



Avenue House School

Newsletter 11.9.26

Dear Avenue House Parents,

What a wonderful first full week of the school year it has been! It has been a pleasure to see the children settle so quickly into school routines and enthusiastically engage in a wide range of learning opportunities across the curriculum.

From the youngest members of our school community in Ms. Gharoo's Reception class, who were delighted to make delicious cookies towards the end of the week, to Mr. Sheppard's Year 6 pupils have also made an excellent start to an important part of their 11+ journey. This week, they have been taking part in interview skills lessons, developing their confidence and communication skills, as well as learning how to present themselves thoughtfully and articulate their ideas clearly. They have approached these sessions with maturity and enthusiasm, and we are proud of the positive attitudes they have demonstrated.

This week also marked the beginning of our Spanish lessons with Miss Wilson. Yes, that's right, one of Miss Wilson's hidden talents and passions is languages! Having studied Spanish for many years, she brings expertise and enthusiasm to her teaching, and we are fortunate to have her sharing her knowledge with every class this term. Next term, pupils will resume their French lessons with Mrs. Trainor, ensuring they continue to develop their language skills throughout the year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share some information regarding our Games provision this year too. The move back to St Stephen's Church has been carefully considered and made for a few reasons. While Trailfinders is an excellent facility, the space is considerably larger than we require for our current group sizes. This can feel quite overwhelming for some children. As many of you will know, the Trailfinders also becomes extremely cold during the autumn and winter months, often requiring children to keep their coats on throughout lessons. Unfortunately, there has not been a practical solution to this issue.

This term, our Games curriculum focuses on developing throwing, catching and teamwork skills through a variety of team games and dodgeball-style activities. St Stephen's provides a well-suited, more contained environment for these lessons and supports a positive learning experience for all pupils. Looking ahead to the Spring Term, when our focus shifts to dance, the space and acoustics at St Stephen's will also be particularly beneficial. We will continue to review our provision and have not ruled out returning to Trailfinders during the Summer Term.

AHSPSC

We are looking forward to the first meeting of the Avenue House School Parents' Social Committee (AHSPSC), which will take place on Friday 18th September. All parents are warmly invited to attend and learn more about the exciting events and initiatives being planned for the term ahead.

We are delighted that Mrs Anna Bilinskyy-Jemec will continue in her role as Chair of the AHSPSC, and we thank her and our all our Parent Representatives for their ongoing commitment to supporting our school community. Following the meeting, the committee will be sharing news of upcoming events and opportunities for parents to get involved.

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday 18th September, we are proud to be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day, a national fundraising event that supports children and families affected by genetic conditions.

We invite all children and staff to wear their jeans and donate via our dedicated JustGiving page (link below).

Every contribution helps fund vital support, including:

- Access to specialist medical care
- Emotional and practical support for families
- Resources to help children and families navigate daily challenges
- Groundbreaking research to improve diagnosis, treatment and long-term outcomes

<https://www.justgiving.com/id/jeansforgenesday65724>

School Council Elections

We are delighted to announce the members of our School Council for this academic year.

Year 1 Alexander

Year 2 Darcey & Isaac

Year 3 Lizi & Lucy

Year 4 Aidan & Siena

Year 6 Aymara, Mila, Oliver, Safira & Stefan

The School Council plays an important role in helping to shape school life. Throughout the year, council members will gather the views and ideas of their classmates, work together to discuss issues that matter to pupils, and help staff make decisions that enhance our school community. They will act as ambassadors for their classes, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to contribute their thoughts and opinions.

One of their first responsibilities will be to collect ideas from children about activities they would like to take part in during our World Mental Health Day event on Friday 9th October. Although the official World Mental Health Day falls on 10th October, we will be celebrating the occasion in school by transforming Avenue House School into a hub of wellbeing activities.

We hope to create a day filled with opportunities for children to focus on their mental health, wellbeing and happiness through a range of engaging, relaxing and uplifting activities. Our School Council will play a key role in ensuring that the ideas and interests of pupils help shape this special day, making it meaningful and enjoyable for everyone. We look forward to seeing the positive impact our new School Council will make throughout the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing many more learning experiences and achievements with you in the weeks ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Rav Nandra

Key Dates in September

Thursday 17th September Years 3 to 6 Trip to Regents Park Open Air Theatre – CATS

Friday 18th September Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform day)

Friday 18th September AHSPSC Welcome Meeting 8:30am - in school

Friday 25th September Individual & Sibling Photos

Friday 25th September AHSPSC MacMillan Coffee Morning 8.15am to 9.30am

Saturday 26th September AHS Pupils – Ealing Mini Mile 11am to 5pm

Full diary dates for this term are at the end of this newsletter.



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 Outstanding Effort & Attitude	Pink Slip Academic Achievement	Green Slip Positive Behaviour	Growth Mindset Award Resilience & Perseverance
Year 1 Beech	Dorian	Rory	Daniel	Alex
Year 2 Willow	Darcey	Madeleine Sienna Behr	Isaac Raphael	Isaac
Year 3 Oak	Eliza	Chloe	Lucy	Donia
Year 4 Maple	Sophia	Amelia	Siena	Reina
Year 5/6 Cedar	Mila	Aymara Elijah Hiro Samuel Safira	Oliver Stefan	Phoebe

The House with the winning number of points is:





Autumn Term 2026 Diary Dates

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