



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

166

159

189

194

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

310

341

363

387

Merit Badges

Reception

Bonnie Skillen

Year 1

Joseph Abu Jreis

Year 2

Year 3

Hazel Barnes

Samuel Wrigley

Year 4

Laurence Gahan-Rivers

Charlie Davidson

Year 5

Sophia Allen

Year 6

Aimee Currie

Rufus Kyriacou

Achievement Certificates



Reception	Nightingale Parkin
Year 1	Alfie Ramsey
Year 2	Remy Ceesay
Year 3	Bill MacCarthy
Year 4	Leila DeClercq
Year 5	Jessica Kirby
Year 6	Emily Harrison

Headteachers Awards



Year 4	Eva Sankar
Year 5	Nova Parkin
Year 6	Dylan Hayes

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	Ruby Dublin
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	Ahmed Hariz
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	Nasser Ahmed

Reading Star!



Reception	Imogen Hughes
Year 1	Ruby Dublin
Year 2	Jacob Moran
Year 3	Dottie Kyriacou
Year 4	Thomas Clark
Year 5	Ellie Mackenzie
Year 6	Fiyin Adeogun

Golden Table

Rec	Imogen Hughes	Y1	Ruby Dublin	Y2	Samuel Wrigley
Y3	Bill MacCarthy	Y4	Olivia Mackenzie	Y5	Jessica Kirby
		Y6	Emily Harrison		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Parent Survey Autumn Term 2025



We want to ensure that our school is the very best it can be. Please could we ask that you take a few minutes to share your views. Your feedback will help us know what we are doing well and where we can improve. Please return your completed survey to the school office by **Monday 22nd September 2025**.

Please click on the link below to access the Autumn Term 2025 Parent Survey: [Autumn Term 2025 Parent Survey](#)

October Half Term Holiday Camp

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025



Following the very successful holiday camp during the summer break. Activity for All, in partnership with Avalon School, will again be running a holiday camp during the October half term. The camp will be open to children in Reception to Year 6 from Avalon School and children from the wider community.



The camp will run for one week: **Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October.**

Costs are as follows:

9am to 3pm £20.00 per day

8.30am to 5.30pm 27.50 per day

Avalon parents have been offered a special 10% discount on all bookings made by 30th September. When booking please use the discount code: **AVALON10**

To book a place directly, please use the link below:
[Activity 4 All at Avalon Half Term Session Booking](#)

Safer Roads for All



To continue to keep our children safe around school, please click on the link below for more information.

[Safer Roads for All Letter](#)

Safeguarding Booklets



The children from Nursery to Year 6 have, taken safeguarding booklets home. We would be grateful if you could review the information and make any necessary amendments. Please ensure that it is returned to the school office as soon as possible.

It is vitally important that we have the correct and most up to date information for your child.

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Thursday 25th September 2025



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 25th September in the morning.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Individual & Sibling Photographs Letter](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 26th September 2025 at 8.50am



We would like to invite you our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September from 8.50am until 9.30am.

For more information about this event, please click on the link below:
[Macmillan Coffee Morning Letter](#)

Nursery to Year 6 European Day of Languages Friday 26th September 2025



Children from across the school from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in an exciting collaborative project to celebrate European Day of Languages on Friday 26th September 2025.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Nursery to Year 6 European Day of Languages Letter](#)

Lunch Menus



Lunch menu for the week commencing 22nd September 2025



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice & Vegetables
Pudding	Flapjack

Reception Forest School Sessions



Reception have started their Forest School session and what a fantastic start! The children collected natural materials like leaves and twigs to build a layered, raised bed, ready for planting herbs.

Working together, they added soil, planted a variety of herbs, and gave them a good water. Over the coming weeks, they'll be taking care of their plants and watching them grow.

We can't wait to see our little gardeners in action again soon!



Year 5 & Year 6 Beach School Sessions



Year 5 kicked off their first beach school session this week, and what an amazing start it was! From the moment they arrived, Year 5 explored how the weather and time of day can really change what happens at the beach. The tide was on its way in — perfect for talking about how the moon influences tides. Using some of their own outdoor experience, the children practiced tying knots and working together to build their own shelters using tarps, ropes, and sticks. Lots of teamwork and problem-solving on display!



Year 5's Next Beach School Sessions are: Tuesday 23rd September
Thursday 2nd October
Monday 6th October

More details can be found by clicking on the link below
[Year 5 Beach School Session Letter](#)

Year 6's Next Beach School Sessions are: Monday 22nd September

Tuesday 30th September
Friday 3rd October
Friday 10th October

More details can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Year 6 Beach School Session Letter](#)

Year 1 & Year 2 PHSCEE Lesson – Making Jewel Salad



As part of our PHSCEE curriculum topic "Healthy Eating," our amazing Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had a deliciously fun time making Jewel Salad today!

Chopping, mixing, and learning all about colourful fruits and how they help our bodies stay strong and healthy – it was smiles all around!

Well done to all our little chefs for their enthusiasm and teamwork. We hope you enjoy tucking into the salad that they have brought home with them tonight!



Year 6 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home

Thursday 2nd October 2025



THE OLD GARDEN

Year 6 will be visiting the Old Garden Care Home during the afternoon of Thursday 2nd October 2025. Please could all consent forms be returned to the school office by Monday 29th September.

For more information and to access the consent form, please click on the link below: [Year 6 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home Letter](#)

Reception Visit to Caldy Care Home

Thursday 2nd October 2025



CALDY
MANOR

BARCHESTER HEALTHCARE

Reception class will be visiting the Old Garden Care Home on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd October 2025. Please could all consent forms be returned to the school office by Monday 29th September.

For more information and to access the consent form, please click on the link below: [Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home](#)

Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting

Monday 6th October 2025 at 5pm



Year 5 parents are invited to attend a Parents' Information Meeting which provides and up-to-date information on the 11+ process.

For more information, please click on the link below: [Year 5 11+ Information Meeting Letter](#)

Reception Autumn Welly Walk Thursday 9th October 2025

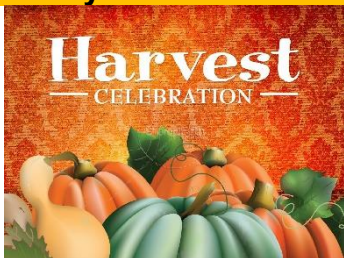


Reception class will be hoping to undertake a Winter Welly Walk on Thursday 9th October 2025.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Reception Autumn Welly Walk Letter](#)

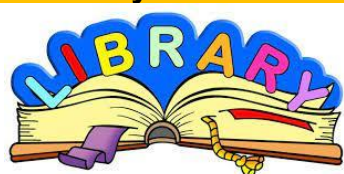
Harvest Celebration Friday 10th October 2025



We will be holding our Harvest Celebration Friday 10th October 2025 at 9.05 in the school hall. All food donations will be in aid of Wirral Food Bank. More details to follow next week.



Reception West Kirby Library Visit Thursday 16th October 2025



Reception class will be hoping to walk to West Kirby Library on Thursday 16th October 2025.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Reception Visit to West Kirby Library Letter](#)

Half Term Break Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October 2025



School will close for the half term break on Friday 17th October 2025 and the children return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025. We hope that you have a restful break.

After School Care will be available as usual on Friday 17th October until 6pm.

Before School Care will be available as usual on Monday 3rd November from 7.45am.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination Tuesday 4th November 2025



Flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 4th November for children in Reception to Year 6. **Please click on the link below for further details.**

[Nasal and Intramuscular Flu Vaccination Letter](#)

To choose which type of immunisation your child should receive, and to provide consent, please ensure that you complete the online consent form no later than **Tuesday 28th October 2025**.

Please fill in the consent form using the link below:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6b8982ff>

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.

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 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Sports	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	Lunchtime	Rec – Y2
	Dance Fun Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	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
	Lego Club	Lunchtime	Y5 – Y6
Tuesday	Film Club	Lunchtime	Y5 – Y6
	Running Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 – Y6
Wednesday	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Art Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 – Y6
	Lego Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y4
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6

	Library Verbal Reasoning	Lunchtime 3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6 Y5
Friday	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

Acro Dance Sign up: lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

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

Jo Jingles Sign up: louisejojingles@icloud.com

To book all other activities, please click on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU3bKK32aFXKYc2gvT5lulUuUQw_KL4qQ_tvKsngF7-ZAOMw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Activity for all sessions can be booked on the link below:

<https://ecom.roller.app/activityforallwirral/arrowepark/en/product/1124635?date=2025-09-16>

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.

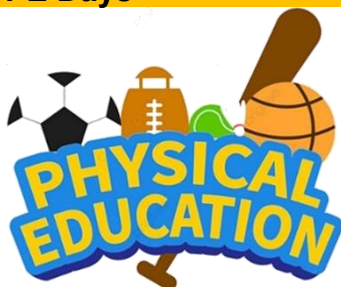
End of the Day Arrangements



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	Hall Door
Year 2	3.05pm	Hall Door
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	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

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, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

Recycle Your Empty Printer 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!



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.


Supporting Families Together: Wirral's Family Toolbox



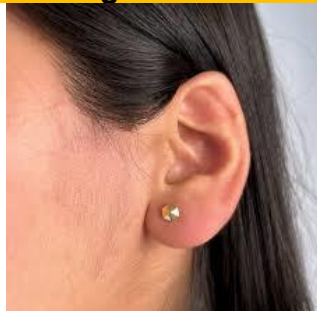
At Avalon School and Nursery, we understand that parenting can be both rewarding and challenging. That's why we're proud to work in partnership with **Wirral's Family Toolbox** – a free online resource designed to support families in finding the right help, at the right time.

Family Toolbox is a space where you can explore practical advice, local services, and useful tools to help your family thrive. Whether you're looking for tips on routines, managing behaviour, mental health support, or advice on housing and finances, Family Toolbox connects you to trusted information and services – all in one place.

By accessing Family Toolbox early, families can often find solutions before challenges become more complex. This enables **early help**, which we at Avalon, strongly support, working alongside you to build a team around your child when needed.

To explore what's available and find support that works for you, visit:  www.familytoolbox.co.uk
Together, we can help make sure every child has the best possible start.

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.

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.

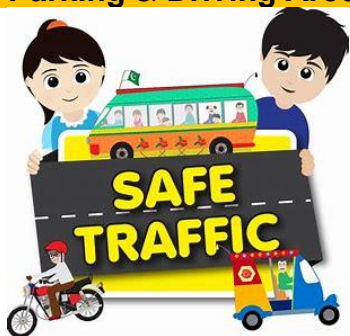
All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

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.

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 Caldry 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



We now have four bicycle and scooter racks which are positioned underneath the school office window, available for use by the children.

Please note that bicycles or scooters are left at owner's risk. Unfortunately, school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage.

MyNameTags.com



Help fund raise for Abalon School by buying your child's uniform labels from MyNameTags.

Go to www.MyNameTags.com

Use the Avalon School unique ID 114883

For every purchase Avalon School will receive 24% commission

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 2025-2026



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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SEPTEMBER

Monday 22 nd	Year 6 Beach School Session Autumn Term 2025 Parent Survey to be returned to the school office.
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 5 Beach School Session
Thursday 25 th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Friday 26 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning at 8.50am Nursery to Pre-School European Day of Languages
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Beach School Session

OCTOBER

Thursday 2 nd	Year 5 Beach School Session Year 6 trip to The Old Garden Care Home Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home
Friday 3 rd	Year 6 Beach School Session
Monday 6 th	Year 5 Beach School Session Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 9 th	Reception Winter Welly Walk
Friday 10 th	Harvest Celebration Year 6 Beach School Session
Thursday 16 th	Reception Visit to West Kirby Library
Monday 20 th to Friday 31 st October	Half Term Break
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4 th	Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13 th	World Kindness Day – Michael Rosen's Poetry Day
Friday 14 th	Children in Need Breakfast
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Road Safety Week EYFS Stay & Play Week
Friday 21 st	Anti-bullying Sharing Assembly (Nursery to Year 6)
Monday 24 th	Parents Evening (Nursery & Pre-School)
Tuesday 25 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th	Parents Evening

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3 rd	Nursery & Pre-School Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 4 th	Infant & Junior Nativity at 2pm
Friday 5 th	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th	Theatre Trip (Year 3 to Year 6) Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th	Rehearsal for Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church
Friday 12 th	Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church

12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE 12pm

Monday 15th December to
Friday 2nd January 2025

Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th
Tuesday 6th

Staff INSET day
Children return to school

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that will benefit your child?



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Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

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