



Welcome Back to a New School Year at Avondale Primary School



A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Avondale Primary School. A very warm welcome to our new reception children and their families and we really do look forward to you being part of our school family over the next seven years. I hope the children have had a great first week in school and that you also coped as parents dropping them off at 'big school'.

It has been wonderful to see everyone return with smiling faces and to hear all about the adventures, experiences and special memories made over the summer break. The school is once again full of energy, enthusiasm and excitement as we look ahead to the opportunities that this new year will bring.

During our first few days together, we have taken the time to revisit our school motto, "Learn, Smile and Remember" and to reflect on the values and expectations that make Avondale such a happy, caring and successful community. This has been a valuable opportunity for the children to think about how they can contribute positively to school life, support one another and strive to be the very best they can be.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into their routines and embraced the start of the new term. We look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, achievement and memorable experiences for all.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, let's make this another fantastic year of learning, smiling and remembering at Avondale Primary School.



Mrs Brown
Headteacher



Star of the Week Assembly

We love our Friday assemblies and celebrating great news that we have moved our celebration assembly to a Friday afternoon as we think it will be a great start to the weekend and also give more opportunities for morning learning. So, Friday assemblies will now take place on Fridays starting at 2:40pm.

Year 2 are on forest school this half term so they will come into school in their uniform on their forest school day and get changed before going to forest school.

The days of forest school sessions are:

2L on Tuesdays & 2W on Wednesdays

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Smallridge has welcomed a beautiful baby daughter, Phoebe Susan Smallridge, into the world. Mother and baby are doing well, and we know our whole school community will join us in sending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Smallridge family at this very special time. We wish the family many happy moments together as they begin this exciting new chapter

We would also like to keep Mrs Taylor very much in our thoughts as she begins her chemotherapy treatment. While she has understandably been feeling tired, we are pleased to share that she is doing well and remains positive. We know that our school community will join us in sending Mrs Taylor our very best wishes, love and support as she continues her treatment, and we look forward to seeing her back with us when she is ready and well.

AVONDALE FOOD MENU

MONDAY

A Chicken Fajitas
B Veg Burger
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

TUESDAY

A Fish Finger Butty
B Cheese & Tomato Pizza
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

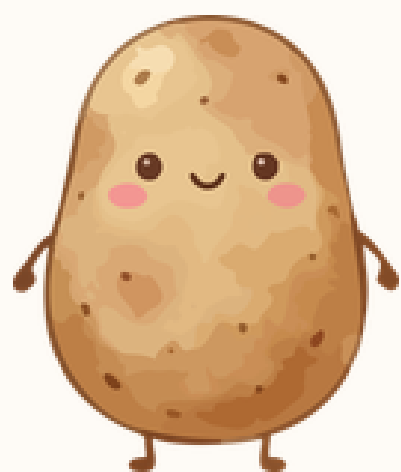
WEDNESDAY

A Roast Chicken
B Veg Sausage
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

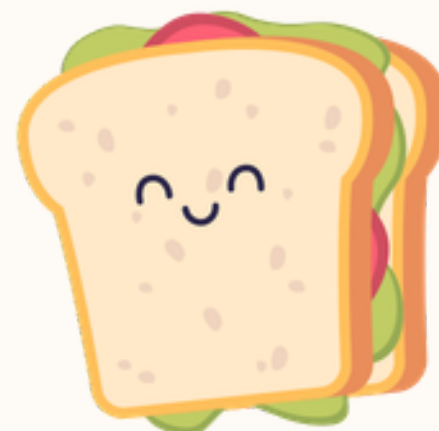
THURSDAY

A Sausage Roll
B. Sweet & Sour Noodles
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

FRIDAY



A Beef Chilli
B Veg Chilli
C High Five
D Jacket Potato



! 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!

Open Evening for New Reception Starters in September 2027

Whilst we have only just welcomed to school our new reception... We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to our Reception 2027 Open Evening at Avondale Community Primary School on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 6:30pm and Thursday, 15th October 2026 at 09:30am and 11:00am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our friendly staff, explore our learning environments, and discover what makes Avondale such a special place for children to learn, grow and thrive.

During the evening, you will hear about our Reception curriculum, see our facilities, and learn how we support every child to achieve their very best from the very start of their school journey.

We warmly welcome families considering a Reception place for September 2027 and look forward to meeting you and sharing all that Avondale has to offer.



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



Stars of the Week



Class 1F

Seini

Class 1N

Sophia

Class 2L

Emaan

Class 2W

Daisy

Class 3B

Deliah

Class 3L

Roman

Class 4F

Bonnie

Class 4W

Benjamin

Class 5M

Oliver

Class 5S

Ameera

Class 6C

Jaxon T

Class 6J

Izzah

KEEP UP
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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



9th Sept - EYFS Parental Drop In Session

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

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.**