# Prince Avenue Academy & Nursery

# Newsletter

"Success with a Smile"

*Week ending 6th November 2026*

## Message from the Head Teacher



**This Week's Attendance**

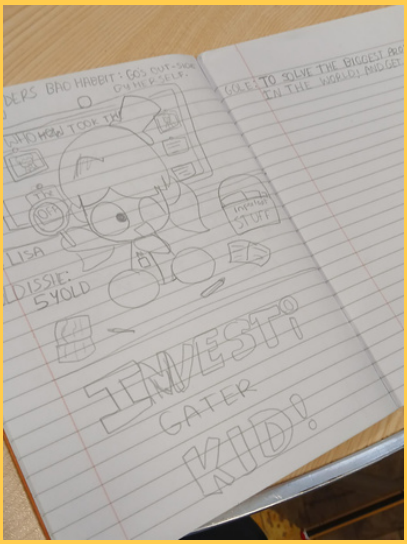
Whole school attendance: 94%
R/KS1 winners: Cherry 98.9%
KS2 winners: Blossom 98.3 %

Congratulations to our winning classes this week!



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the new half term! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely autumn break and had the opportunity to relax and recharge.
The half term ahead is always a particularly busy and exciting one, with lots of wonderful activities, events and celebrations to look forward to. We have plenty planned, and I am sure it will be a fantastic few weeks for our children and school community.
I look forward to sharing all the highlights with you along the way starting today! We were delighted to welcome local author Ellie Irving into school for an exciting day of storytelling and creativity. Ellie, author of Oh Armadillo!, For the Record and The Matilda Effect, delivered assemblies and workshops, read from her books and shared her journey to becoming an author. She also met with our School Reading Ambassadors and led writing workshops for Year 5 and 6, encouraging the children to develop their own story ideas and creative writing skills. To finish the day Ellie held a book signing.
There was even a connection for our previous year 6 pupils, as an extract from The Matilda Effect featured in last year's Key Stage 2 SATs reading paper! A huge thank you to Ellie for such an inspiring visit!













## Meet Billy, Our Dog Mentor!

We are delighted to have Billy as part of the Prince Avenue family! Qualified as a Dog Mentor since February 2023, Billy has been supporting children in schools ever since.
Since joining us at Prince Avenue, Billy has made a wonderful difference to the lives of many children. For some, the impact has been truly life-changing, helping to build confidence, develop communication skills and, in some cases, even helping non-verbal children to find their voices.
We are incredibly proud of the positive impact Billy has had on our school community and feel very lucky to have him with us!
To find out more about the Dog Mentor programme, visit www.thedogmentor.co.uk



## Year 5 & 6 Football Competition

Today, our boys' football team took part in the Emerging Competition. Despite a shaky start, the boys dug deep and began applying the skills they have worked hard on in training, which quickly paid off.
Throughout the day, they demonstrated an outstanding attitude, determination, and work ethic. It was a pleasure to watch their confidence grow as the tournament progressed. With this positive mindset came some excellent football and a string of impressive results.
After lunch, the boys raised their performance levels even further, embarking on an unbeaten run of five matches, winning three and drawing two, while conceding no goals at all. Their defensive resilience, teamwork, and commitment were exceptional.
All of their hard work and perseverance were rewarded with a superb second-place finish, securing a well-deserved invitation to next week's main competition.
A massive well done to all the boys who represented the school today. We are incredibly proud of your effort, attitude, and achievement.



## Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing. Please remember that holidays should not be taken during term time, as this can have a significant impact on your child's education and may result in an unauthorised absence and a fixed penalty notice. We encourage all families to plan holidays during the school holiday periods. Thank you for your support in helping every child make the most of their learning opportunities.



## Term Dates 2026/27

Click here for 2026/27 term dates

## Mobile Phones

We do not allow the use of mobile phones on our playground. We ask that you respect this for the safeguarding purposes of all members of the PAAN community. Please approach a member of staff if you have an urgent call to take and they will support you in doing so.

## How to keep in touch

Call the School Office on
01702 311411 08.00 - 16:30 Mon - Fri

Send us a message via the school gateway app

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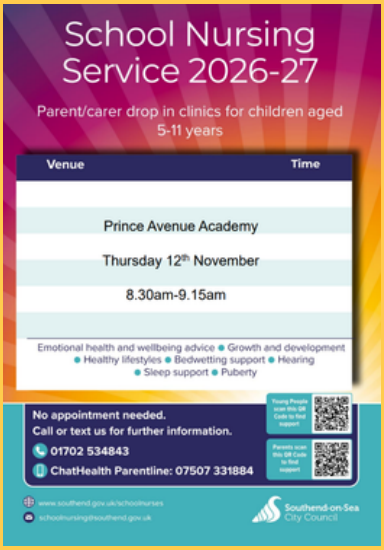
# Coming up...

## The Book Fair Returns




During next week's book fair we will be able to accept card payments

## School Nurse Drop-In Clinic




## PTA Annual General Meeting

We warmly invite all members of our school community to attend our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 11th November at 9.15am in the dining hall. It's a great opportunity to find out more about what our PTA does, hear about future plans and discover how you could get involved in supporting our school. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Next Friday, 13th November, we will be supporting Children in Need 💛

On this day, children are invited to come to school and nursery wearing their own clothes instead of uniform. We would love to see lots of yellow, spots and Pudsey-themed outfits to help us get into the spirit of the day.

We will also be asking families to make a donation of £1 per child for non uniform to support this wonderful cause. Donations should be made through the School Gateway app please.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us raise money for such an important charity! 💛



# Community Advertising

## Local organisations are always keen to offer the very best opportunities and offers for our families. Please see the following pages for details.




I am very excited to be launching my Christmas Card competition for 2026!

Open to anyone and everyone of all ages and interests, I'm looking for festive:

Drawings
Artwork
Photos

to be the design for my MP Christmas Card, which goes out to hundreds of people!

Enter to be in with a chance to win a great Christmassy prize by emailing me your submission at david.burtonsampson.mp@parliament.uk by Thursday 12 November!

I look forward to seeing your wonderful designs.









# Community Advertising




We warmly invite you to celebrate with us
the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas.
Please come and join us - we would love to see you.

Sunday 29 November 10.30am
**1st Sunday of Advent "Hope"**
Sunday 6 December 10.30am
**2nd Sunday of Advent "Peace"**
Sunday 13 December 10.30am
**3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy"**
Sunday 20 December 10.30am
**4th Sunday of Advent "Love"**
**and Nativity Service**
Sunday 20 December 6.30pm
**Carols by Candlelight**
Thursday 24 December 5pm
**Christingle (make your own Christingle from 4.30pm)**
Friday 25 December 10.30am
**Christmas Day celebration**

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