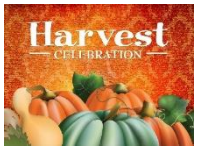
AVALON SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 9th October 2026

NEWS & INFORMATION

School closes for Half Term Friday 16th October and reopens to children on Monday 2nd November at the usual time.

Nursery to Year 6 Harvest Celebration – "United at Harvest"



SUPPORTING Wirral foodbank

A BIG thank you to all the friends and family who were able to attend and donate to our Harvest Celebration today. Well done to all the children form Nursery to - Year 6 who hosted a very informative assembly. Donations will be collected by Wirral Food Bank on Monday 12th October.



Safeguarding Booklets

Safeguarding Children

Please could we remind parents, that if you have not done already, to return the Safeguarding Booklets 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.

Holiday Camp at Avalon October Half Term

activity for all

AVALON

We are excited to announce that once again in partnership with Activity for All, we will be running a holiday camp this October half term which will be open to children from **Reception to Year 6** from Avalon School and children from the wider community. The camp will be held at Avalon School.

The camp will run for one week:

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

For more details, please click on the link below:
Activity for All Holiday Camp at Avalon School Letter
To book a place, please click on the link below:
https://share.google/dm9dBjBQsXWfliJfB
Or visit Activity for All Website below:
www.activtyforall.com

Individual & Sibling Photography



The children have been sent home with details containing ordering information, including a **personal access code** which is required to order your child's photograph online. The photographer is K&S Rourke Photo Imaging Limited.
If a sibling photograph has been taken, please use one of the individual child access codes to view and order the sibling photograph.
Please note the following important information:

- A **£5.00 discount** is available on any order placed **before 11th October 2026.**
- Please allow **14 days after the discount date** for photographs to be delivered to school.
- Once the photographs have been delivered to school, they will be distributed to the children and parents/carers will be informed.
- Parents/carers of **Nursery and Pre-School children** should collect their order slips directly from the Nursery staff.
- If you have **misplaced your personal access code**, please contact the school office who will be happy to provide your child's code.

Young Minds Hello Yellow Event
Monday 12th October 2026

On Monday 12th October we will be holding our Hello Yellow assembly, led by the School Council, in support of the Young Minds Charity.

Young Minds are passionate about looking after children and young people's mental health and getting the early help when they need it. The Hello Yellow campaign is to help children to understand that they are not alone with their mental health.

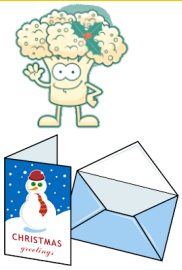
This year we are asking that everyone across the school wear an item of yellow clothing or accessories such as a yellow tee shirt, or socks and bring in a £2 donation for this.

If you would like to make any other donation to the Young Minds Charity we have set up a just giving page which can be accessed by following the link below:

https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/debbielaverton/hello-yellow

Thank you for your support!

Cauliflower Cards
ORDER DEADLINE – Tuesday 13th October at 8.00am



A reminder that orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 13th October** by 8.00am
To place an order, type the following link into your browser
https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop

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:



Reception to Year 6 PTA Halloween Disco
Thursday 15th October 2026 4.45pm – 5.45pm



The PTA will be holding a Halloween Disco for children from Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 15th October 2026. The cost of the event is £5.00 payable on the door. Children may also enter the competition to design a pumpkin for £1.00 per entry. Please could all entries be brought to the school hall when attending the Disco.

PTA Fancy Dress Swap
Monday 21st September Wednesday 14th October 2026



Until Wednesday 14th October, the PTA have a rail in the Nursery/Pre-School Foyer where fancy dress costumes can be donated or bought. Please use the honesty box for all monetary donations. You can purchase the fancy dress items by cash or bank transfer.

Account Name: Avalon PTA
Account Number: 00100455
Sort Code: 60-23-17
Ref: Fancy Dress

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

Half Term Break
Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026



School will close for the half term break on Friday 16th October 2026 and the children return to school on Monday 2nd November 2026. We hope that you have a restful break.

After School Care will be available as usual on Friday 16th October until 6pm.

Before School Care will be available as usual on Monday 2nd November from 7.45am.

Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 6th November 2026

CHESTER ZOO

An educational trip to Chester Zoo has been arranged for the children in Juniors on Friday 6th November. The total cost of the trip is £19.75 or £9.75 with a zoo pass. We would ask that any Zoo passes be dropped off at the school office by Wednesday 4th November, will full payment for the trip complete by **Friday 16th October**.

For more information, please click on the link below:
Year 3 to Year 6 Chester Zoo Letter

Year 5 & Year 6 Level 1 & Level 2 Bikability Course

Making cycling viable, safer and better
BIKE RIGHT! - cycle for life -

New dates have been arranged for the Bikeability Course that was postponed. The dates are
Friday 13th November
Monday 16th November
Parents have been advised which date their child will participate on the course.

Children in Need Day
Friday 13th November 2026

BBC Children in Need

Important Notice – Children in Need Date Change

Please note that the date for **Children in Need** was shared on the *Key Events – Termly* calendar as Friday 20th November.

The correct date is **Friday 13th November 2026**.

We apologise for any confusion this may have caused and thank you for your understanding.

More information to follow next week.

Lunch Menus

	Favourite Meal of the Week
Main	Chilli Con Carne with Rice & Tortillas
Pudding	Flapjack

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.

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. Please do not allow children to bring to school nuts, seeds or any soy products.

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

Thank you for your co-operation.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS
(Reception to Year 2)
Start week commencing 14th September 2026

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Design & Play	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Sports	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Ocarina	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Y1 – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	Rec – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS
(Year 3 to Year 6)
Start week commencing 14th September 2026

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Lego Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Construction Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6

	Chess	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Enterprise Craft Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 – Y6
Thursday	Hockey	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	French	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	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/1FAIpQLScp8ccd9-tjOVkDa-Q9RRykteuNvFaZVvZ4dZbPJiVxaTgtqw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Activity for all sessions can be booked on the link below:
https://share.google/1IK8qNTQt0F7hdDAw

Please use the link below to order an Ocarina Book
https://www.ocarina.co.uk/shop/home/499-multi-buy-4-hole-sets

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

For ballet, the children should bring their ballet kits to school in a separate bag.

P.E. 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	Tuesday Thursday
Year 4	Monday Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday Thursday

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

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.

Driving around the school



We kindly ask all parents and carers to respect residents' properties when parking and driving through the neighbourhood at drop off and pick up times. Please do not move or reposition household bins or enter private driveways without permission. Recently, bins have been placed in ways that block access and create potential safety risks for both pedestrians and drivers.

Residents have always managed their own bins responsibly, and your cooperation helps keep our community safe, respectful, and pleasant for everyone. Thank you for your understanding.

Mental Health Wellbeing 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 informaion about different services.

PTA News

Follow the link below for information on our PTA events:
PTA News & Events

Preloved Uniform
If you have any requests for uniform please email **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. Please leave all donations with the school office.

Gift Amnesty
The PTA are looking for any duplicate/unwanted gifts you may have received which can be used for any future raffle prizes. If you can help, please drop off any gifts to the School Office. Thank you!

Raise Funds for the PTA While You Shop!
Turn your everyday shopping into PTA fundraising with www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Sign up and search for Avalon School PTA, Wirral and start shopping.



Recycle Your Empty Printer Cartridges at Avalon



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!

Useful Information & Links

Follow the link below for our school website home page:
Avalon School Home Page
Follow us on social media:
Instagram: @avalonschoolwestkirby
Facebook: AvalonSchoolWirral
Follow the links below for all the latest news and our weekly newsletters:
Latest News
Weekly Newsletters

Follow the links below for all key information including letters etc:
Letters & Documents
Other Key Information



Follow the links below for term dates:
Term Dates



Follow the link below for our School Attendance Policy:
Attendance Policy 2026



Follow the links below for frequently asked questions such as PE days, start of the day arrangements, what to do if you arrive late, pick-up points, appropriate snacks etc:
Frequently Asked Questions



Follow the link below for information about our Before & After Care Provision:
Before & After School Care



Follow the link below for all our calendar dates:
Up and coming events - Calendar
Autumn 2026 Key Events Updated

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