

IMPORTANT CHANGES

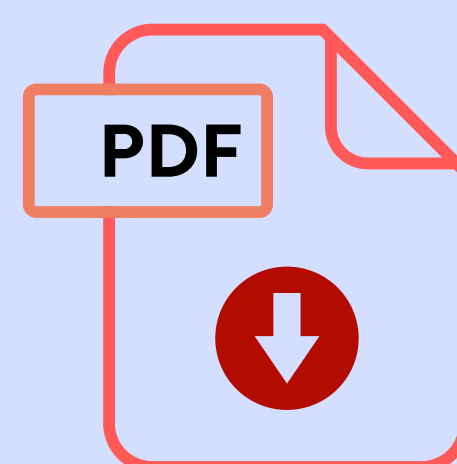
As many of you may be aware, recent changes in allergy legislation, including the introduction of **Benedict's Law**, have highlighted the importance of being aware of hidden allergens and ensuring that all children are kept safe.

To help us create the safest possible environment for everyone, **we kindly ask that birthday treats and sweets are kept at home** to be enjoyed at family celebrations and parties rather than brought into school. We know birthdays are very special occasions, and we still want every child to celebrate on their big day. Therefore, we are delighted to introduce a new birthday tradition where **children may come to school dressed in their own clothes on their birthday**.

We hope this will help make their day feel extra special while ensuring that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for all children.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please note we remain a nut free school.



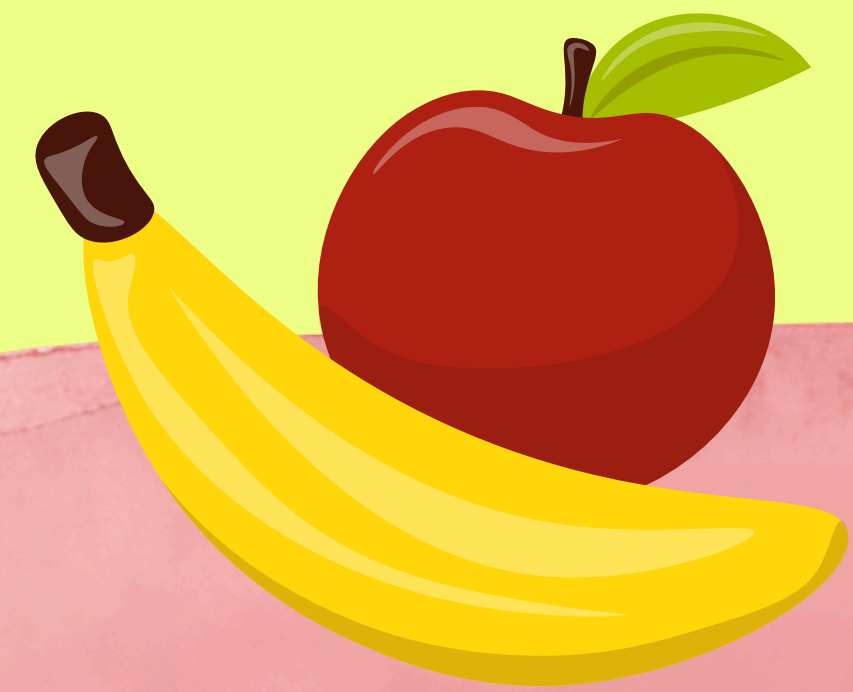
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! IMPORTANT REMINDERS !

As we settle back into our school routines, please take a moment to read through the reminders below to help ensure a smooth and successful start to the year:

- Ensure all school uniform, PE kits, coats and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- A red school book bag or satchel is part of the Avondale uniform policy and no other bags (other than lunch boxes) are permitted, as our cloakrooms simply are too small for lots of rucksacks.
- Water bottles should contain water or diluted still juice only.
- Breaktime snacks, children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are provided with fruit at break time each day. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring their own snack for break time, but this should be fruit only.
- School starts promptly at 8:45am, with doors opening from 8:35am. Please help your child arrive on time each day; it's an important life skill.
- If your child is absent from school, please contact the School Office as soon as possible to let us know the reason.
- Holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks of school holidays only.
- Any medication needed during the school day must be handed in to the school office by a parent or carer and should be prescribed by a doctor with a clear label.
- If your child has asthma, please ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school at all times.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together and maintaining these expectations, we can ensure every child has the very best start to the new academic year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!



BOOK NOW

Booking for Breakfast Club and
After School Club places will open
9am on Monday 14th September -
please log on to SchoolMoney to
book your places - they fill up fast!

Sophie

Oscar

Millie

Luke

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME/LABEL
YOUR CHILDS UNIFORM, PE KIT,
BOTTLE, LUNCHBOX, COAT & BAG.**

**WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A NUMBER OF
LOST CARDIGANS, COATS AND JUMPERS
REPORTED IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS - WE
HAVE NO HOPE OF RETURNING THEM TO
THEIR OWNERS IF THEY AREN'T NAMED.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

OPEN EVENTS

FOR 2027

Avondale Primary School

Learning Smiling & Remembering

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to our Reception 2027 Open Events at Avondale Primary School.

Come and meet our experienced, friendly staff, explore our learning environments, discover our Reception curriculum and find out what makes Avondale such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you!

TOURS

- Wednesday 14th October at 6:30
- Thursday 15th October at 9:30 or 11am

Come and have a look around our super school. Tours led by senior staff; our daytime tours will be supported by our older pupils and you will get the opportunity to see school in action.

CONTACT US

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AVONDALE FOOD MENU

MONDAY

A Chicken Curry
B Veg Curry
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

TUESDAY

A Spaghetti Bolognese
B Veg Bolognese
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

WEDNESDAY

A Minced Beef
B Veg Mince & Dumplings
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

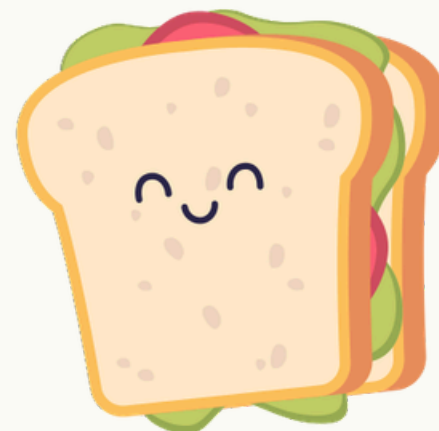
THURSDAY

A Mearball Subs
Cheese & Tomato Subs
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

FRIDAY



A Chicken Nugget Burger
B Veg Nuggets
C High Five
D Jacket Potato





Physical Education



PE Timetable - Autumn 1 - 2026-2027

As shared with families at the end of the summer term and earlier this week too, we are asking children to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. This will help us make the most of valuable lesson time, giving children more opportunities to be active and learn, whilst also helping to reduce lost property.

On PE days, children should arrive at school in their PE kit, but we ask that they continue to look smart and follow our uniform expectations. PE kit should consist of plain black shorts, skorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms (with no branding), a plain white T-shirt, and a school cardigan or jumper. Trainers may also be worn on PE days.

For families who wish to purchase one, a PE hoodie is available; however, there is absolutely no expectation to do so. We are also exploring the introduction of a new PE quarter-zip training top later this term and will update parents with further information in due course.

Please find below the PE timetable for Autumn 1 (effective from this week). Thank you for your continued support in helping us make the most of every minute of learning and keeping our children active, organised and ready for the day ahead.

PE days for this half term (effective from this week) are:-

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thurs	Friday
Year 3	Year 1	Year 4	Year 5	Year 3
	Reception	Year 6	Year 4	Year 1
				Year 5

A huge well
done to this
weeks...



Stars of the Week



Class 1F

Reggie

Class 1N

Freddie W

Class 2L

Maeve

Class 2W

Henry

Class 3B

Zakariyah

Class 3L

Jacob

Class 4F

William

Class 4W

Logan

Class 5M

Eva

Class 5S

Benjamin

Class 6C

Esme

Class 6J

James

IMPORTANT

New Free School Meals Rules from September 2026

Has your family's income changed? You might now qualify!

NEW: From September 2026, if your household receives Universal Credit, your child may be eligible for free school meals - regardless of your income level.

You **MUST** apply - it won't happen automatically

Even if you've been told before that you don't qualify, please apply now if you receive Universal Credit.

Why apply?

- ✓ Free meals for your child
- ✓ Extra funding for our school to support your child
- ✓ Quick and easy online application

How to apply:

Visit www.gov.uk and search for "free school meals"

Or contact the school office for help



Questions? We're here to help - just ask!





KEY DATES



16th Sept - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

17th Sept - Flu Vaccinations

23rd Sept - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

24th Sept - Rock Kidz

30th Sept - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

2nd Oct - Return Cauliflower Christmas Cards

7th Oct - Class 2L Assembly

7th Oct - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

8th Oct - Individual & Sibling Photos

8th Oct - Class 6C Assembly

14th Oct - Harvest Festival

14th Oct - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

14th Oct - EYFS New Intake Open Evening @ 6:30pm

15th Oct - EYFS New Intake Open Morning @ 9:30am

15th Oct - EYFS New Intake Open Morning @ 11:00am

20th Oct - Year 4 Trip: Blackpool Zoo

22nd Oct - Parents Evening

23rd Oct - School Closes for Half Term break (3:15pm)

2nd Nov - School reopens for Autumn Term 2

**Please ensure you
check this page
regularly as dates may
change or be added.**

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.

You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 3rd September 25
Wednesday 10th September 25
Wednesday 17th September 25
Wednesday 24th September 25

1pm –3pm
3pm –5pm
5pm –7pm
1pm –3pm