



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th October 2018

Half Term Break

School Closes on Friday 19th October and Re-Opens on Monday 5th November 2018

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

101

105

97

100

Total House Points for the Year To-date

728

843

802

785

Merit Badges

Reception			NL	
Year 1	EK			
Year 2				IW
Year 3				IA
Year 4			FC	
Year 5	RW			DA
Year 6		GS		PK-N

Golden Table

Rec	OB	Y1	EK	Y2	EP
Y3	EW	Y4	HH	Y5	AE
		Y6	JG		

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Harvest Pizza

Pudding: Marble Cake

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15th October 2018



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

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

OCTOBER 2018

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

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

Thurs 18th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Cross Country Race

PTA Halloween
Disco

Fri 19th
Football Tournament

School Finish at
Normal Time for Half
Term

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

**HALF TERM
MON 22ND OCT TO
FRI 2ND NOV**

NOVEMBER 2018

Mon 5th
Children Return to
School

Wed 7th
Remembrance
Assembly

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions Week Commencing Monday 15th October 2018

We would like to invite that parents/carers of the children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception to “Stay & Play” sessions on the following dates:

Nursery & Pre-School (Please sign in at the Nursery Office)

Tuesday 16th October 9am to 10.30am

Wednesday 17th October 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 18th October 1.45pm to 3pm

Reception (Please sign in at the School Office)

Tuesday 16th October 1.45pm to 3pm

Wednesday 17th October 9am to 10.15am

Thursday 18th October 9am to 10.15am

During the sessions you will have the opportunity to join in with learning activities and games. Please complete the reply slip if you wish to attend. Reply slips can be obtained from the school office.

Year 5 Class Assembly Monday 15th October at 9.15am

The children of Year 5 would like to invite their parents/carers to their Class assembly on Monday 15th October 2018 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We hope that you will be able to join us.

There will be **NO** early morning VR for the Year 5 children owing to their Class Assembly.

PTA Halloween Disco Thursday 18th October

The PTA will be holding their Halloween Disco on Thursday 18th October in the School Hall from 5.30pm to 7pm. See the flyer below for more details.

Half Term Holiday Club

The school will close for the half term break on Friday 19th October 2018 and re-opens on Monday 5th November 2018. The S4YC holiday club will be running during the half term break. This week we sent home an information pack outlining all the exciting activities planned. Click the link to find out more information [S4YC](#).

Visiting Morning

A big thank you to all our parents, families and friends who joined us for Visiting Morning. Our Year 6 children were incredible ambassadors for Avalon, showing great knowledge, enthusiasm and were obviously very proud of their school. We welcomed many visitors into our classrooms and received

Thur 8th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Year 6 Trip to Old
Garden Residential
Home

Mon 12th to Fri 16th
Anti-Bullying Week

Tue 13th
Year 6 Bikeability
Course – Day 1

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

**NO AFTER
SCHOOL EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
CLUBS**

Thur 15th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Parents' Evening
Meetings – Year 2,
Year 3 & Year 5

**NO AFTER
SCHOOL EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
CLUBS**

Sat 17th
ISA Swimming Gala

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

Tue 20th
Road Safety Day

Year 6 Bikeability
Course – Day 2

Thur 22nd
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

lots of positive comments about our curriculum, teaching and the learning that was observed.

PTA Informal Coffee Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our PTA coffee meetings. They were very well attended and some great new ideas were put forward. **Our next meeting, for anyone able to help with organising arrangements for the Christmas Fair, will be held at school during the PTA Halloween Disco on Thursday 18th October, starting at 5.40pm.**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The amount raised at our Macmillan Coffee Morning was £453.13 Well done everyone! What a fantastic amount for such a worthy charity.

Year 4 Science Lessons Week Commencing 15th October

As part of their science lessons next week the Year 4 children will be 'mummifying' tomatoes. We would be most grateful if you could send in empty Pringle tubes or similar to turn into canopic jars.

Pre-School Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

The children visited Caldy Residential Home for Talk like a pirate day. They coloured pirate pictures with the residents and listened to pirate stories. Both the children and the residents had a fun morning.



Christmas Card Designs Cauliflower Cards – Placing Orders

**CARD DESIGN MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL
BY MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2018**

The children are currently completing their Christmas card designs. Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until 28th October 2018. To place an order please click or copy and paste the following link into your browser

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

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:

Thur 29th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 30th
LAMDA Drama
Exams

PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER 2018

Wed 5th
Nursery & Pre-
School Christmas
Concert

Thur 6th
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 7th
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**

	*PARENTS ORDER CODE*		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
	School Code	Unique Code	Avalon School
	2666	H6T9JX	

Please return your child's card design sheet to school by **Monday 15th October 2018** so all art work can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. If your child's design sheet is not returned to school you will not receive any orders placed.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to our Harvest Assembly this week. All the donations were collected by the Charles Thompson Mission who will distribute to local people in need. Follow the link to find out more details, [Harvest News](#).



Year 6 Bikeability Course Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 20th November

The Year 6 children will be undertaking a Bikeability course on Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 20th November. If you wish your child to take part in this course please ensure that you return the consent form. Children will not be able to part in the course without a completed consent form. Thank you.

Parents' Evening Appointments Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th November

Appointments for Parents' Evening Meetings will be sent home with the children next week. Please note that there will **NO** after school extra-curricular clubs on these days.

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs Orders

Please return your photograph orders to the school office no later than **Wednesday 17th October 2018**. Thank you.

Cross Country Race, Bebington Park Thursday 18th October

Some children from Year 4 to Year 6 will be representing Avalon School at a cross country race in Bebington Park (behind the Oval) on Thursday 18th October 2018. Mrs Kililiku has sent details home with the children involved. Good luck Team Avalon.

Football Tournament, The Firs School Friday 19th October

Some boys from Year 5 and Year 6 will be representing Avalon School at a football tournament at The Firs School on Friday 19th October 2018. Mr Ashton has sent details home with the children involved. Good luck Team Avalon.

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

JANUARY 2019

Mon 7th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 8th
Children Return to
School

Staffing News

We are pleased to announce below details of new staffing appointments:

Catering Manager: Congratulations to Mrs Heather Probert on her promotion to Catering Manager

Assistant Catering Manager: Congratulations to Mrs Kirstie Hayes-Blease on her promotion to Assistant Catering Manager

Catering Assistant: Mrs Sarah Burlinson will be joining the Catering team from Monday 15th October. Mrs Burlinson has a good deal of previous experience both working with children and within a fast pace business environment in Liverpool Science Park. We very much look forward to welcoming Sarah to the Avalon Team and wish her every success in her new role.

After School Assistant: Mrs Sally Varey has now joined the After School Team and will be working part time, alongside her other role as Nursery Practitioner.

Lunchtime Welfare Assistant: Mrs Angela Gardner has taken on the role of Lunchtime Welfare Assistant, supporting the lunchtime service and continuing her pastoral role in the dining hall.

Term Dates 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

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

2019/2020

Autumn Term

Starts	Mon 2 nd Sept 2019
Half-Term	Mon 21st Oct to Fri 1st Nov 2019
Ends	Fri 13 th Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish

Spring Term

Starts	Mon 6 th Jan 2020
Half-Term	Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2020
Ends	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 20 th Apr 2020
May Day	Mon 4th May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25^h May to Fri 29th May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 th Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Four Staff INSET Days to be confirmed for Year 2019-2020

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.

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>.

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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Avalon School

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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HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER | 5.30PM - 7PM | SCHOOL HALL

PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION

Paint, style, decorate or carve your pumpkin anyway you wish!

PRIZES FOR EACH YEAR GROUP!

Pumpkins can be brought into school on the morning of the disco!

Halloween Raffle
£1.00 a strip to win
some spooky sweets

Come in
costume
if you dare!

£3.00 payable
on the door
Hot dogs served!
No mobile phones

For Health and Safety reasons parents are requested not to stay throughout the disco, unless they are helping to run the event. Unfortunately, the disco is unsuitable for nursery age children. Younger children can be collected from 6.30pm onwards