# AVALON SCHOOL
## Weekly Newsletter
## Friday 20th November 2026

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### Anti-Bullying Week




On Monday, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with our Odd Sock Day.
Everyone rocked their brightest, boldest, oddest socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique.



We raised

**£55.15**

Which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE



We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Anti-Bullying assembly on Thursday.







### Year 5 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home

THE OLD GARDEN
Your home from home

Our Year 5 Children entertained the residents and staff at The Old Garden Care Home today with reflections from the recent Rememberance Assembly and to share poetry they have been working on in class.



### Reminder: Parents' Evening Meetings WB 23rd November




| Class | Teacher / Key Worker | Dates & Times Appointments Available |
|---|---|---|
| Nursery | Flavia Stephenson<br>Jackie Duffy<br>Tia Hardman | Monday 23rd November from 4pm<br>Tuesday 24th November from 4pm<br>Thursday 26th November from 4pm |
| Pre-School | Jo Rice<br>Julie Bache | Tuesday 24th November from 4pm<br>Thursday 26th November from 4pm |

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| 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 |

## Moving on



Our wonderful teaching assistant, Mrs Fleming will be moving on from Avalon on Wednesday 25th November to take on an exciting new role at Pensby High School. Having worked across every phase—from Nursery to Key Stage 2—she has been an integral part of our school for many years. We will miss her immensely and are incredibly grateful for the warmth, dedication, and care she has given to countless children and staff.

Meanwhile, to ensure a seamless transition, Mrs Emma Vaughan will be stepping in to support our Year 3 and 4 children from next week. Mrs Vaughan is a highly experienced Teaching Assistant and a qualified Teacher who is already a familiar face around school, from her recent work in Year 5.

Please join us in thanking Mrs Fleming for her incredible service to Avalon and wishing her the absolute best in her next venture!

## Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition
## Deadline for Entries – Monday 30th November 2026



The children have taken home a Christmas Bauble to decorate our school Christmas Tree. Once again, we will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December, and winners will each receive a prize.

**All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 30th November to be entered into the competition.**

For more details, please click on the link below:
Christmas Bauble Competition

## PTA Christmas Jumper Swap



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 Raffle Tickets




Thie children have brought home raffle tickets for some great raffle prizes. Please retain raffle tickets and return completed ticket stubs, with your child's name clearly written, your payment and any unsold tickets by the latest **Thursday 3rd December 2026.** Winners to be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December. Cash or cheques payable to "Avalon School Parent Teacher Association".

## 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.

## PTA Wreath Making Workshop
## Thursday 3rd December 6.30- 10.30pm




The PTA will be holding a Wreath Making Workshop at St Bridgets' Church Hall on Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm. Wreath prices are £40 or a standard of £55 for an extra-large size. All materials are included in the price, including mulled wine and mince pies on arrival. Please bring along a pair of secateurs and light gardening gloves. BYO bottle to get into the festive mood.

Payment can be made using the bank details below, or by cash placed in a named envelope and dropped off at the school office.

**Avalon PTA**
**Sort Code: 60-23-17**
**Account Number: 00100455**
**Reference: Wreathmaking**

## Reception to Year 6 Christmas Theatre at Avalon
## Thursday 3rd December 2026



We have arranged for Altru.co.uk to present a performance of "The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood" at Avalon on Thursday 3rd December for the children in Reception to Year 6.

The cost of the performance will be £10.50 per child (inc.VAT).

To enable your child to attend the production, we would be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements to pay the £13.00 no later than **Monday 30th November 2026.**
For more details, please click on the link below:
Theatre at Avalon Letter

## Lunch Menus




| | Favourite Meal of the Week |
|---|---|
| Main | Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice and Sweetcorn |
| Pudding | Chocolate Crunch |

## 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.

## 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<br>Wednesday |
| Year 4 | Monday<br>Friday |
| Year 5 | Wednesday<br>Thursday |
| Year 6 | Wednesday<br>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 |

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| 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




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

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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](http://www.netballkids.co.uk) to book a trial session. No obligation, just come along - we can't wait to meet you!**