

NEWS & INFORMATION

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to West Kirby Library



This week, Year 1 and Year 2 visited West Kirby Library, walking to and from the library along the Wirral Way. The children enjoyed the journey, taking in the scenery and getting some fresh air along the way.

At the library, they explored non-fiction books about Australia, learning about the country and discussing the differences between Australia and the UK, including weather, animals, homes and daily life.



Sorry to See You Go



We are announcing the retirement of our much-loved Catering Manager, Mrs Probert, who will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term, after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the school. Throughout her time with us, Mrs P has been a valued and committed member of our staff team and has also given many years of service as a member of the Governing Board. She has made an enormous contribution to school life and will be missed very dearly by staff, pupils, and families alike. We wish her every happiness in her well-earned retirement, as she looks forward to spending more time with her family and enjoying a well-deserved cruise or two!

Catering Manager Position

We are looking for a reliable, organised and caring individual to join our school team.

For more information, please click on the link below. Closing date for application is 12 noon on Thursday 29th January.

[Catering Manager Position](#)

Lunch Menus



This week's favourite meals were:

Next week's lunch menu is

Main	Dessert
Sweet & Sour Chicken	Apple Crumble

Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)



Spring Half Term Holiday Camp



Once again, Avalon School, in partnership with Activity for All, will be hosting a Spring half term holiday camp at Avalon School, which will be open to children from Reception to Year 6 and children from the wider community. The camp will be run by staff from Activity for All.

The camp will run from **Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February.**

£20.00 per day from 9am – 3pm

£27.50 per day with additional wrap-around from 8.30am – 5.30pm

To make a booking, please click on the link below:

<https://ecom.roller.app/activityforallwirral/holidaycamps/en/product/1132107?date=2026-02-16>

Year 6 Petty Pool Residential



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to Petty Pool Outdoor Centre in Cheshire.

The aims of the residential will be:

- Learn new skills

- Gain an appreciation of the natural environment
- Undertake exciting activities
- Develop an awareness of the needs of others
- Meet personal challenges

The final cost of the trip is £265 (inclusive of VAT). This includes the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities and the use of the facilities. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Year 6 Petty Pool 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.

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.

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 information about different services.

Extra-Curricular Activities



Extra-Curricular activities run from Monday 12th January until Friday 20th March. Please also note that there will be NO clubs on Thursday 5th March.

For the schedule of clubs and sign-up information please follow the link below:

[Extra-Curricular Activities Schedule & Sign Up Information](#)

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

There will be no Running Club on Tuesday 27th January.

PTA News



Follow the link below for information on our PTA events:

[PTA News & Events](#)

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!

Save The Date

Hop Into Spring Family Fun Event on Saturday 21st March 5pm to 7.30pm at Activity for All Centre, Arrowe Park. The event will be open to all ages, everyone welcome! Don't forget to tell all your family and friends. More details to follow shortly.

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.



Help us make a difference when you shop.

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Download the app.



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 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](#)



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

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Avalon School Baby & Toddler Group

(0-5 years)

Wednesday mornings (term time)

9.30am to 11.00am

ALL WELCOME!



£5 a child / £2 for a sibling
(cash or card payments)

Refreshments included

Lots of fun activities

No need to book

**Come along and
join in the fun!**

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