



Newsletter

Success with a Smile

Week ending 23rd October 2026

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed MP for Southend West and Leigh, David Burton-Sampson, to Prince Avenue this morning and he enjoyed a tour of the school with myself and Mr Holmwood, visiting every class from Nursery to Year 6. Children and staff showcased the warmth and happiness of our school and this really shone through to our guest. The classrooms were filled with activities from yoga to shield making to structure building with marshmallows and spaghetti! Mr Burton-Sampson chatted with children and staff as we toured the school and it filled me with enormous pride to see your children engage so confidently with our MP.

His tour was rounded off with an open forum with a child from every class, the children shared their favourite parts of the school day and where they would like to see enhancements. Myself and Mr Holmwood then met with Mr Burton-Sampson to discuss Prince Avenue and the future of Southend and Prince Avenue, how he can support our areas for development and also the impact of the new parking arrangements outside of our school. He left feeling confident that the children of Prince Avenue are very well looked after and cared for and that we have high expectations for every child. As Headteacher, I could not agree more and thank our staff for all that they do to make your child's time safe, enjoyable and keeping them developing.



This Week's Attendance

Whole school attendance: 94.9%

R/KS1 winners: Elm - 98.3%

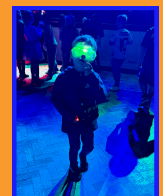
KS2 winners: Sycamore - 95.8%

Congratulations to our winning classes this week!



Please do not forget to save the date to attend the PTA's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2026. Our PTA plays a vital role in supporting the school community, helping to fund additional resources, experiences and opportunities for our children. From discos and family events to fundraising projects that directly benefit pupils, the PTA's hard work makes a real difference to school life. The AGM is an important opportunity to review the year's achievements, look ahead to future plans and welcome new ideas and volunteers. We are always grateful for any support parents can offer, whether that's helping at an event, joining the committee or simply attending meetings. Importantly, the meeting **needs to be quorate** in order for official business to take place, so we would encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Your presence and input help ensure the PTA can continue its valuable work for the benefit of all our children. We hope to see you there!

Talking of the PTA, yesterday, they organised the school discos for our wonderful pupils, they were definitely a hit and the talk of the day has been about the discos. Here are some photographs





Y5 Mexican Day



Year 5 had a fantastic time celebrating all things Mexican on Monday as the children enjoyed a fun-filled day of Mexican-themed activities linked to their learning about the country. The children and staff looked wonderful in their Mexican-inspired outfits, with some dressing up in costumes inspired by the colourful Day of the Dead celebrations.

It was also lovely to welcome parents and carers into school during the afternoon to join in with the festivities and share the children's learning. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the day so special!



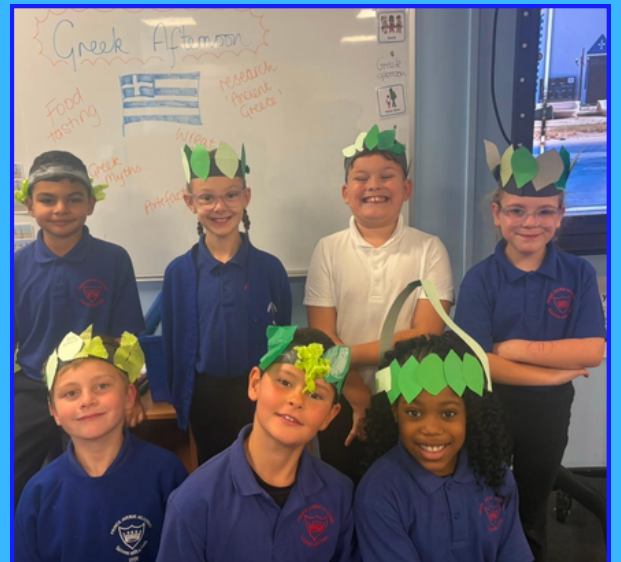
Y4 Greek Afternoon



On Thursday afternoon, the children in Year 4 enjoyed a Greek-themed afternoon as part of their History learning.

The children made their own Greek leaf headpieces, tried some traditional Greek foods and enjoyed some Greek-themed colouring.

Throughout the afternoon it was lovely to see so many of the children being brave and trying new foods. Olives weren't quite a winner for most of them, though!



Coming up...



A huge well done to our school librarian, Mrs Pond, who entered Prince Avenue Academy and Nursery into the Pushkin

Children's Supports Primaries competition! We were delighted to be chosen at random as one of the winning schools, and are looking forward to receiving 50 fantastic books for our school library, including a complete set of 18 Pushkin Children's Classics.

Thank you, Mrs Pond, for all you do to inspire a love of reading in our children!



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!

Secondary School Applications Deadline Reminder for all Y6 Pupils

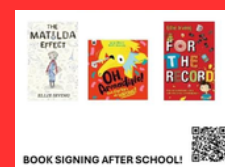
Don't forget that the closing date for submitting admissions applications for Year 7 starting in September 2027 is 31 October 2026.

Author Visit

Local author, Ellie Irving, will be visiting the children on Friday 6th November. She will also be doing a book signing after school and her books can be pre-ordered using the QR code on the poster or the following link:

<https://www.jacqsondiego.com/ellieirving>

The books will be delivered to school the day before or the morning of her visit so they will be ready for you at the book signing.



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](#)

Children with Asthma

Following updated advice from the Community Asthma Nursing Team, we have recently been reviewing our asthma arrangements to ensure we continue to support children with asthma as safely and effectively as possible.

Please be reminded that children with asthma should have an inhaler, a spacer chamber (where appropriate for their inhaler type) and an up-to-date asthma care plan in school. Care plans should be reviewed annually or if things change. Reviews are usually carried out by the practice nurse at your GP surgery, or by the Community Asthma Team if your child is under their care. If your child's asthma review is due then half term could be the perfect opportunity to arrange this. Please provide updated care plans to the school office as soon as they are received. It is equally important to let us know if your child is no longer asthmatic.

Please ensure inhalers are provided in their original packaging, with the prescription label clearly visible. If your child needs to use their inhaler during the school day, their class teacher will notify you.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep your children safe and well.

Booking School Meals

As we look ahead to the new half term, please remember to book your child's school meals in advance via School Gateway. You can book meals for the whole half term, right up until the Christmas break, so why not book ahead?



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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Diary Dates



HALF TERM

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October inclusive



INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 2nd November



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Wednesday 18th November

Attendance Matters

As we return after the half term break, we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back for a positive and successful start to the remainder of the term. Every school day counts, and good attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships, and make the most of their learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

If you're not sure if your child is well enough to come to school, check the NHS guidance for common illnesses at [NHS is my child too ill for school?](#) and let us know as soon as possible if they need to stay home. Remember, ahead of and during the winter illness period, all eligible school-aged children are offered an NHS flu vaccine. The flu vaccinations are being offered here at school on Wednesday 18th November.

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.

💀 BOOGIE BONES HAVE TAKEN OVER 💀



Our Boogie Disco Skeletons are hiding around the park, and we need YOU to find them!

Follow our Halloween Trail; hunt for the spooky sights; discover fun photo opportunities & collect your Halloween certificate!

OPENING DAY – MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 🎃

🎃 £3 per child including a hot chocolate and free face painting!

27TH-29TH OCTOBER

£2 per child suggested donation

🎃 Come dressed in your spookiest Halloween costume and get ready for some spooky family fun! 🎃 🎃

Community Advertising



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TIMETABLES
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

CHEERLEADING			GYMNASTICS		
TUESDAYS	SEND CHEERLEADING	5:15-6:15PM	TUESDAYS	AGES 3-8	5-6PM
WEDNESDAYS	AGES 9-14	5-6PM	TUESDAYS	AGES 9-14	6-7PM
THURSDAYS	AGES 3-8	5-6PM	SATURDAYS	AGES 3-16	9-10AM
SATURDAYS	AGES 3-8	9-10AM	SATURDAYS	AGES 3-16	10-11AM
SATURDAYS	AGES 9-14	10-11AM	SATURDAYS	AGES 6-16	11AM-12PM

TRIAL CLASS £8.00 **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP £30.00**

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

U5 & U6 TALENT ID DAY

Come and show us what you've got! A fun morning of football and a pathway into our grassroots squads.

DATE
Monday 26 October

TIME
10:00am – 2:00pm

VENUE
Goals, Southend

AGES
U5 & U6 • Reception & Year 1

£5 ON THE DAY

Fun games & skills **Spot your potential** **Meet our coaches** **Join our squads**

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The stop-motion preschool movie Kiri and Lou Go Raaa! is currently playing in UK cinemas (ODEON and Vue). An hour long, it's a brilliant, gentle first cinema experience for preschool and early primary school children, with plenty to talk about afterwards. It's about friendship, kindness, courage and understanding difference.

Here's the trailer: [Kiri and Lou Go Raaa! - Official Trailer](#)