

# The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e 13.10.2023



## Head teacher's message

Dear all,

I hope you have all had a positive week. One week to go!

This week I would like to reflect on the 20-year career of my colleague, Jan Defferary, who will be retiring today. Jan joined us a bus escort, moved on to being a dinner lady, then the tea lady, then a classroom assistant. Throughout her career Jan has built incredibly strong bonds with pupils and colleagues, developing many life long friendships along the way. Through the highs and the lows, Jan has always been a really safe person to be with. Incredibly selfless, she will do anything for anybody. Even through some tears of sadness at times, she will always find something positive, and often humorous, to share. Jan has a naturally sunny disposition that I feel that we have all benefitted from at times. Thank you and best wishes Jan.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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## Sign of the Week—Home



## 5 ways to Wellbeing



## Linnet Class

Linnet pupils are enjoying the benefits of Outdoor Learning with visits to Camp Mohawk every week. Pupils have been walking in the woodlands, exploring a variety of pond life and looking at mini-beasts. The outdoor playground is our most favourite activity. Pupils are encouraged to choose from arts & crafts activities, soft play, sensory room or just relaxing and socialising in the TV room.



## Harvest Festival

The harvest festival collection is being donated The Way Ministry Reading Food Bank.

They are a charity offering a helping hand to people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and financial hardship in Reading.

The food bank regularly take donations from local businesses/supermarket chains and use them to fight poverty and hunger.

If you or someone you know needs food, get in touch at [thewayministryreading@outlook.com](mailto:thewayministryreading@outlook.com) or [krelf@avenue.reading.sch.uk](mailto:krelf@avenue.reading.sch.uk).

## Textiles Recycling Bank

We have a textile recycling bank at the front of our school. Parents & staff can donate unwanted shoes, clothes, sheets etc. Every two weeks the bank is emptied and weighed and we will be paid per kilo for what they collect. It's an easy way for us to earn some extra funds for our school as well as doing something really positive for the environment. The textiles collected are sent to poorer communities or recycled into industrial cleaning wipes and insulation materials, so nothing goes to landfill.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Key dates

### Half term

23rd –  
27th Oct

### INSET Days

30th &  
31st Oct

### Children in Need

Fri 17th  
Nov

### Christmas Fayre

24th Nov  
4:00-7:00