



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025



School finishes for Christmas break on Friday 12th December at 12 noon.
School reopens for children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Extra-Curricular Clubs



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM.

Details of the Extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term 2026 will be shared with parents in due course.

After School Care is available at the usual rates.

PTA - Christmas Jumper & Other Christmas Clothing



Avalon PTA have set up a clothing rail in the Nursery Foyer with Christmas Jumpers and/or other Christmas clothing items for sale. We would suggest a donation of £2.00 or more per item! If you would like to purchase any of the donated items, an honesty box will be available in the Foyer (cash is the preferred payment option) however you can also make a payment via bank transfer. Please see bank details below:

A/C Name: Avalon PTA

A/C N°: 00100455

SC: 60-23-17

Ref: Christmas

Thank you for all your support

Reception to Year 2 Walk to the Post Box



This week, our Infant children took on a VERY important mission: Operation Post-the-Letter-to-Father-Christmas.

Children in Reception to Year 2 made their way to the local red post box and sent their wishes flying straight to the North Pole.

Letters dispatched. Wishes submitted. Santa's inbox = officially full!



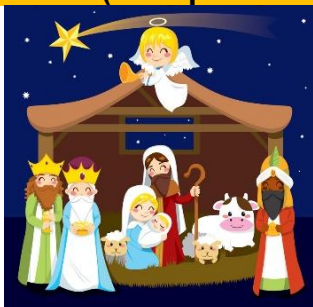
Nursery & Pre-School Nativity



Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Nursery and Pre-School nativity this week. We hope you all enjoyed the show. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the staff for a splendid performance.



Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Nativity



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Infant nativity this week. We hope you enjoyed watching the show. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff for their support.



PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets Winners



Prize N°	Prize	Winner
1	£100 voucher for Ring 'O' Bells	Mrs HS
2	£25 voucher for R Hinton Butchers	Ms AS
3	£20 voucher for Wylde Café	Ms RT
4	£10 voucher for Roberts Butchers	Mr RAJ
5	£10 voucher for Toast Café	Mrs DD
6	Soft Play voucher for Activity for All	Mr RP
7	Luxury Heatable Slippers	Mrs AW
8	Whittard Luxury Hot Chocolate Set	Mrs BK
9	Serenity Spa Collection Set	Mr RC
10	Belfast Whiskey Tasting Box	Mr HH
11	Rituals Gift Set	Mrs AE
12	Soap & Glory Spa Set	Mrs JW
13	Breakfast in Bed Set	Miss KF
14	Italian Cook Book & Bottle of Prosecco	Dr AP
15	Lynx Gift Set & Bottle of Mulled Wine	Mr HW
16	Make Up Set & Bottle of Rose Wine	Miss ES
17	Mystery Box & Bottle of Rose Wine	Mrs JD
18	Nivea Men Gift Set	Mr AK
19	Dove Gift Set & Bottle of Prosecco	Miss VW
20	Picture Frame & Bottle of Red Wine	Mrs PB
21	Selection of Miniature Ports	Mr AF
22	Bottle of Graham's Port	Mrs BL
23	Chocolates	Mrs CS
24	Chocolates	Ms HS

Winners should pop along to the school office to collect their prize. **Please note that any prizes containing alcohol, must be collected by an adult.**

The PTA would like to thank you all for your continuing support and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2026.

PTA Children's Christmas Fair



The PTA would like to thank everyone involved in helping with or donating to the Christmas Fair today. It was a huge success, and a great time was had by all! A BIG thankyou to our very special visitor. Father Christmas himself popped down from the North Pole to visit the children. All the children were very excited to meet him in the Grotto today.



Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition



We have had some truly amazing, decorated bauble entries in our Christmas bauble competition this year. It was very difficult to choose between the many different designs. Well done everyone!
The winners are:



Nursery	TG
Pre-School	SD
Reception	BS
Year 1	MW
Year 2	HT
Year 3	IW
Year 4	ES
Year 5	PT
Year 6	EH

WELL DONE!

We have raised a fantastic **£80.00** for our PTA.

Visit by Matthew Patrick MP



Following on from UK Parliament Week, which took place at the end of November, we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Matthew Patrick, who spent some time this morning with our Reception to Year 6 children. They came prepared



with plenty of thoughtful (and sometimes very probing! 😊) questions — and enjoyed hearing what life is like as a parliamentarian. A huge thank you to Matthew Patrick for taking the time to visit, inspire and engage with our young learners. Moments like these help bring democracy to life! 🙌 ✨

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home Monday 8th December 2025



The residents and staff of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 1 and Year 2 children to visit them on the morning of Monday 8th December where they will enjoy some fun Christmas activities.

To enable your child to attend the trip to The Old Garden Care Home it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 5th December**.

For more details, please click on the link below:

[Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home](#)

Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Party Tuesday 9th December 2025

Christmas Party



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Tuesday 9th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team and a visit from Santa himself.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For more details, please click on the link below:

[Nursery to Year 6 Christmas Party Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 Christmas Theatre at Avalon Tuesday 9th December 2025



We have arranged for Altru.co.uk to present a performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes" at Avalon on Tuesday 9th December 2025 in the morning for the children in Reception to Year 6. The cost of the performance will be £13.00 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 £13.00 no later than **Friday 5th December 2025**.

For more details, please click on the link below:
[Reception to Year 6 Theatre Production at Avalon](#)

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 10th November 2025

Christmas Jumper Day



We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 10th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

Christmas Celebration Rehearsal Thursday 11th December 2025



Rehearsal

The children in Reception to Year 6 will be walking to St Bridget's Church on the morning of Thursday 11th December for a rehearsal in readiness for a Christmas Celebration on Friday. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform, as the church can be quite cold.

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Friday 12th December 2025 at 10am



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Friday 12th December at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

If you wish to collect your child(ren) from the church service, please indicate on the slip attached. Otherwise, staff will escort the children back to school, for the earlier finishing time of 12 noon. **Please note that the After School Club service will not be available on this day.**

Please complete the consent form and return it to the school office by **Monday 8th December**, indicating your collection arrangements for this day.

For more information regarding the service, please click on the link below:
[Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church Letter](#)

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 8th December 2025



Lunch menu for the week commencing 8th December 2025



Click on the following link for our [Christmas Week Lunch Menu 2025](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Chicken
Pudding	Rice Crispy Cake

School Finish for Christmas Friday 12th December 2025 at 12 noon



School finishes for the Christmas break on Friday 12th December at 12 noon. **There will be no After School Care available from 12pm.**

Breakfast club will be available as usual from 7.45am

Christmas Break Monday 15th December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026



School is closed for the Christmas break from Friday 12th December at 12 noon and reopens to children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

We hope you have a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Spring Term 2026 Tuesday 6th January 2026



The Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at the usual time.

Breakfast club will be available from 7.45am.

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 registration.

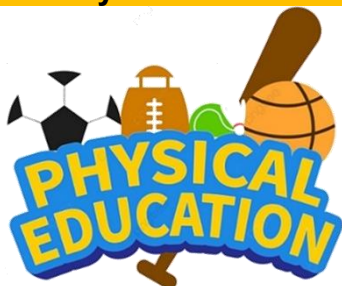
End of the Day Arrangements



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

Mental Well Being Support



Below are some helpful links to websites and services that can be accessed in relation to mental well being support. We have a number of trained Mental Health First aiders in school, but as always, please do get in touch if there is anything further that you would like School to do to support a child, parent or family further.

[Home - Kooth](#)

[Shout: The UK's free, confidential, 24/7 mental health text service | Shout 85258](#)

MyMind Crisis Line Wirral Services - 0800 145 6485 or if you or a young person is at immediate risk and needs urgent help with their mental health, please call the 24/7 urgent mental health crisis line by calling NHS 111 and selecting the mental health option.

[Mental health | Wirral InfoBank](#) - Wirral directory with information about different services.

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 Caldy 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/>

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



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

2026/2027 Term Dates are available on the Website
[Term Dates](#)



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

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DECEMBER

Monday 8th
Tuesday 9th

Wednesday 10th
Thursday 11th
Friday 12th

Monday 15th December to
Friday 2nd January 2025

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home
Theatre Visit to School (Reception to Year 6)
Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party
Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Rehearsal for Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church
Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church
12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE 12pm
Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th
Tuesday 6th

Staff INSET day
Children return to school

Want to help our PTA raise money
that will benefit your child?



Turn your everyday shopping into PTA funds with

Easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to our PTA and
the best bit is it won't cost you anything extra!



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Help us make a difference when you shop.

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Download the app.



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Your favourite brands donate to our PTA whenever
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