



Avenue House School

Newsletter 25.9.26

Dear Avenue House Parents,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to begin by extending a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Events like these remind us of the strength, generosity and kindness that exists within our school family. Whether you came along for a coffee and cake, donated, baked treats, volunteered your time, or simply helped spread the word, your support is greatly appreciated.

A very special and heartfelt thank you must go to our AHSPSC. They all did an incredible job coordinating, organising and running the event from start to finish. Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to supporting our school is very much appreciated. The time and effort invested behind the scenes often goes unseen, but events such as today's Coffee Morning are a wonderful example of our school community. We look forward to sharing the final fundraising total with you once all donations have been counted.

Allergy Safety Update and Benedict's Law

The Government is strengthening allergy safety in schools through new national requirements designed to better protect pupils with allergies. Introduced from September 2026 and commonly referred to as Benedict's Law, these measures place a greater emphasis on allergy awareness, staff training, and effective emergency response procedures.

I have attached our Allergy Safety policy to this newsletter. It is mandatory for all staff to be trained on allergy-awareness and there must be access to emergency medication, including spare adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens), with clear procedures to support children with severe allergies.

These national expectations are focused on creating safe, whole-school systems and do not place responsibility on schools to routinely check individual lunchboxes. We are pleased to reassure parents that our current procedures already align closely with these principles. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils:

All staff are fully trained to recognise the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and administer an EpiPen. This training is refreshed annually and follows national guidance.

We have purchased and securely stored additional emergency EpiPens on site. These are readily accessible to trained staff and form part of our emergency response procedures. Children are regularly reminded not to share or swap food and staff carefully supervise mealtimes.

Individual healthcare and allergy management plans are rigorously followed, with any concerns addressed promptly. We remain committed to meeting all aspects of Benedict's Law and will continue to keep policy and procedures up-to date.

If you have any questions regarding allergy procedures or wish to discuss your child's specific needs, please contact Ms R. Malik, Deputy Head - Pastoral & SENDCO. She is also our Wellbeing Lead & Health & Safety officer.

Important Reminder

We are a nut-free school. However, schools are required to be aware of and manage all **14 major allergens**. A list of these allergens is below.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support, partnership and cooperation. By working together, we can ensure that our school remains a safe, caring and inclusive environment for every child.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kindest regards,

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Key Dates in September – October 2026

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

Friday 9th October – World Mental Health Day

Saturday 10th October - Avenue House School Open Day 10am – 12pm

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

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

Friday 16th October- Last Day of half-term 3pm finish