



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points

**185**

**246**

**230**

**242**

#### Total House Points for the Year To-date

**185**

**246**

**230**

**242**

#### Merit Badges

Reception		EP		
Year 1				SQ
Year 2		HW		
Year 3		JS		
Year 4				IP & SJ
Year 5	LS & OE			
Year 6		OS		LM-P

#### Golden Table

Rec	NL	Y1	EW	Y2	OS
Y3	GK	Y4	LJ	Y5	KM
		Y6	LM-P		



## Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

**Main:** Chicken Roast Dinner

**Pudding:** Lemon Drizzle Cake

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

### Dates for Your Diary

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Extra-Curricular Clubs commence this week

11+ Assessment

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Full Of Beans Clubs start today

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup>**  
ISA Art Competition

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

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Board of Governors Meeting 5.30pm

**Thur 27<sup>th</sup>**  
St Anselm's College Assessment

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Gin & Beer Festival 7pm

#### OCTOBER 2018

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**

### NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### 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. For those children taking the 11+ assessment on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> please remember to take their 11+ Test Day ID form with them.

#### 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.

#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

**All other clubs start week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

#### Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to all parents/carers who attend the Parent Information Meetings this week, we hope that you found them informative. If you were unable to attend the meeting, information given out will be sent home with the children.

#### Visit by Mayor & Mayoress of Wirral

The Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral visited school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and enjoyed a lively assembly with lots of questions from the children about what it's like to be a Mayor.



Year 5 Parents  
11+ Information  
Meeting at 6pm

**Thur 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's  
Photographs  
(Individual &  
Sibling)

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Macmillan Coffee  
Morning at 8.50am

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA AGM at 6pm

**Tue 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Reception - Year 5  
Flu Immunisation

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Harvest  
Celebration at  
9.15am – Parents  
Welcome!

**Thur 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Trip –  
Horrible Histories

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Visiting Morning

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**  
EYFS Stay & Play  
Week  
(Nursery, Pre-  
School &  
Reception)

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 Class  
Assembly at  
9.15am – Parents  
Welcome!

**Thur 18<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Halloween  
Disco

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**  
School Finish at  
Normal Time for  
Half Term

### **Pre-School to Year 2 Parent Workshop – Phonics** **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. The aim of the workshop will be to increase parent/carers 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.

### **Curriculum Overviews** **Reception to Year 6**

Curriculum Overviews have been uploaded on the school website. Please follow the link to our website. [Curriculum Overviews](#)

### **Well-Being Award for Schools**

We are delighted to announce that, as part of our school development plan, Avalon will be working towards the Well Being Award for schools. Developed in partnership with the National Children's Bureau, this whole-school award focuses on ensuring effective practice and provision is in place that promotes the emotional wellbeing and mental health of both staff and pupils. The award has a focus on changing the long-term culture of a school, and embedding an ethos where mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

To achieve this award schools are expected to demonstrate how they:

- Show their commitment to promoting mental health as part of school life
- Improve the emotional wellbeing of their staff and pupils
- Ensure mental health problems are identified early and appropriate support provided
- Offer provision and interventions that matches the needs of its pupils and staff
- Engage the whole school community in the importance of mental health awareness
- Capture the views of parents, pupils and teachers on mental health issues

Shortly, we will be commencing an audit of the school's well-being status and will then be developing an action plan to move through the award framework. If there is anyone within our school and parent community who would like to get more involved in this important project, please do contact Mrs Callaway, for further details.

### **Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings** **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 6pm**

We will be holding Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs** **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**HALF TERM  
MON 22<sup>ND</sup> OCT  
TO FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> NOV**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Children Return to School

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Remembrance Assembly

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents' Evening Meetings – Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6

**Thur 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents' Evening Meetings – Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents Welcome!

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Road Safety Day

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**  
LAMDA Drama Exams

PTA Christmas Fair

**DECEMBER 2018**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Concert

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

**Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

The children in Reception to Year 5 will be having their flu immunisations on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't already please return your completed consent forms, please return them to the office as soon as possible.

**Wet Play Bags**

If your child requires a new wet play bag please contact the school office. Thank you.

**UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge  
Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)**

This year Avalon school are entering all key stage 2 children into the UK Bebras Computational thinking challenge, run by Oxford University. The competition will be held during the first 2 weeks of November after we return from half term.



It consists of a 40 minute quiz where the children answer as many questions as they can in 40 minutes. The questions are in the form of engaging puzzles that start off relatively easy so every child can have a go and should get something out of the competition. For those children in year 3 to 5 there is an option to enter as a small group.

There is no prior computing/programming/ICT knowledge required but we will be practising in school using past examples found on their site.

For further information please contact Mrs Ellsmoor or use the link <http://www.bebbras.uk/> to their website. Their privacy policy can be found at <http://www.bebbras.uk/privacy-policy.html>.

**Used Stamps**

We are collecting used stamped for St John's Hospice. If you would like to donate any used stamps there is a collection box in the school office reception area.

**Term Dates 2018-2019**

School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Infant Christmas Concert at 2pm (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

**Tue 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Parties (Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Junior Christmas Theatre Trip (Wizard of Oz at Story House Theatre, Chester)

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Celebration Rehearsal at St Bridget's Church

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!

**Autumn Term  
Finishes at 12  
Noon**

**CHRISTMAS  
BREAK  
MON 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
TO FRI 4<sup>TH</sup> JAN  
2019**

**JANUARY 2019**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Staff INSET Day

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Children Return to School

## 2018/2019

### Autumn Term

Starts	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 Staff INSET Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 Children Return
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Half-Term	<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2018</b>
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Ends	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 - 12 Noon Finish
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### Spring Term

Starts	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 Children Return
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Half-Term	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019</b>
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Ends	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time
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### Summer Term

Starts	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Children Return
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Easter May Day	<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2019 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
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Half-Term	<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>
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Ends	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time
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### 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

### 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.



**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



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# Parent Toddler Group



**1.45pm to 3pm  
every Thursday  
during term time  
£3 per child  
including refreshments**



Come along for great fun, toys, craft sessions,  
activities & fun.

Guest session leaders.

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