AVALON SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 6th November 2026

NEWS & INFORMATION



All Extra Curricular clubs finish for the Autumn Term on Friday 20th November 2026.

Parents' Evening In-Person Consultations
Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing Monday 23rd November 2026



Parent Evening Consultation Meetings will take place week commencing **Monday 23rd November 2026**. They will be held in-person in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to view their child's work.

Bookings will remain open until **Friday 20th November at 12 NOON**.

Consultation meeting will be set to **10 minutes slots** however if you require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office or contact the class teacher to discuss.

To make a booking, you must first set up a MCAS account. Once this account is activated, it will then be possible for you to make a booking for your child.

For more information on how to set up a MCAS account and book an appointment for your child, please click on the link below.

Parent Consultation Letter

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Flavia Stephenson Jackie Duffy Tia Hardman	Monday 23rd November from 4pm Tuesday 24th November from 4pm Thursday 26th November from 4pm
Pre-School	Jo Rice Julie Bache	Tuesday 24th November from 4pm Thursday 26th November from 4pm
Reception	Mrs Daniel	Thursday 26th November from 3.15pm
Year 1	Mrs Creedon	Tuesday 24th November from 3.15pm
Year 2	Mrs Beecroft	Thursday 26th November from 3.15pm

Year 4	Miss Skillen	Tuesday 24th November from 4pm
Year 5	Mrs Rooke	Thursday 26th November from 4pm
Year 6	Mr Ashton	Tuesday 24th November from 4pm

Year 3 to Year 6 Chester Zoo Visit

The children in Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed a full day at Chester Zoo today, visiting different animals at the Zoo and exploring interesting and inspiring workshops.



PTA Christmas Jumper Swap



From Monday 9th November 2026, Avalon PTA will set up a clothing rail in the Nursery Foyer with Christmas Jumpers for sale. 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

PTA Christmas Raffle Prize Donations



We are getting ready for the Christmas Fair on Friday the 4th of December and we need prizes for our big raffle!

If you have any unwanted, unopened gifts at home that you would be happy to donate, please leave them in the gift amnesty box outside the school office.

We are looking for things like:

* Toiletries and gift sets
*Jewellery and accessories
* New books

We know we have so many incredibly talented parents in our school community who run their own businesses, shops etc. If you run a business and would be open to donating a small product, a festive treat, or a voucher for your services, we would be incredibly grateful.

If you are donating alcohol, please bring it in on the day of the fair only, as we're not allowed to store it onsite.

Thank you so much for all your help and support.

Children in Need Day & Big Breakfast
Friday 13th November 2026

To celebrate this year's BBC Children in Need event on Friday 13th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day for a suggested donation of £2.00 per child. Additionally, we will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from the school office from Monday 9th November. Breakfast will also be served in the school hall on Friday 13th from 8.00am to 8.30am. Children and parents are invited to attend the breakfast for a suggested donation of £5.00 per breakfast.

For more information, and to place your order for breakfast, please click on the link below:
Children in Need Letter

Lunch Menus

	Favourite Meal of the Week
Main	Chicken Korma with Rice & Peas
Pudding	Cookies

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

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.

Anti-Bullying Week – Commencing Monday 16th November 2026
Odd Sock Day – Monday 16th November 2026
Anti-Bullying Assembly Thursday 19th



Week commencing **Monday 16th November** is Anti-Bullying Week and to start the children's learning and activities around this very important topic, we will be holding an Odd Sock Day on **Monday 16th November**.

We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks on this day for a small donation of £1, which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

On **Thursday 19th November**, we will be holding an assembly in which the children will demonstrate what they have learned during Anti-Bullying Week. Parents will be invited to this event which will start at 9.10am and last around 30 to 40 minutes.



For more information, please click on the link below:
Anit-Bullying Week Letter

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

All Extra Curricular Clubs will continue as usual after Half Term. All Extra Curricular clubs finish for the Autumn Term on Friday 20th November 2026.

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 Wednesday
Year 4	Monday Friday
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.



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

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



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....







AVALON

Follow the links below for term dates:
Term Dates

Term Dates for 2027/2028 are now available

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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Netball Kids is an inclusive place - all abilities welcome and we have one aim: to share the fun and love of sport with children. No pressure to do anything but always a warm welcome and a chance to try.

Our fun, age-appropriate programme for boys and girls is delivered by trained, DBS-checked coaches in a safe, encouraging environment.

Three programmes, one for every age:

- **Mini Movers (3.5–5 yrs): mini-games, coordination, balance and teamwork**
- **Junior Jumpers (5–7 yrs): passing, movement, basic rules and small matches**
- **Future Stars (8–11 yrs): skills, tactics and preparation for school netball**

Wirral: Saturdays at West Kirby School, CH48 5DH (ages 3.5–11)

Free taster places are limited and some classes are already filling up, so book asap to get your preferred class.

👉 Head to www.netballkids.co.uk to book a trial session. No obligation, just come along - we can't wait to meet you!