no after school activities or care facility available. All children must be collected at 3.30pm |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October                                                           | Parents' Evening <b>4pm to 5:30pm</b> – Please note that there will be no after school activities or care facility available. All children must be collected at 3.30pm |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                                             | Just One Tree Day (non-uniform day) children to wear green                                                                                                             |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                                             | <b>School finishes at 3.00pm. Please note that there will be no after school activities or care facility available</b>                                                 |
| <b>HALF TERM</b><br><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                             | <b>First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>                                                                                                                           |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | UN Climate Change Conference                                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                                                         | Remembrance Day                                                                                                                                                        |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                                            | Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 6                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                                            | Kindness Day UK                                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                                            | Anti-Bullying Week - Start with Odd Socks Day                                                                                                                          |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                                          | Pantomime: Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas, Lyric Theatre – Reception and Years 1 to 2                                                                                |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                                          | Pantomime: Cinderella, Lyric Theatre – Years 3 to 6                                                                                                                    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                                          | Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                                            | Class Christmas Parties                                                                                                                                                |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                                                            | Christmas Carol Concert – Rehearsal 1.45pm - 3.15pm                                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                                                           | Christmas Concert & Junior Production/ Nativity:<br><b>1.45pm – 2.45pm</b> at St. Stephen's Church<br>Reception to Year 6                                              |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                                         | Last day of Autumn Term: <b>1.30pm finish. Please note that there will be no after school activities or care facility available</b>                                    |



## **Avenue House School**

**Term Dates 2026 – 2027**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2026**

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| <b>Staff Inset Day</b> | <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>                           |
| <b>Staff Inset Day</b> | <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026</b>                         |
| <b>Start of Term:</b>  | <b>Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b>                         |
| <b>Half Term:</b>      | <b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b> |
| <b>Resume:</b>         | <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026</b>                             |
| <b>End of Term:</b>    | <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2026 1:30pm finish</b>           |

### **SPRING TERM 2027**

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| <b>Staff Inset Day</b> | <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>                              |
| <b>Start of Term:</b>  | <b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>                            |
| <b>Half Term:</b>      | <b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b> |
| <b>Resume:</b>         | <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027</b>                            |
| <b>End of Term:</b>    | <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 1.30pm finish</b>               |

### **SUMMER TERM 2027**

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| <b>Staff Inset Day</b> | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>                                  |
| <b>Start of Term:</b>  | <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>                                 |
| <b>Bank Holiday:</b>   | <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</b>                                     |
| <b>Half term:</b>      | <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b> |
| <b>Resume:</b>         | <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>                                    |
| <b>End of Term:</b>    | <b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2027 – 3:00pm finish</b>                |
| <b>Staff Inset Day</b> | <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>                                  |