



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018

Half Term Break
School Closes on Friday 19th October and
Re-Opens on Monday 5th November 2018

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

159

158

135

131

Total House Points for the Year To-date

627

738

705

685

Merit Badges

Reception	SG			
Year 1	ME			
Year 2	HL			
Year 3	EA			
Year 4	CE			
Year 5			JG & DB	
Year 6		JG	LP	

Golden Table

Rec	HL	Y1	OC	Y2	HL
Y3	JP	Y4	SP	Y5	OE
		Y6	IH		

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Mince Pie & Chips

Pudding: The children and staff have enjoyed a different



cake each day this week. The cake voted their favourite was:



Carrot Cake



MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 8th October 2018



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

OCTOBER 2018

Tue 9th

Reception - Year 5
Flu Immunisation

Pre-School Trip –
Caldy Manor Care Home

Wed 10th

Harvest Celebration
at 9.15am – Parents
Welcome!

Thur 11th

PTA Informal Coffee
Meeting at 9am in
the School Hall

Year 4 Trip –
Horrible Histories

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 12th

Visiting Morning
9am to 12pm

PTA Informal Coffee
Meeting at 2.45pm
in the School Hall

Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 9th October 2018

The children in Reception to Year 5 will be having their flu immunisations on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

Pre-School Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Tuesday 9th October 2018

Preschool children will be visiting Caldy Residential Manor on Tuesday 9th October 2018 for 'Talk like a pirate' day. The children will be travelling by mini bus and will need their car seats, we would be grateful if you could drop your child's car seat off at the Nursery Office. The children will be taking part in pirate related activities with the residents including a pirate hat competition. We cannot wait to see your wonderful creations.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Wednesday 10th October 2018

This year our Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Wednesday 10th October at 9.15am in the School Hall, we warmly invite all parents and carers to our assembly. We would kindly ask for a small donation of either perishable or non-perishable food which will be given to the Charles Thompson Mission to help support them with their charitable work for people in our local area. We look forward to see you there!

PTA Informal Coffee Meeting

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th October 2018

We will be holding two informal coffee meetings on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 9am and Friday 12th October 2018 at 2.45pm in the school hall in support of the PTA. We do hope that you can join us.

Year 4 Trip to Horrible Histories

Thursday 11th October 2018

As part of their History topic; Ancient Egyptians, the children of Year 4 will be going to the Floral Pavilion to watch the Horrible Histories show on

Mon 15th – Fri 19th
EYFS Stay & Play
Week
(Nursery, Pre-
School & Reception)

Mon 15th
Year 5 Class
Assembly at 9.15am
– Parents Welcome!

Thur 18th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

PTA Halloween
Disco

Fri 19th
School Finish at
Normal Time for Half
Term

**S4YC Holiday Club
Available for Half
Term Break**

**HALF TERM
MON 22ND OCT TO
FRI 2ND NOV**

NOVEMBER 2018

Mon 5th
Children Return to
School

Wed 7th
Remembrance
Assembly

Thur 8th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Mon 12th to Fri 16th
Anti-Bullying Week

Tue 13th
Year 6 Bikeability
Course – Day 1

Wed 14th
Parents' Evening
Meetings –
Reception, Year 1,
Year 4 & Year 6

Thursday 11th October 2018. The children will be leaving school in the morning and will return in time for lunch. The children should wear their full school uniform. The children will not need any spending money.

**Visiting Morning
Friday 12th October 2018 9am to 12pm**

On Friday 12th October 2018 we will be opening the school to visitors, friends and families to look around the school on a normal working day between 9am and 12pm. Children should arrive at school at the normal time and in their full smart uniform. Please do join us and get involved!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you everyone who attended or donated to our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We are still counting the money; we will let you know the total collected next week.

Reception Class Reading Garden



Reception class have been on an autumn hunt, using all their senses to explore the environment around them. Click on the link to the [Reception Class](#) page on our website for more details and photographs.

If you have any materials at home that would help to enhance our "Reception Reading Garden" and support us in bringing the outdoors in to our classrooms we would greatly appreciate it if you could bring them in to school (off-cut of artificial grass would be very handy!)

Reception to Year 6 Safari Workshops

The children in Reception to Year 6 took part in Safari workshops this week. Check out the [Reception Class](#) page on our website to find out what they learned in their workshop.

**Christmas Card Designs
Cauliflower Cards – Placing Orders**

The children are currently completing their Christmas card designs. Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until 28th October 2018. To place an order please click or copy and paste the following link into your browser
<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

When placing an order you will need the following information/codes:
School Details: Avalon School
School Code: 2666
Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

Thur 15th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Parents' Evening
Meetings – Year 2,
Year 3 & Year 5

Sat 17th
ISA Swimming Gala

Mon 19th
Year 4 Class
Assembly at 9.15am
– Parents Welcome!

Tue 20th
Road Safety Day

Year 6 Bikeability
Course – Day 2

Thur 22nd
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Thur 29th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 30th
LAMDA Drama
Exams

PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER 2018

Wed 5th
Nursery & Pre-
School Christmas
Concert

Thur 6th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 7th
School Christmas
Lunch & Christmas
Jumper Day

Mon 10th
Infant Christmas
Concert at 2pm
(Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2)

Tue 11th



PARENTS ORDER CODE

School Code

Unique Code

2666

H6T9JX

* SCHOOL DETAILS *

Avalon School

Please return your child's card design sheet to school by **Monday 15th October 2018** so all art work can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. If your child's design sheet is not returned to school you will not receive any orders placed.

Year 4 – Year 6 Cross Country Race at Birkenhead Park

Well done to our 16 strong cross country team, who competed at Birkenhead Park on the 4th October 2018. We were very proud to see every single child compete with commitment, resilience and stamina.

Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meeting

Thank you; to all the Year 5 parents who attended, the 11+ Parent Information Meeting, we do hope that you found it informative and helpful. If you were unable to attend, please speak to Mr Ashton for any information given.

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs

Individual and sibling pupil photographs were taken this week. Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs, as soon as we receive them.

Nursery Outdoor Learning



The children in the Explorers and Discoverers rooms enjoyed themselves this week building a shelter and enjoyed hot chocolate in it. Click on the link to the [Nursery Class](#) page on our website for more details and photographs.

Year 3, Year 4 & Year 6 Trip to West Kirby Library

The children in Years 3, 4 and 6 visited West Kirby Library this week. Check out the [class pages](#) on our website for updates on their visit.

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit from a Local Author

The Year 1 and Year 2 children welcomed John Grieves, a local author, who read his latest Fairy Tale to them which they enjoyed immensely. If your child would like to purchase John's book, please send in £6.99 (cash) in a named envelope with you child.

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions

Week Commencing Monday 15th October 2018

We would like to invite that parents/carers of the children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception to "Stay & Play" sessions on the following dates:

Nursery & Pre-School

Tuesday 16th October 9am to 10.30am

Wednesday 17th October 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 18th October 1.45pm to 3pm

Christmas Parties
(Nursery, Pre-
School, Reception,
Year 1 & Year 2)

Wed 12th

Junior Christmas
Theatre Trip (Wizard
of Oz at Story House
Theatre, Chester)

Thur 13th

Christmas
Celebration
Rehearsal at St
Bridget's Church

Fri 14th

Christmas
Celebration at St
Bridget's Church –
Parents Welcome!

**Autumn Term
Finishes at 12
Noon**

**CHRISTMAS
BREAK
MON 17TH DEC TO
FRI 4TH JAN 2019**

JANUARY 2019

Mon 7th

Staff INSET Day

Tue 8th

Children Return to
School

Reception

Tuesday 16th October 1.45pm to 3pm
Wednesday 17th October 9am to 10.15am
Thursday 18th October 9am to 10.15am

During the sessions you will have the opportunity to join in with learning activities and games. Please complete the reply slip if you wish to attend. Reply slips can be obtained from the school office.

**Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 15th October at 9.15am**

The children of Year 5 would like to invite their parents/carers to their Class assembly on Monday 15th October 2018 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Half Term Holiday Club

The school will close for the half term break on Friday 19th October 2018 and re-opens on Monday 5th November 2018. The S4YC holiday club will be running during the half term break. Booking information and a list of the fun activities will be sent home with the children next week.

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamped for St John's Hospice. If you would like to donate any used stamps there is a collection box in the school office reception area.

**UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge
Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)**

This year Avalon school are entering all key stage 2 children into the UK Bebras Computational thinking challenge, run by Oxford University. The competition will be held during the first 2 weeks of November after we return from half term.



UK Bebras
Computational
Thinking
Challenge

It consists of a 40 minute quiz where the children answer as many questions as they can in 40 minutes. The questions are in the form of engaging puzzles that start off relatively easy so every child can have a go and should get something out of the competition. For those children in year 3 to 5 there is an option to enter as a small group.

There is no prior computing/programming/ICT knowledge required but we will be practising in school using past examples found on their site.

For further information please contact Mrs Ellsmoor or use the link <http://www.bebras.uk/> to their website. Their privacy policy can be found at <http://www.bebras.uk/privacy-policy.html>.

**ISA Swimming Gala
Saturday 17th November 2018**

We have been invited to enter a team for the North Independent Schools Association swimming gala in Macclesfield on **Saturday 17th November 2018**. The competition is open to boys and girls in years 4 – 6 and children may swim in two individual scoring events from breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke. The individual events are very competitive and are over 50m (2 lengths so turns are included) so it is imperative that, firstly, children are competent in their chosen stroke, and secondly, they have some experience of swimming in a competitive race.

If you think that your child would like to represent Avalon in the gala or would like more information, please contact Mr Ashton via email (martinashton@avalon-school.co.uk) with preferred strokes, by **Friday, 5th October**.

Term Dates 2018-2019

2018/2019

Autumn Term

Starts	Mon 3 rd & Tue 4 th Sept 2018 Staff INSET Wed 5 th Sept 2018 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 2nd Nov 2018
Ends	Fri 14 th Dec 2018 - 12 Noon Finish

Spring Term

Starts	Mon 7 th Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 th Jan 2019 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb 2019
Ends	Fri 29 th Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time

Summer Term

Starts	Mon 15 th Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 th Apr 2019 Children Return
Easter May Day	Fri 19th & Mon 22nd Apr 2019 Mon 6th May 2019
Half-Term	Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2019
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

Uniform Supplier

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am
Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm

Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

School Fees and Before & After School Fees

Autumn terms Nursery/Pre-School and School Fees and Before & After School Fees are due to payment. We would be most grateful if these could be paid in accordance with the terms and condition as stated on the invoice. Thank you.

We would be most grateful if any payments over £40 could be made either by cheque or internet banking only; details can be obtained from the school office. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



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

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Avalon School

Parent Toddler Group



1.45pm to 3pm
every Thursday
during term time
£3 per child
including refreshments

Come along for great fun, toys, craft sessions,
activities & fun.

Guest session leaders.



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