



AVALON SCHOOL & NURSERY

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 2nd May 2025

School is closed on Monday 5th May for the May Day Bank Holiday

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

139

100

153

108

Total House Points for the Year To-date

4364

3631

4529

4227

Merit Badges

Reception

WK

Year 1

SW

Year 2

IW

Year 3

EJ

Year 4

JK

Year 5

CS

Year 6

AW

HL

Achievement Certificates

Reception

RD

Year 1

JM

Year 2

HN

Year 3

ES

Year 4

BMJ

Year 5

FS

Year 6

AC

TD



Headteachers Awards



Year 3

EJ

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants

JAJ

Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)

AH

Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)

FA

Reading Star!



Reception

AR

Year 1

XH

Year 2

DK

Year 3

CD

Year 4

SA

Year 5

SE

Year 6

HL

Golden Table

Rec
Y3

TC
EJ

Y1
Y4
Y6

CN
OS
HW

Y2
Y5

HB
RK

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Reception Beach School Session 2 Summer Term



Once again, the Reception children had a fabulous time exploring our local beach at Cubbins Green where they enjoyed making sand castles and exploring the rock pools for crabs and other watery inhabitants.

The next beach sessions will be held at the days and times below.

Tuesday 6th May **PM**

Tuesday 13th May **PM**

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Reception Beach School Sessions Letter](#)



Year 1 & 2 Beach School Session 2 Summer Term



For their second Beach School session this week, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed constructing boats and rafts using recycled materials, testing them to see if they would float or sink. As the children have been learning about the Titanic in their topic work, they then worked as a team to find natural materials to complete an impressive version of the Titanic



The next beach sessions will be held at the days and times below.
Thursday 8th May **PM**
Thursday 15th May **PM**

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Sessions Letter](#)

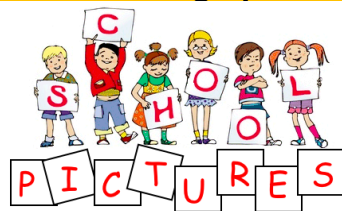
Running Club Cross Country Race – Arrowe Country Park



A big well done to some members of our Junior Running Club who were able to take part in a cross-country relay race at Arrowe Park, competing against other schools in the area. The children certainly showed great stamina and determination!

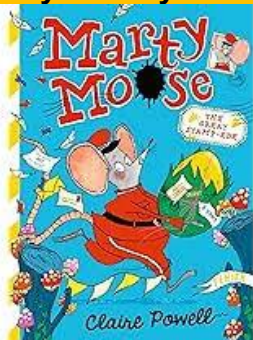


Class Photographs



Class photographs were taken during the beautiful weather we had yesterday. To order photographs, please either scan QR code which was emailed and sent home yesterday with the children yesterday, or visit kandsrouke.gotphoto.co.uk Please remember to use the Personal Access code which is listed on the form when ordering. Parents will be notified when the photographs have arrived at school and will be sent home with the children on that day.

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 visit by local author Claire Powell Friday 9th May 2025



West Kirby born award winning author and illustrator Claire Powell will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Friday 9th May to entertain the children with the first in a series of four books starring the plucky Postmouse, Marty Moose.

“Marty Moose” is available to purchase in cash on the day at school for £6.00 (RRP £6.99) or parents can pre-pay for a copy of Marty Moose by visiting West Kirby Bookshop in West Kirby. You can also email the bookshop at hello@westkirbybookshop.com with your child’s school, name, class and year group. A payment link will then be sent over and the books will be brought to school on the day of the visit.

We are very much looking forward to Claire’s visit and to understand how she brings her delightful characters to life. The children will greatly benefit from her storytelling and illustrative experience.

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2025 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions will commence on Wednesday 23rd April and every subsequent Wednesday as listed below. These sessions are for children who are moving up to our Reception class and they will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 7 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 14 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 21 st May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 4 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 18 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 25 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above. We have also arranged a **New Reception Parents Meeting on Wednesday 2nd July at 5.30pm** which will include an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with the Reception staff team and receive further information prior to the autumn term. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and we will confirm any further details nearer to the date.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Pre-School to Reception Transition Sessions Letter](#)

Lunch

Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th May 2025



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pasta, Meatballs & Sweetcorn
Pudding	Strawberry Gateau

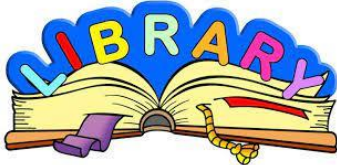
Year 1 Class Assembly Monday 12th May 2025 at 9.05am



The children of Year 1 would like to invite you to their Class Assembly on Monday 12th May starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. The theme of the assembly will be the Titanic. 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.

Reception Visit to West Kirby Library Thursday 15th May 2025 at 10am



Reception children are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on the morning of Thursday 15th May 2025. The visit will involve activities, a story telling session and to return some previously borrowed books. The children will be walking along the Wirral Way through to the library.

If you **do not** wish for your child to visit the library, please let Mrs Daniel or the school office know by **Monday 12th May 2025** so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to visit the library, could we ask that they come to school with a raincoat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school) with a sunhat and have applied sunscreen if necessary.

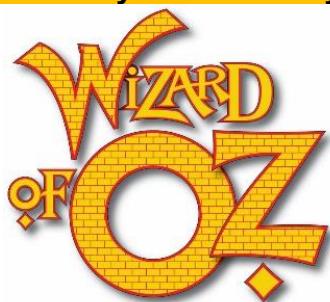
Reception Class Assembly Monday 19th May 2025 at 9.05am



The children in Reception Class would like to invite you to their Class Assembly on Monday 19th May starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. The theme of the assembly will be "Connections with our Community". 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.

Wizard of Oz Junior Production Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd May 2025



Rehearsals for the junior production of the Wizard of Oz are well underway, and the children are eager to share with you all that they have learned.

The performances will be as follows:

Tuesday 20th May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm
Wednesday 21st May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm
Thursday 22nd May – Evening Performance at 6.30pm
Friday 23rd May – Evening Performance at 6.30pm

To purchase tickets, please complete and return the order form to the school office.

For more information, and to access the ticket order form, please click on the link below:

[Wizard of Oz Junior Production Letter](#)

Year 5 & Year 6 Careers Fair Wednesday 18th June 2025 1.30pm-3.30pm



To enrich our PSHCE curriculum and to support children's aspirations for the future, we are planning to hold a Careers Fair for our Y5 and Y6 classes next half term.

The fair is planned to take place on **Wednesday 18th June, starting at 1.30pm until 3.30pm**. We know that amongst our whole parent (and extended families) community, there are a great deal of professions, skills and career pathways that many of our children would aspire to and like to find out more about. From experience of our previous career fairs, it is really important to get a wide range of jobs and skills represented, so that we can get as many children as inspired as possible for their future.

If you, or anyone you know, would be willing and available to come into school and support our Careers Fair by sharing some time with our Y5&6 children and talking to them about your career experiences, we would be delighted to hear from you. The event will take place in the school hall and children will visit each 'Career stall' on a rotational basis to find out about the jobs and careers represented. We need a wide variety of jobs and careers to be represented from many different industries such as: Health care, The Arts, Business, Communications, Education, Hospitality, IT, Law Enforcement, Transport, Science, Sports and Sales & marketing and many more. Last year's Career Fair was a resounding success and the children gained a huge amount from it and I am sure it has inspired some budding careers as a result!

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

Pre-School Transfer to Reception September 2025



When allocating places in our Reception class, we always give priority to our current children in the Pre School first. We would therefore like to share our offer for Reception provision with you to assist you with making a fully informed and rounded decision about the next steps for your child's educational journey.

Our current Pre-schoolers have already enjoyed some exploratory visits to the Reception classroom and started to meet the Reception staff team. We would now like to extend this welcome by offering some informal, introductory sessions for parents to meet with Mrs Callaway, Headteacher, Mrs Daniel, our Reception teacher, and to discuss more about what we can offer your child in September 2025.

If you would like to take up this opportunity for an individual appointment, please confirm this with your child's key worker in Pre School and we will be happy to arrange that with you.

We have already had a number of enquiries and statements of interest in next year's Reception class from external parents and we will soon be confirming them as secured places for September 2025.

If you wish to confirm your child(ren)'s place(s) in Reception for September 2025, we would be grateful if you would complete and return the reply slip by the above date.

We ask parents who wish to reserve their child(ren)'s place(s) in Reception class September 2025 to sign and complete the school's registration form and agreement of the school's terms and conditions.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us for further assistance.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Pre-School Transfer to Reception Class Letter](#)

Summer Days and Warmer Weather



As we are enjoying the warmer weather, please could we remind parents and carers to ensure their child brings to school a refillable water bottle to help them stay hydrated, a sun hat and has applied sunscreen as necessary each morning prior to coming to school. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

For further information please click on the link below for our [Sun Protection Policy](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime and Before Extra-Curricular Activities 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.

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 to Year 6 RHE Parent & Consultation Meeting



Following the annual Parent Survey about our Relationship and Health Education curriculum, we also offered a Parent Consultation meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 27th February. This was an opportunity for parents to view our resources, find out more about how and what we teach in RHE lessons and to ask any questions or discuss any concerns they may have before we commence the curriculum. Unfortunately, the consultation meeting attendance was very low this year. We plan to commence the programme of RHE lessons from week commencing 3rd March. Any parents unable to attend the meeting can access the presentation and video links on our school website via the Key Information/Parent Workshops Section for further support:

[Parent Workshops & Guidance](#)

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	Mini Tennis	3.05pm to 3.45pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	Rec – Y2
	Dance Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Field Games (cricket/rounders)	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	Y5 – Y6
	Running Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Wizard of Oz	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Mini Tennis/Rounders	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	VR	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Cricket	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

Extra-curricular club information letter [Summer Extra-Curricular Clubs Letter](#)

Sign up for Avalon Staff Clubs [Summer Clubs 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

Mini Tennis/Fielding Games Activity4All

<https://ecom.roller.app/activityforallwirral/arrowepark/en/product/962613>

Mini Tennis/Rounders Activity4All

<https://ecom.roller.app/activityforallwirral/arrowepark/en/product/962613>

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.

House T-Shirt Ordering Reception to Year 6



During the spring and summer terms, we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the attached form to the school office as soon as possible.

The coloured t-shirts represent the houses as follows:

Blue	- St	Yellow	- St	Red	- St	Green	- St
Andrew		David		George		Patrick	

The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 12-13 yrs and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £7.20 (inc. VAT) each which can be paid by cheque

or preferably by internet banking. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payments in cash.

Please access the order form on the link below:

[House T Shirt Ordering Letter](#)

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.

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.

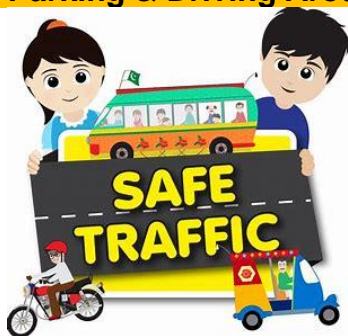
Safety Reminder!



We kindly remind parents that children should not play on the playground area, outside of school hours, unless closely supervised by an adult. 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.

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.

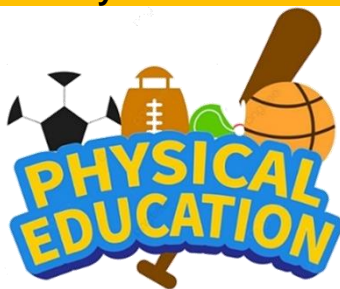
End of the Day Arrangements



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

Healthy Snacks



We know that many parents like to celebrate birthdays and other occasions with special treats. We encourage parents to celebrate with non-food items such as stickers, pencils, themed erasers, or other trinkets, rather than food.

Thank you for your understanding and 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



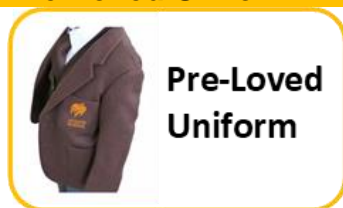
Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New water bottles are charged at £2.75 each.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

Pre-Loved Uniform



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

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18 th & Monday 21 st April 2025
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th 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 20 th October to Friday 31 st 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 16 th February to Friday 20 th 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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May

Monday 5 th	School closes for May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th	Reception Beach School Session
Wednesday 7 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Thursday 8 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session
Friday 9 th	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 meet author Claire Powell
Monday 12 th	Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 12 th to Wednesday 14 th	Year 6 Residential to Petty Pool
Tuesday 13 th	Reception Beach School Session
Wednesday 14 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Thursday 15 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session Reception visit to West Kirby Library
Monday 19 th	Reception Class Assembly
Tuesday 20 th	Junior Production of the Wizard of Oz at 2.00pm
Wednesday 21 st	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day Junior Production of the Wizard of Oz at 2.00pm
Thursday 22 nd	Junior Production of the Wizard of Oz at 6.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Junior Production of the Wizard of Oz at 6.30pm

June

Wednesday 4 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 11 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 18 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day Year 5 & Year 6 Careers Fair
Wednesday 25 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day

July

Wednesday 2 nd	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day New Reception Parents Meeting
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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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