

WEEKLY NEWS



I hope you all had a lovely summer break with your children and managed to spend some quality time together. Welcome back to each and every one of you and particularly big welcome to our 60 new EYFS children who have joined us this year. It is great to have a full intake again this year, highlighting the popularity of Avondale as a chosen school. The children have all come back to school looking super smart in their uniforms (please make sure they are labelled) and have been eager to learn. This week they have enjoyed being in their new classrooms and meeting the staff they are working with as well as getting used to new routines. Everyone seems super keen and long may that continue as we head into the Autumn Term.

We also welcome to school Mrs O'Brien who is our new School Business Manager. Mrs O'Brien hasn't had the easiest start with no internet access for the first couple of days but she has certainly thrown herself in at the deep end. Thanks for your patience on Tuesday and Wednesday whilst we had no internet, luckily a new line was fitted promptly and full service has now been resumed.

As always we look forward to working with your children and yourselves over this academic year. Class newsletters will also be coming home today with information about what your child will be learning in class as well as routines and expectations around homework, reading, PE days etc so please make sure you look out for that and support your child on their Avondale Adventure. If we can help in anyway then please have a chat with your child's class teacher, ring the office on 703449 or contact the office via email on office@avondale.blackburn.sch.uk. Myself, Mrs Wright, Mrs Duckett and Mrs Taylor are on the yard most mornings so please look out for one of us if you need us or even just say hello to us.

Have a fabulous weekend, the sun is actually meant to be out.

Mrs Brown

YEAR 6

Our new Year 6 leaders looking very smart in their blue jumpers ready for the year ahead.



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
1N: Coby 1S: Logan	2B: Joseph 2L: Spencer	3B: Hattie 3L: Archie
YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
4F: Nieve 4P: Izzah	5M: Thea 5S: Clarke	6C: Sienna 6J: Benjamin
Class	EYFS All our new pupils have been stars this week!	Stars



Respect

House of the Week

Resilience

WINNER

Team	Sunnyhurst	Bold Venture	Ashton	Whitehall
Weekly Totals	25	125	125	75

Learning

Do Your Best

Make the Right Choice

Kindness



Weekly Menu

WEEK 2

MONDAY

Chicken Nuggets or Ravioli (v)
Veg of the Day
Yogurt Muffins

TUESDAY

Beef Nachos or Tomato Pasta
Veg of the Day
Sponge Cake

WEDNESDAY

Cheese Quiche or Assorted Wraps
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Cake & Custard

THURSDAY

Chicken Burger or Southern Fried Veg Burger
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie

FRIDAY

Sausage Rolls or Cheese Pizza
Veg of the Day
Ice Cream



HOLIDAY PATTERN

The holiday pattern for 2025-2026 is now available on the school website. Please take this into account when booking holidays to ensure they are out of term time. The fines incurred from holidays in term time have now increased to £160 per parent per child (£80 if paid within 21 days). National expectation for attendance is 96% or more.

[Click here for the link to our holiday patterns.](#)

ATTENDANCE

As you will have heard in the press, statutory expectations on attendance have changed over the summer period. I have prepared some information on this for you as parents and will share with you early next week, it didn't seem right to send out in our first week back rather than a welcome back to school.

ASDA CASHPOT

If you are an Asda shopper and use your Asda rewards card then please mention us when you shop. At present Asda are offering to donate 0.5% of your total spend to school between now and November. With current school budgets every little bit helps. This is the link to Cashpot for Schools [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com/cashpot) Thank you



MEDICAL

If you have indicated on your data collection form that your child is asthmatic, then please ensure that they have an inhaler in school. This inhaler needs to remain in school at all times so that we can meet their medical needs.

FOOD IN SCHOOL



Kindly note that our school is nut-free. Also, a reminder to cut granes in half and please No chocolate bars.

Thank you

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www.avondaleschool.co.uk

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB

If you require a place at either breakfast club or afterschool club then there are just a few places left. Please email Mrs Mears or Miss Riley on outofschoolclubs@avondale.blackburn.sch.uk with your requirements.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

New Intake Evening 2nd October 6:30pm
Harvest Celebration 8th October
Photograph day 10th October
Parents' Evening 16th October
Finish for half term 18th October

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see attached details of the Open Events for Secondary Schools. Please be mindful of the closing date which is 31st October 2024. Further details are available on our website under admissions.

Name of School	Open Events for 2024-2025
Blackburn Central High School	Thursday 19 th September 2024
Darwen Aldridge Community Academy	Wednesday 2 nd October 2024
Darwen Vale High School	Thursday 26 th September 2024
Our Lady of St John's Catholic High School	Wednesday 18 th September 2024
Pleckgate High School	Thursday 12 th September and Saturday 14 th September 2024
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	Saturday 5 th October 2024
St Bede's RC High School	Thursday 26 th September 2024
St Wilfrid's CofE Academy	Thursday 26 th September 2024
Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School	Thursday 26 th September 2024
Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School	Tuesday 1 st October 2024
Witton Park High Academy	Wednesday 25 th September 2024

We have a
VACANCY

Cleaning position available. Please contact the school for more information.

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