



Newsletter

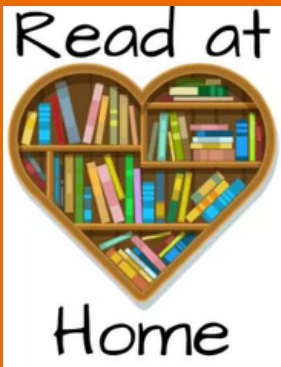
Success with a Smile

Week ending 18th September 2026

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

After three weeks of settling into new classes and routines, it has been great to see the younger children building their independence and entering the school on their own. Thanks to all the families who are encouraging this, as independence is a vital skill children develop as they mature.



This week I want to focus on reading. Reading is an essential life skill for SO many reasons; for discovering new information and learning, opening up opportunities, opening up minds to great stories and adventures – escaping to somewhere new and exciting. Research shows that children who read for pleasure will achieve more than those who don't, later in life. As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all children become independent, fluent readers during their time with us, through developing a culture of reading for pleasure, not only wherever you go around our school and throughout our curriculum, but also at home too. This week, members of the Senior Leadership Team have been carrying out pupil progress meetings with class teachers, and children not reading at home was a common discussion point. Reading at home is part of Prince Avenue's homework expectations. We ask that you read with your child 3 times a week, as a minimum. Reading at home for just 10 to 15 minutes can make a big difference to your child's learning. Regular reading helps develop vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, and confidence. Please encourage your child to read aloud, discuss the story, and share their favourite part with a family member. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a successful and enthusiastic reader.

"The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" - Dr Suess

This week I enjoyed taking the new Head Girl and Boy and Deputy Head Girl and Boy to Crawlers, our local uniform shop, to get measured for their blazer. They were so excited and proud when trying them on. These pupils have been chosen for their excellent attitude, commitment to learning, and previous positive contributions to the school. As ambassadors for our school, they will help welcome visitors, support school events, take a lead in the weekly celebration assemblies and represent the voices of their fellow pupils. We are extremely proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing them grow in their leadership roles throughout the year. Congratulations to all four of them on this well-deserved success! In next week's newsletter they will introduce themselves to you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs T. Dennis

This Week's Attendance

Whole school attendance: 95.4%

R/KS1 winners: Fir – 99.7%

KS2 winners: Blossom – 97.7%

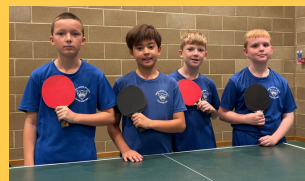
Well done to this week's class attendance winners – 2nd time for both classes so far this term!



Table Tennis

Today, our boys' team took part in a table tennis competition, playing a total of seven matches throughout the morning. The team battled hard in every game and showed great determination from start to finish. While not all of the results went our way, it was fantastic to see the boys supporting and encouraging one another throughout the competition. Their resilience and commitment in every point made them tough opponents and ensured that no match was easy for the teams they faced.

The boys finished the morning in a very respectable 6th place out of 8 teams. They should be proud of their performances, sportsmanship, and the way they represented the school. Well done, boys!



Another Exciting Author Visit

Our pupils had a fantastic time welcoming Chante Timothy, author and illustrator of the Supa Nova books, to our school on Tuesday this week.

Throughout the day, children took part in exciting drawing workshops, explored the creative process behind storytelling and illustration, and enjoyed asking lots of thoughtful questions about becoming an author and generating imaginative ideas. Chante inspired our pupils to believe in the power of their creativity and showed them how stories can come to life through both words and art. To round off a wonderful visit, children had the opportunity to have their own copies of the book personally signed by the author after school.

It was a brilliant opportunity and an unforgettable experience for the children, leaving them inspired, motivated, and excited to continue their own creative journeys.



Pond Update

We are delighted to share that our new school pond is almost complete and has now been topped up with water! The pond is already looking like a wonderful feature of our outdoor learning environment, and we are excited to see it develop into a thriving habitat for plants and wildlife. We are currently looking for donations of pond plants or cuttings, so if you have any to spare, we would be very grateful for your donations. If you are able to donate, please contact Mrs Llewellyn via class dojo message. Once the pond is established, we will be able to introduce some fish and continue creating a beautiful space for our pupils to enjoy and learn from. We look forward to sharing photos of the finished pond with you all very soon. Thank you for any contributions you can offer.



Coming up...

Local Meeting Invitation

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to a local town hall meeting to discuss traffic, parking and road safety in the area around Prince Avenue Academy.

The meeting will be held in our Main Hall and refreshments will be provided. You should enter via the Main Hall entrance prior to 18:30.

Thank you

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Ward Councillor for St Laurence Ward

Councillor Daniel Cowan – Leader of the Council

📍 Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER

☎ 01702 215000

🌐 www.southend.gov.uk



Date: 15th September 2026

Email:

clldanielcowan@southend.gov.uk

Dear Resident,

You are invited to a local town hall meeting to discuss traffic, parking and road safety in the area around Prince Avenue Academy.

The meeting will be hosted by **Councillor Daniel Cowan, Leader of Southend-on-Sea City Council**, in conjunction with **Prince Avenue Academy**, and will take place at:

Prince Avenue Academy
Monday 21 September
6.30pm

The Council is considering what further improvements could be made to road safety outside the school and in the surrounding streets. We know that traffic and parking can affect residents, parents, pupils and other road users in different ways, so this meeting is an opportunity to hear directly from people who live locally.

We would particularly welcome your views on the issues you experience, the impact of current traffic and parking arrangements, and any changes you think could help improve safety and accessibility in the area.

No decisions have been made. The discussion will help inform the Council's next steps and any future proposals.

We hope you are able to attend and contribute.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Daniel Cowan
Leader, Southend-on-Sea City Council



Clubs

w/c 21.09.26

Monday:



- Performing Arts
- Colouring Club
- Drawing Club

Tuesday:



- Y3 & 4 Football
- Archery
- TT Rockstars/Maths
- Creative Club
- Poetry Slam
- Y2 & 3 Film Club
- Y4 - 6 Film Club
- Lego Club
- Y6 Homework Club
- Chess Club

Wednesday:



- Darts
- Y5 & 6 Football
- Table Tennis
- Little Stylists
- Girls Netball
- Cookery Club

Thursday:



- Dodgeball
- Story Yoga
- Choir
- Art Club
- Basketball
- Tag Rugby
- Craft Club

Friday:



Running Club
Sports Circuits
ICT Games
Papercraft



Coming up...



PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT TOURS

Reception Intake 2027

September 2027/28 Reception

DATES:

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 9.00 A.M.

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER AT 10.00 A.M. AND 3.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 2.00 P.M.

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30 A.M.

MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT 9.00AM AND 2.00 P.M.

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 2.00 P.M.

FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY AT 9.00 A.M AND 2.00 P.M.

TO BOOK A TOUR:



office@princeavenue.co.uk



01702 311411



We look forward to welcoming you!

School Tours and Primary Admissions

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027? If so, then we would love for you to come and view our wonderful school.

Dates and times of our school tours are:

Tuesday 13th October at 9.00 A.M

Thursday 22nd October at 10.00 A.M or 3.30 P.M

Wednesday 4th November at 2.00 P.M

Saturday 7th November at 10.30 A.M

Monday 23rd November at 9.00 A.M or 2.00 P.M

Tuesday 1st December at 2.00 P.M

Friday 8th January at 9.00 A.M or 2.00 P.M

To book a place on one of our tours please contact the school office:

Telephone 01702 311411 or email office@princeavenue.co.uk

You can apply for a reception 2027 school place anytime between 14 September 2026 and 15 January 2027.

You must apply through your local authority. Therefore you would apply to Southend-on-Sea City Council if you pay your council tax to them. You must make an application to your local authority, even if your child attends our nursery.

You will receive your school place offer from your local authority on 16 April 2027



Helpful information...



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.



Diary Dates



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
Friday 23rd October



HALF TERM
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October inclusive



INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2nd November



FLU IMMUNISATIONS
Thursday 26TH November



Term Dates 2026/27

[Click here for 2026/27 term dates](#)

Attendance Matters

Why is School Attendance so important?

Attendance is a high priority in schools because Government conducted research shows there is a strong link between absence levels in school and pupil attainment. Government targets are that every child should achieve attendance of at least 95% so that they have a better chance of achieving their academic potential. Children will fall into the category of persistent absenteeism if their attendance falls below 90%.

We want to work with our lovely PAAN families to achieve our whole school attendance target, so that our PAAN children are given the best prospects for academic success. Please get in touch with Mrs. Thorne if you are struggling to bring your child in regularly and on time and need any support.



How to keep in touch



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



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Account no - 27496268

Ref - Childs name

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3 rd October	- UMC Hall
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21 st November	- UMC Hall
5 th December	- Southchurch
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