



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

158

131

137

182

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2996

2556

3371

3139

Merit Badges

Reception	TJ			
Year 1	AS			
Year 2		BMAC		
Year 3	AH			
Year 4			FPS	
Year 5			RK	
			SS	
Year 6		PSP		
		NS		

Achievement Certificates



Reception	EN
Year 1	RC
Year 2	HB
Year 3	LDC
Year 4	FS
Year 5	SE
	FL
	RP
Year 6	EM

Headteachers Awards



Reception	RD
Year 1	RC
Year 3	LDC
Year 5	RP

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HT
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	AH
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	SW

Reading Star!



Reception	TC
Year 1	HT
Year 2	DK
Year 3	HP
Year 4	SA
Year 5	EH
Year 6	AW

Golden Table

Rec	MW	Y1	RC	Y2	BMAC
Y3	CL	Y4	NFT	Y5	FL
		Y6	PSP		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Year 6 World War II Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to attend the Year 6 World War II Style, Afternoon Tea and class assembly on Monday 27th January.



It was fabulous to see just how much the children were inspired, and how their learning has been enriched throughout their study of World War II.

Reception - Chinese Food Tasting



Today, to celebrate the Year of the Snake, the Reception children enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year and sampling some delicious Chinese food. They very much enjoyed the vegetable spring rolls, prawn crackers and some tasty noodles!



RHS School Gardening Award Level 1



We're thrilled to celebrate our Level 1 RHS School Gardening Award! Our budding gardeners have been digging deep, enhancing their learning through hands-on experiences that build strength, boost wellbeing, and nurture a love for nature.

From propagating plants in Nursery to seed sharing with our Eco Council, our whole school is embracing the joy of growing. Our newly refreshed sensory area is now a calming, accessible space for all to enjoy, learn, and care for.



We're already working towards our next award—watch this space!

Reception Walk to West Kirby Library



Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances at West Kirby Library this week, the visit by the Reception children has been postponed. A new date and time will be confirmed next week.

Recycle Your Empty Printer Cartridges at School



As part of a recycling initiative, we are asking all parents and carers if they would kindly drop off any used Inkjet and toner cartridges to the blue Inkjet recycling box situated outside the school office.

Inkjet and toner cartridges can take up to 1,000 years to compose, so if we can help recycle them, and raise some money for the school at the same time, this is a win-win situation!

We thank you for your support.



Pre-loved Uniform – Buy One Get One Free Offer



For a limited time, our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is running a “buy one get one free” offer (cheapest item free). Should you wish to purchase any items please email uniformpta@gmail.com or text on 07702458016. Payments are by bank transfer only – details will be given when placing an order.

For a list of items available, please click on the link below:
[Pre-loved School Uniform Items](#)

PTA - Gift Amnesty

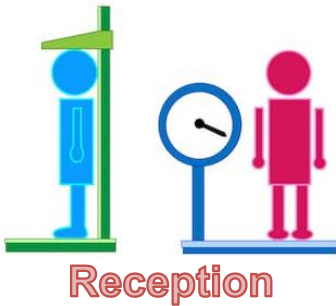
The PTA are looking for any duplicate/unwanted gifts you can donate for any future raffle prizes. If you can help, please drop off any gifts to the School Office.



We thank you in advance for any future donations.



Reception Wirral NHS Vision/Hearing Screening & Height and Weight Checks Thursday 6th February 2025



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on **Thursday 6th February**, in the afternoon, to undertake Audio Vision and NCMP (Height and Weight) screening of the Reception Year.

For the NCMP screening, children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

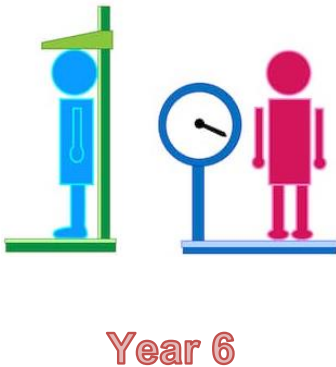
If you wish for your child to NOT to take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the links below:

[Reception Vision & Audio Screening](#)

[Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening](#)

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights Thursday 6th February 2025



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on **Thursday 6th February**, to undertake NCMP (Height and Weight) of the Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

If you wish for your child to NOT take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the link below:

[Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening](#)

Year 5 Class Assembly Monday 10th February 2025 at 9.05am



The children of Year 5 would like to invite you to their Class Assembly on Monday 10th February starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. The theme of the assembly will be "Making Connections". Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Year 4 Trip to Tam O'Shanter Farm Tuesday 11th February 2025



As part of this terms theme "Making Connection" and to enhance Year 4's Science curriculum a visit to Tam O'Shanter Farm on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

The cost of the trip will be £6.50 (inc VAT) which includes transport and entry to the farm. Children will be travelling to the farm in staff cars and will set off from school at approximately 9:00am. If your child requires a booster seat, please can you drop one off at the school office on the morning of the trip. Please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure.

We will arrive back at school in time for lunch as usual. The children should wear their PE kit including tracksuit bottoms, their school black waterproof jacket and wellies. Please ensure that the children bring in to school their school shoes or trainers for when they return to school. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £6.50 no later than **Friday 7th February 2025**.

Lunch Menu



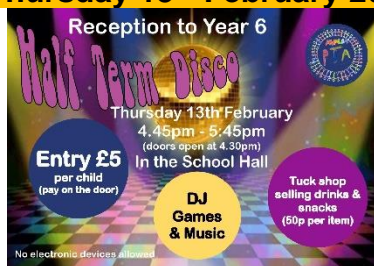
Lunch menu for the week commencing 3rd February 2025



Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Burger, Salad & Wedges
Pudding	Cake Selection

PTA Reception to Year 6 Half Term Disco Thursday 13th February 2025 4.45pm – 5.45pm



Avalon PTA are holding a Half Term Disco for all children in Reception to Year 6 on **Thursday 13th February**. Doors open at 4.30pm and tickets are £5.00 payable on the door. The event promises to be plenty of fun with lots of music and fun games.



Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Thursday 13th February 2025



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them during the afternoon of Thursday 13th February to take part in lots of fun activities including; crafts, stories and singing. The children will then enjoy some juice and biscuits too.

The children will be travelling to Caldy Manor in their minibus. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldy Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Monday 10th February 2025**.

For more information, please click on the link below.
[Caldy Manor Care Home Letter](#)

Half Term Break Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025



School will be closed the half term break from Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February inclusive.

The children return to school on Monday 24th February at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

M&M Theatre Productions – The Wizard of Oz Tuesday 25th February 2025



We have arranged for “M&M” Theatre in Education Company to present a performance of “The Wizard of Oz” at Avalon on Tuesday 25th February 2025 in the afternoon for the children in Reception to Year 6.

M & M Theatre Productions have visited Avalon on previous occasions, and we are delighted that they are able to return. The cost of the performance will be £16.75 per child (inc. VAT).

To enable your child to attend the production, we would be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements to pay the £16.75 no later than **Friday 14th February 2025**.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[M&M Theatre Productions - The Wizard of Oz Letter](#)



Reception to Year 6 RHE Parent & Consultation Meeting Thursday 27th February 2025 at 4pm



As a part of your child's educational experience at Avalon School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic (PSHCE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

The parent consultation and information meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February at 4pm in the Science classroom for parent of children in Reception to Year 6. We would be most grateful if you could indicate whether or not you are able to attend the meeting by completing and returning the attached reply slip by **Monday 24th February 2025**.

For more information, and to access the reply slip, please click on the link below:

[RHE Parent Consultation Meeting](#)

PTA Family Fun Event at Activity 4All Saturday 1st March 2025



The PTA are holding a family fun event at Activity 4All in Upton on **Saturday 1st March 2025**. More details to follow soon.

Can you help sponsor this event? Last year four local businesses helped make our "Hop into Spring" event so successful. If your company would like to sponsor this event, please contact the School Office. Let's make it even better than last year!



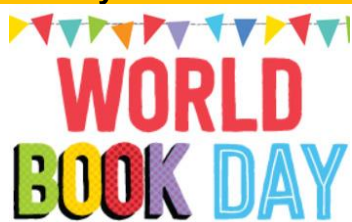
Nursery and Pre-School Stay & Play Week Week Commencing Monday 3rd March



We would like to invite you to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 3rd March 2025

More details to follow shortly.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025



We celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025. Exciting updates and events to follow shortly.

Nursery & Pre-School Take a Look Event Friday 7th March 2025



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We will be holding another “Take a Look” Event for Nursery and Pre-School children which will be held on Friday 7th March 2025.

More details to follow shortly.

Year 6 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home Wednesday 12th March 2025



The residents of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 6 Class children to visit them on Wednesday 12th March 2025 to showcase their World War II learning. The children will either be travelling to The Old Garden Care Home in their minibus or staff vehicles. Should the children require a suitable car seat for the journey, please can parents provide one on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip to The Old Garden Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 7th March 2025**. The staff of The Old Garden Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

Local Artist Workshops Monday 24th March 2025



As part of this term's theme “Making Connection”, we have invited local artist, Mark Swan into school to run art workshops with the children in Reception to Year 6 on Monday 24th March 2025.

On Mark's last visit to school the children created some beautiful pieces of work which were displayed around school for all children and staff to enjoy.

This time we have arranged for an exhibition of the children's work to be displayed for parents/carers to view and purchase at a cost of £5.00. The children's creations will be displayed in the school hall on Friday 28th March from 3pm.

We hope that the workshops will enhance the children's learning and provide you and them with a wonderful memento of a very special experience.

Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at Grosvenor Museum Chester Tuesday 25th March 2025



A visit to The Roman Soldier Tour at The Grosvenor Museum in Chester has been booked for Year 3 children for Tuesday 25th March 2025. This trip promises to be an enriching experience, offering valuable insights into history, art, and cultural heritage of the Romans.

The cost of the trip will be £30.65 per child, which includes transportation, entry fees to the museum, time in the museum to explore both galleries as well as a Roman Soldier tour to the Amphitheatre. Children will be travelling to the Museum by coach and leaving at approximately 9:15am. Please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the centre. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money. Please ensure the consent form and payment are made by **Thursday 20th March 2025**.

For more information, and to access the reply slip, please click on the link below:

[Year 3 Visit to Roman Soldier Tour Letter](#)

Year 6 Residential to Petty Pool Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th May 2025



Year 6 will be attending Petty Pool Outdoor Centre in Cheshire between Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th May 2025.

More details will be sent out when available and a meeting regarding this visit will be held in the next few weeks for parents and children to find out more about the trip.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Year 6 Residential Trip to Petty Pool Letter](#)

Safeguarding



To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, we kindly remind you that parents and carers should only enter the school buildings when **with a member of staff or you have shared a valid Enhanced DBS check with the school.**

This is a vital part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Safety Reminder!



We kindly remind parents that children should not play on the playground area, outside of school hours, unless closely supervised by an adult. This is especially important during poor weather conditions, such as those we have been experiencing recently.

Whilst we strive to ensure everyone's safety during school hours, we cannot be held liable for your children's safety once they have been collected and are in parents' care.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school when dropping off or picking up children and to aid visibility please avoid parking on the road directly outside school. We would also ask any parents using Warwick Drive to be extra careful and aware of pedestrians using this route to access school.

It would also be much appreciated if parents consider the through traffic along Caldly Road and avoid attempting U-turns in the road. These sorts of manoeuvres in the road can be particularly dangerous for all road users and pedestrians during these busy times of day.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Scooters and Bicycles



It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bicycles and scooters in the morning. However please could we ask that bicycles and scooters are not left on the school ground during the day for safety reasons.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Earrings in School



It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could remind children to remove earrings and any other jewellery before coming to school.

We understand that a number of children have only recently had their ears pierced and although it is not ideal, in this instance could we ask parents/carers to ensure that earrings are covered each morning with plasters.

Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3.00pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-sports	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	Lunch Time	Rec – Y2
	Street Dance	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Lego Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Running Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Wizard of Oz	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Hockey	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Science	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	VR	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Football Training	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

Extra-curricular club information letter [Spring 2025 Clubs](#)

Sign Up Forms for Staff run Clubs [Extra Curricular Clubs Spring 2025](#)

Acro Dance Sign Up: _lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

Ballet Sign Up: lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

Jo Jingles Sign Up: louisejojingles@icloud.com

Multi-Sports: Visit www.activityforall.com

Infant Football Visit www.activityforall.com

Hockey Visit www.activityforall.com

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

Start of the Day Arrangements



Before school club is from 7.45am to 8.30am. Children attending before school club should enter the hall via the main school glass entrance doors.

From 8.30am to 8.45am parents may drop children off at the school gate which will be manned by Avalon staff. Alternatively parents and carers who may wish to bring their child onto the school site and drop their child off at the allocated entrance doors.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, this will be at the main glass entrance doors. For all Junior children, Year 3 to Year 6, this will be at the front door of the junior building.

Arriving late to School



Late attendance (after 8.45am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

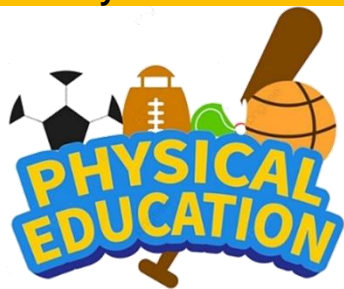
End of the Day Arrangements



Children's collection arrangements will be as follows:

Year Group	Collection Time	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Side door by the Hall
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 5	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 6	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance

PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks



We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, cheese and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

Snacks which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, fruit winders and other sugary snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Wet Play Bags



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New wet play bags are charged at £5.00 each.

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

Avalon School Water Bottles



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New water bottles are charged at £2.75 each.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:

<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Pre-Loved Uniform



**Pre-Loved
Uniform**

If you have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, please can you make sure that all items donated are wearable and not threadbare, and clean. Also, we can **only** accept the following Avalon specific uniform:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank you.

Scam Emails Warning



We have been made aware by the Independent Schools Council of recent email scams involving people posing as prospective parents to try to gain access to school details including logo's, email templates etc. This information is then fraudulently used to scam parents into making payments into their accounts. If you do receive an email of this nature or if you are unsure about an email, we would be most grateful if you could contact the school immediately.

Please be assured that our own bank account details have not and will not, for the foreseeable future, change. Avalon School does not send out emails regarding unsolicited discount rates. Any emails you receive containing invoices or statements will be sent from either accounts@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Date 2024-2025



2024-2025

Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half-Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
Ends	Friday 28 th March 2025 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025

May Day	Monday 5th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time

2025-2026

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half-Term	Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October 2025
Ends	Friday 12 th December 2025 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half-Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4th May 2026
Half-Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026
Ends	Friday 10 th July 2026 Normal finish time

**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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February

Thursday 6 th	NCMP Screening for Reception and Year 6 Children
Monday 10 th	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 11 th	Year 4 Trip to Tam O'Shanter Farm
Thursday 13 th	PTA Half Term Disco
	Reception visit to Caldry Manor Care Home
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th	Children return to School
Tuesday 25 th	M&M Theatre Productions - Wizard of Oz
Thursday 27 th	RHE Reception to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meeting

March

Saturday 1 st	PTA Family Fun Day at Activity4All
Monday 3 rd	Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Week
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Friday 7 th	Take a Look Event for Nursery and Pre-School parents
Wednesday 12 th	Year 6 Visit to Old Garden Care Home
Monday 24 th	Artist Mark Swan to visit the school
Friday 28 th	Exhibition of Children's Art Work available to purchase
Tuesday 25 th	Year 3 Visit to the Roman Tour Grosvenor Museum Chester
Friday 28 th	Children's Art Exhibition

May

Monday 12 th - Wednesday 14 th	Year 6 Residential to Petty Pool
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Reception to Year 6

Half Term Disco



Thursday 13th February
4.45pm - 5:45pm
(doors open at 4.30pm)
In the School Hall

Entry £5
per child
(pay on the door)

DJ
Games
& Music

Tuck shop
selling drinks &
snacks
(50p per item)

No electronic devices allowed

Avalon School

Baby & Toddler Group

(0-5 years)

Wednesday mornings (term time)
9.30am to 11.00am
ALL WELCOME!



£5 a child / £2 for a sibling
(cash or card payments)

Refreshments included

Lots of fun activities

No need to book
Come along and
join in the fun!

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