



AVALON SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 7th September 2018

**WELCOME
BACK!**

We hope you have had a wonderful relaxing summer break and are ready for an exciting and busy Autumn Term

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**Dates for Your
Diary**

**SEPTEMBER
2018**

Mon 10th
VR Club starts
today

Upton Hall School
Assessment

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Welcome Back!

Dear Avalon Families,
We were delighted to welcome back all of our children, staff and parents this week for the start of our new academic year. The children have all arrived with smiles on their faces ready to meet their new teachers, start new learning and catch up with friends. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this coming term, including the Mayor and Mayoress visit next week, so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter, the website and social media pages for all the most current information, news and updates.
Very best wishes,
Mrs Callaway

Tue 11th

Mayor of Wirral visits

Ballet Club starts today

Thur 13th

Pre-School Parent Information Meeting at 5.30pm

Reception -Year 6 Parent Information Meetings at 6pm

Fri 14th

Drama Club starts today

Mon 17th

Extra-Curricular Clubs commence this week

11+ Assessment

Wed 19th

Full Of Beans Clubs start today

Thur 20th

ISA Art Competition

Parent Workshop – Phonics at 6pm (Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Mon 24th

Board of Governors Meeting 5.30pm

Thur 27th

St Anselm's College Assessment

Sat 29th

PTA Gin & Bear Festival

OCTOBER 2018

Mon 1st

Safeguarding Notice

Please may we remind parents that parents must ensure that children are safely received by school staff at the start of the day and not dropped off and left by themselves at the school gates. Thank you.

11+ Assessments

Best wishes to our Year 6 children who will be taking the 11+ and entrance assessments over the next couple of weeks. We are very proud of all your hard work.

Year 5 VR Club

We will be running a VR Club for the children in Year 5 in preparation for the 11+ and entrance assessments that they will be taking next year. This club will start on Monday 10th September at 8.15am

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Ballet commences on Tuesday 11th September and Drama commences on Friday 14th September.

All other clubs start week commencing Monday 17th September.

Visit by Mayor & Mayoress of Wirral Tuesday 11th September 2018

We will be welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral to our school on Tuesday 11th September 2018. Please ensure all children come to school in their smart winter uniform.

Parent Information Meetings

Thursday 13th September

Pre-school at 5.30pm / Reception to Year 6 at 6pm

We will be holding Parent Information Meetings for all classes (Pre-School to Year 6) on Thursday 13th September at 5.30pm for Pre-School and 6pm for Reception to Year 6. Please go directly to your child's classroom to sign in. We do hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

Pre-School to Year 2 Parent Workshop – Phonics

Thursday 20th September at 6pm

We will be holding a Phonics Workshop available to all parents with children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 20th September at 6pm. The aim of the workshop will be to increase parent/carer confidence and understanding about how children learn and are taught phonics at Avalon using the Letters and Sounds Programme. We will also share strategies with you for supporting children's reading and writing at home, which reflect how phonics is taught in school. There will be opportunities to chat informally with staff and to see some examples of books from our reading schemes.

Class Timetables

Reception to Year 6

Class timetables have been uploaded on the school website. Please follow the link to our website. [Class Timetables](#)

Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings

Monday 1st October 2018 at 6pm

We will be holding Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings on Monday 1st October at 6pm. Parents will also receive information regarding the preparation for 11+ assessments. Please go directly to your child's classroom to sign in. We do hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

Year 5 Parents
11+ Information
Meeting at 6pm

Thur 4th
Children's
Photographs
(Individual &
Sibling)

Fri 5th
Macmillan Coffee
Morning at 8.50am

Mon 8th
PTA AGM at 6pm

Tue 9th
Reception - Year 5
Flu Immunisation

Wed 10th
Harvest
Celebration at
9.15am – Parents
Welcome!

Thur 11th
Year 4 Trip –
Horrible Histories

Fri 12th
Visiting Morning

Mon 15th – Fri 19th
EYFS Stay & Play
Week
(Nursery, Pre-
School &
Reception)

Mon 15th
Year 5 Class
Assembly at
9.15am – Parents
Welcome!

Thur 18th
PTA Halloween
Disco

Fri 19th
School Finish at
Normal Time for
Half Term

**S4YC Holiday
Club Available for
Half Term Break**

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs Thursday 4th October 2018

Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 4th October in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also.

Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers. Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken. Refreshments will be available.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 5th October 2018

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 5th October 2018 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am where we will be providing refreshments and cake for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. Cakes or biscuits can be either homemade (please provide a list of ingredients) or shop bought (in their original packaging). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

The children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time for a suggested donation of 50p. Any remaining cakes or biscuits will be sold at the end of the day.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 5th October 2018 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

Year 1 Royal Wedding

Returning to school after the summer holidays, the children in Year 1 (former Reception class) were intrigued about a letter they had received which was stamped with the Royal crest.

On opening it, the children were delighted to discover a card enclosed from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex thanking them for the wedding card they had made for them back in May!

Follow the link below for more photographs [Royal Wedding - Year 1](#)



HALF TERM
MON 22ND OCT
TO FRI 2ND NOV

NOVEMBER 2018

Mon 5th
 Children Return to School

Wed 7th
 Remembrance Assembly

Mon 12th to Fri 16th
 Anti-Bullying Week

Wed 14th
 Parents' Evening Meetings – Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6

Thur 15th
 Parents' Evening Meetings – Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

Mon 19th
 Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents Welcome!

Tue 20th
 Road Safety Day

Fri 30th
 LAMDA Drama Exams

PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER 2018

Wed 5th
 Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Concert

Fri 7th

Violin Lessons

Mrs Gillian Evans our peripatetic violin teacher has availability for children who would like to take up the violin. If your child is interested please contact Mrs Evans directly on 07940401447

Term Dates 2018-2019

2018/2019	
Autumn Term	
Starts	Mon 3 rd & Tue 4 th Sept 2018 Staff INSET Wed 5 th Sept 2018 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 2nd Nov 2018
Ends	Fri 14 th Dec 2018 - 12 Noon Finish
Spring Term	
Starts	Mon 7 th Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 th Jan 2019 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb 2019
Ends	Fri 29 th Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 15 th Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 th Apr 2019 Children Return
Easter May Day	Fri 19th & Mon 22nd Apr 2019 Mon 6th May 2019
Half-Term	Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2019
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

Uniform Supplier

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

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am
 Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm

Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

School Fees and Before & After School Fees

Autumn terms Nursery/Pre-School and School Fees and Before & After School Fees are due to payment. We would be most grateful if these could be paid in accordance with the terms and condition as stated on the invoice. Thank you. We would be most grateful if any payments over £40 could be made either by cheque or internet banking only; details can be obtained from the school office. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 10th
Infant Christmas Concert at 2pm (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Tue 11th
Christmas Parties (Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Wed 12th
Junior Christmas Theatre Trip (Wizard of Oz at Story House Theatre, Chester)

Thur 13th
Christmas Celebration Rehearsal at St Bridget's Church

Fri 14th
Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!

Autumn Term Finishes at 12 Noon

**CHRISTMAS BREAK
MON 17TH DEC
TO FRI 4TH JAN
2019**

JANUARY 2019

Mon 7th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 8th
Children Return to School



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

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

THE AVALON

GIN & BEER

FESTIVAL

Saturday 29th September 2018

Avalon School Hall 7pm – 11pm

Join us for an evening of **GIN TASTING, BEER SIPPING, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT**, in the Avalon School Hall.

£15 PER TICKET
AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE
Includes food, a glass and a single raffle ticket.

