



Newsletter

Success with a Smile

Week ending 16th October 2026

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have taken part in assessments in reading, maths, grammar and spelling. They have all tried their best and carried them out with a resilient attitude. Their outcomes will give their teachers a good indication of how well individual pupils are doing and will help shape lessons going forward, ensuring that prior learning is revisited on areas that have come out weaker.

Thank you for attending our Parent and Carer Consultation meetings this week. I am sure you found them useful with having the opportunity to find out how well your child has settled in to their new year group, discuss any concerns your child's teacher may have about learning, behaviour, attendance or wellbeing and take away with you any practical strategies to support learning at home. We really do cherish our strong relationships that we have with our families. Our Head and Deputy Girl and Boy really enjoyed meeting with you too and are grateful that you took the time to answer their questions. They will be busy analysing the results and meeting with me to discuss some changes we can put in place following your feedback. They will share this in a future newsletter too.

This week we began our prospective reception parent tours. It was really lovely for me and Mrs Kotze, our Early Years Lead, to walk around and talk about the school and show off our amazing children and staff. We were extremely proud! If you have a child due to start school next year, 2027/28, then please book yourself on a tour. The details are on our website.

I must also mention how proud I am of one of our younger pupils, Finley in Walnut Class, who is completing a challenge this month, achieving 10,000 steps a day to raise money for Stand Up to Cancer.

He has already raised over £800. He definitely showed his courage value this morning, standing up in front of the whole school, sharing this great news with them. Well done Finley! If you would like to support Finley in his fundraising efforts, you can do so using the following link:

[Finley's Giving Page](#)



Remember that the club can admit more members and it is a great way to start a Friday, we would love to welcome your child along. Contact the office should you wish for them to join us.



This Week's Attendance

Whole school attendance: 96.1%

R/KS1 winners: Elm - 100%

KS2 winners: Beech - 99%

Congratulations to our winning classes this week!



And finally, I really loved the dedication of some of our pupils this morning who went to running club in the rain. The brave runners took to the field, facing their toughest challenge yet...and we do not mean the weather! The 25 children, plus Mr D and Mr Holmwood, were set the target of running 2 miles with as little stopping as possible. Many of the children needed the odd walking break but Hudson in Year 6 maintained a steady pace, lapping Mr Holmwood, and closing the gap on Mr D towards the finish.

The time shown on the map below is Mr Holmwood's time, so if your child kept up with him then they have run over 4km which is 2.48 miles. We are so proud of the children for taking part in the weather this morning, many using our COURAGE value to the maximum!



Little Stylists

At Prince Avenue, we are proud to offer a fantastic and varied selection of extra-curricular clubs, giving our children the opportunity to explore new interests and develop new skills. We are thrilled to have introduced Little Stylists, an exciting after-school club where children can learn all about hair care, styling and braiding under the supervision of Mrs Baxter. The children are already doing fantastically well, developing their skills and creativity while having lots of fun! We can't wait to see what they learn next!



Clubs

w/c 19.10.26

Monday:

- Performing Arts
- Colouring Club
- Drawing Club
- Y5 & 6 School Football Team



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
- Outdoor Explorers



Friday:

- Running Club
- Sports Circuits
- ICT Games
- Papercraft



School Discos - Thursday 22nd October 2026

Please see class dojo for further information. Tickets can be booked here:

www.pta-events.co.uk/paanpta





SCHOOL DISCOS

Autumn Term

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

MULBERRY, APPLE & CHERRY - DURING THE SCHOOL AFTERNOON

YEARS 1 - 3 4.30PM - 5.30PM

YEARS 4 - 6 6PM - 7.15 PM

Celebrate the end of this half term with music, friends, and memories! The disco shop will be open selling snacks and light up / glow in the dark accessories for years 1-6 discos ONLY

£2.50 PER CHILD

SEE CLASS DOJO FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO BOOK AND PAY

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

NO MOBILE PHONES ALLOWED!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE DISCO BY AN ADULT

Main Hall @
Prince Avenue Academy & Nursery, Hornby Avenue, Westcliff on Sea,
Essex. SSO OLG

Coming up...



REMINDER: Year 5 Mexican Day



Individual Photos

Individual school photographs will be taken during the school day on Friday 23rd October for children in both the school and nursery. If you would like a group photograph of siblings, please pop into the main school hall after school, where the photographers will be available to take these for you. Thank you!

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PHOTOGRAPHIC

The Book Fair Returns

We are hosting a

BOOK FAIR

Read
Discover
Explore

Discover exciting new stories, inspiring books, and unforgettable adventures at our Book Fair!

Tuesday 10th -
Friday 13th
November 2026

After
School

- Great books to explore
- Find new favorites
- Fun for all ages
- Pay by cash or card

School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

School Nursing Service 2026-27

Parent/carer drop in clinics for children aged
5-11 years

Venue	Time
Prince Avenue Academy	
Thursday 12 th November	
8.30am-9.15am	
Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development • Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing • Sleep support • Puberty	

No appointment needed.
Call or text us for further information.

01702 534843

ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884

Young People
scan this QR
Code to find
support



Parents scan
this QR Code
to find
support



www.southend.gov.uk/schoolnurses
schoolnursing@southend.gov.uk

Southend-on-Sea
City Council

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.



Term Dates 2026/27

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



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
Wednesday 18th November

Reading at Home

As a school we ask for all children to read at home with an adult at least three times a week. Please remember to sign your child's blue reading diary each time you listen to them read, so we can keep track of their progress.

Children's home reading is recorded in class, helping them work towards achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Reading Badges. Every reading session counts, so thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop their reading skills and a lifelong love of books!



Attendance Matters

You may hear the term "Persistent Absence" when discussing school attendance. A child is considered persistently absent when they miss 10% or more of their possible school sessions. This is the equivalent of around one day of school every two weeks.

While this may not seem like a large amount of time at first, these absences can quickly add up. Missing school regularly means children can fall behind in their learning, miss important teaching, and find it more difficult to keep up with their classmates. It can also affect confidence and make returning to school feel more challenging.

Over time, persistent absence can impact more than academic progress. Children may miss opportunities to build friendships, develop social skills, take part in school events, and benefit from the routines that support positive emotional wellbeing. Regular attendance helps children feel connected, secure, and part of the school community. We understand that families can face challenges that affect attendance, and our aim is always to work in partnership with parents and carers. If you are experiencing difficulties that may impact your child's attendance, please speak to us. By addressing concerns early and working together, we can help ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Every day counts, and small improvements in attendance can make a big difference over time.

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



Don't forget to like our facebook page



Follow us on Instagram
@princeavenueacademynursery



Follow our SEEAT family of schools on Instagram
@seeat_academy_trust

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.

Secondary School Applications – Deadline Reminder for all Y6 Pupils

We have been asked by the Local Authority to remind Year 6 families that the deadline for submitting your child's secondary school application is Saturday 31st October 2026.

Applications can be submitted online via the Citizen Portal. Please ensure that you apply to the correct Local Authority for your home address. If you live in Southend, you must submit your application to Southend City Council. If you live in other areas of Essex, you must submit your application to Essex County Council.

If you need any help or support with your application, please contact the Admissions Team at your Local Authority for further advice.

Thank you for your attention to this important deadline

Community Advertising

Do you love mystery and adventure books?

Come and explore cosmic canine adventures, spooky houses and cryptic clues with Amanda Brandon, children's author of over 25 books. She will be sharing her mystery solving top tips and puzzle sheets.

MYSTERY MORNING

October 27th @ 11am
Southend Forum Library
The Forum, Elmer Ave,
Southend-on-Sea
SS1 1NS

Signed books available on the day
£5 and under (cash only)

Free event suitable for five to ten-year-olds on Tuesday October 27 at 11am Southend Forum. Places bookable on Eventbrite and signed copies available on the day £5 and under (cash only)

Since her picture book debut of A Scarf and a Half, Amanda has written everything from magazine stories to reading scheme and short chapter books. Her work has been translated into a number of languages.

STARSPO RTS AND SOCCER
GREAT WAKING PRIMARY ACADEMY
HOLIDAY CLUB
GREAT FUN • ACTIVE DAYS • NEW FRIENDS
10 FUN PACKED DAYS!
INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED
Please note - the payment details have changed!

FOOTBALL - NERF - ARTS & CRAFTS - MULTI SPORTS - LEGO - BASKETBALL
GYMNASTICS - TENNIS - BADMINTON - CRICKET - ROUNDERS - HOCKEY
DODGEBALL - ATHLETICS - HANDBALL - DANCE & MUCH MORE!

HOLIDAY CLUB DATES
WEEK ONE - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October
Please note - The holiday club will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd October
WEEK TWO - Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

9AM-3PM: £24 PER INDIVIDUAL DAY FOR ONE CHILD
HALF DAY BOOKINGS ARE £14.00 PER CHILD (ANY 3 HOUR SLOT FROM 9AM-3PM)

Sibling Discounts per individual day 9am-3pm: £40 for 2 siblings and £56 for 3 siblings

9AM TILL 3PM
OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD. CHILDREN MUST BE DRY.
CHILDREN AGED 12+ CAN APPLY TO BECOME A HELPER. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO.
INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED & OUR CLUB RUNS EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
FULLY QUALIFIED, INSURED, DBS CHECKED, FIRST AID TRAINED & EXPERIENCED STAFF
SAFE, FUN & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT IN A SECURED VENUE
PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NUT & SESAME SEED FREE. PLEASE ENSURE FOODS ARE FREE OF ALL TREE NUTS, PEANUTS & SESAME SEEDS.

All attending should bring: A packed lunch with water bottle, any medication needed (asthma pump, EpiPen etc. and please send us the full details of any medical conditions or needs we should be aware of), plenty of water, sun cream, sun hat & trainers (Football boots are optional).

Payment Details: Star Sports & Soccer Ltd. 18397927 23-05-80
Please use the FULL NAME of the child as the payment reference and send us a proof of payment screenshot every time a payment is made please. Thank you.

Safe • Fun • Active • Make Great Memories!

MEGA CAMPS
KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS
AGES 4-14
CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

OCTOBER CAMP 2026
CHECK WEBSITE FOR OCTOBER LOCATIONS & DATES

WALL CLIMBING
KIDS FAVOURITE
ANIMAL WORKSHOP
FANCY DRESS
GO KARTING IS BACK

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX & KENT THIS OCTOBER
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day 2026



25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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DYNAMO CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP
FREE

Fun-filled, action packed
GIRLS ONLY cricket camp during the holidays for 8-11 years

Free code:
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LOCATION:
Southchurch High School, SS2 4XA
CAMP DATE:
Tuesday 27 October
SESSION TIMES:
10:00-16:00
AGES:
8 - 11 years (Girls only)
CONTACT:
adel.roets@essexcricket.org.uk

TRUST LINKS FOREST SCHOOL
OCTOBER HALF TERM HALLOWEEN SPECIAL EVENTS
JOIN US FOR NATURE THEMED HALLOWEEN FUN AND ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 10AM-12 NOON
AGES 0-11YRS
TRUST LINKS SHOEBOURY
ELM ROAD, SS3 9RZ
£5 FOR FIRST CHILD, £2.50 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD
ADULT(S) ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 10AM-12 NOON
AGES 0-11YRS
TRUST LINKS WESTCLIFF
FAIRFAX DRIVE, SS0 9AG
£5 FOR FIRST CHILD, £2.50 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD
ADULT(S) ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 10AM-3PM
AGES 7-11YRS
ST LAURENCE ORCHARD
EASTWOODBURY LANE
£30 - LUNCH PROVIDED
ADULT(S) DROP OFF CHILDREN

Booking Required

NEW!

TrustLinks
Youth & Families
Charity No. 1092324

LIGHT PARTY!

HOT DOGS
SWEETS
QUIZZES & GAMES
BOX MAZE
INFLATABLES

31 OCT | FREE ENTRY | 5-7 PM
ST JOHN'S SOUTHEND
Church Road SS1 2AL

SCAN TO BOOK

Community Advertising



LEIGH RAMBLERS UNDER 10'S GIRLS TEAM

LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

= YEAR 4 & 5 =



**TRAINING
FRIDAY EVENINGS**
5:30 / 6:30



**AT GOALS
LEIGH**



MAKE
NEW FRIENDS



BUILD
CONFIDENCE



BE PART OF
A GREAT TEAM



HAVE FUN

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!



GOALKEEPER WANTED!

CORINTHIANS FC YOUTH UNDER 12's **BLUES**

Friendly and ambitious
group of lads, looking for
a keeper to join our squad..

Make great mates,
and be part of our journey
on the pitch!



**SOUTHEND
BASED TEAM**



**SATURDAY /
WEDNESDAY
TRAINING**



**SUNDAY
MATCHES**



CONTACT

GARETH 07954 419533 **OR** ARCHIE 07842 358714








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OCTOBER FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING,
LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October





Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre

Garon Park Cricket Ground, Eastern Ave, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4FA

HALF DAY	FULL DAY
9am - 12pm or 1pm - 4pm	9am - 4pm
from £10.00 per session	from £20.00 per day

Open to children aged 5 (school year 1) - 12.
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm
(can also be added to half day sessions) for an additional fee.

**YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY IS FREE USING
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We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!



Scan the QR code for more information,
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Safe, inclusive
and fun



FUN
Exciting game
for everyone



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every ability



**ALL ABILITIES
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Join in, belong,
be part of it