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Heads Up!

Avalon School
Learning for Life

Dear Parent Carers,

Hopefully the teachers at Avalon School know just how valued they are. Teaching is an interesting job because it demands so much more than the school day working hours. Most teachers remain at school after 3:30pm and work in the evenings and at the weekend. Although the federation and our Avalon Senior Leadership Team try to reduce workload and support teacher wellbeing, it remains that it takes additional commitment and hard work, not least because we have real life children in front of us we care about, parents who we want to help and professionals we want to collaborate with.

We asked our children to thank their teacher as part of their student voice sessions and I hope you like the responses from Key Stage 4 and 6th Form on the following pages.

If you would like to thank a teacher too, please send messages via our school office.

Our first transition morning went well and I am very much looking forward to welcoming new students to Avalon School on 4th July for their second transition event. There may be some changes to class groups following some reflection from teachers and we will let any students and their families know of any changes as soon as they are finalised.

It is always busy at this time of year and we continue to work hard to maintain high expectations of teaching and learning whilst planning and executing expeditions, Leavers' events and prom and the end of term picnic. Our students have been sitting exams and teachers have been marking them internally, that marking is then quality assured internally and a sample—requested by NCFE—is then sent to external quality assurance. Exam results and progress towards accreditations and exams will be available on Student Progress documents which will be sent home before the end of term to all students including those who leave on Friday. Exam and accreditation certificates and Duke of Edinburgh certificates will be sent to you through the post if you have not already received them.

I very much look forward to seeing you all at the end of term picnic on 11th July.

Amy Norris, Head of School

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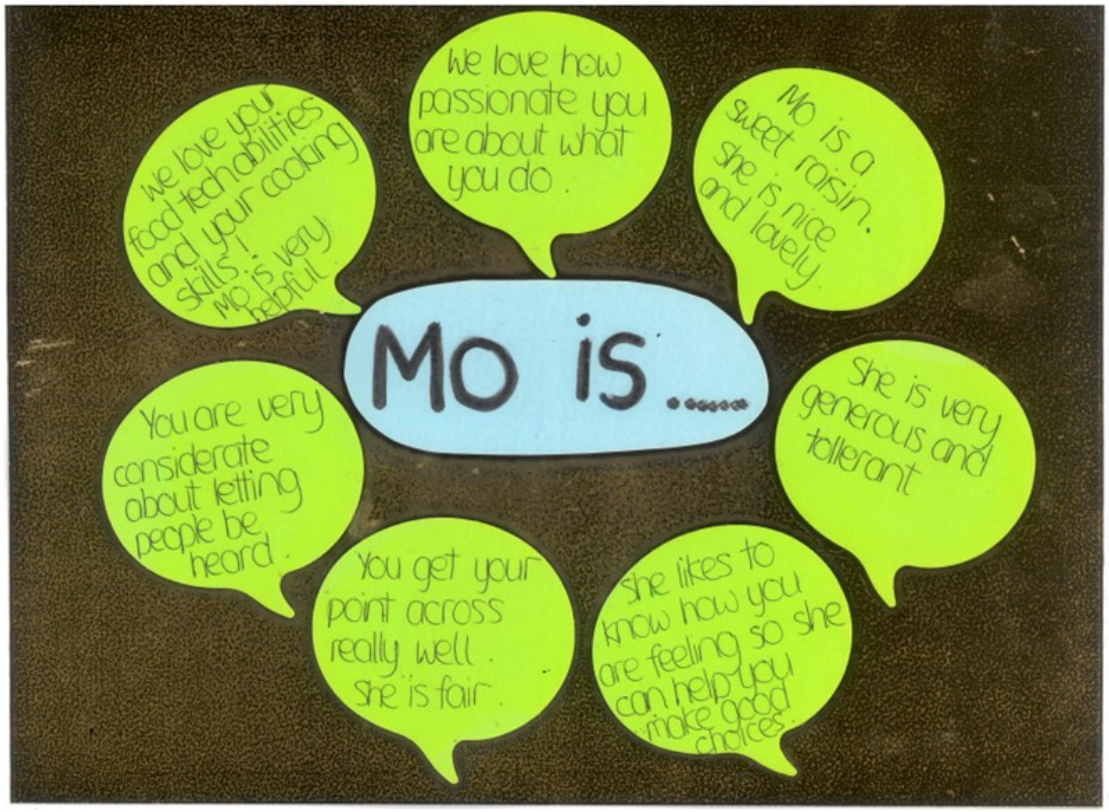
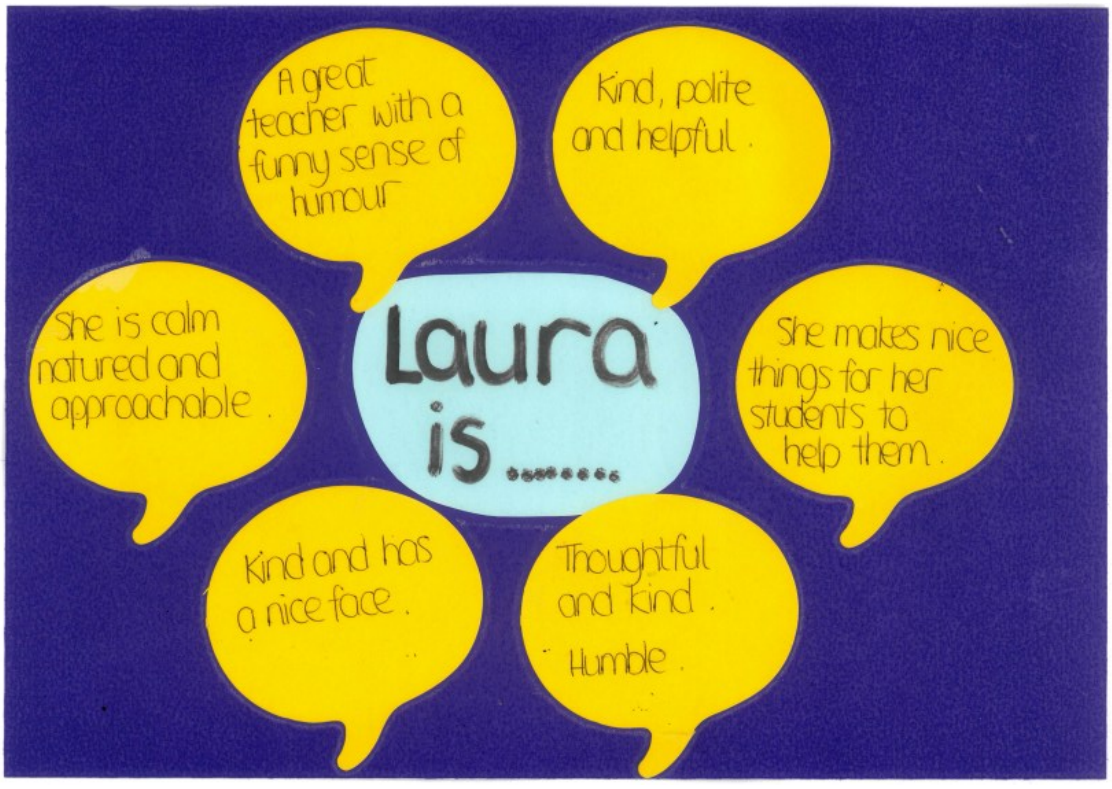
Willow Class Thank a Teacher





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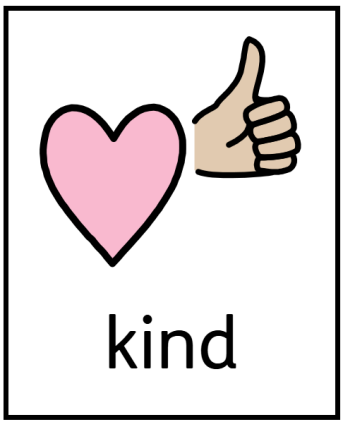
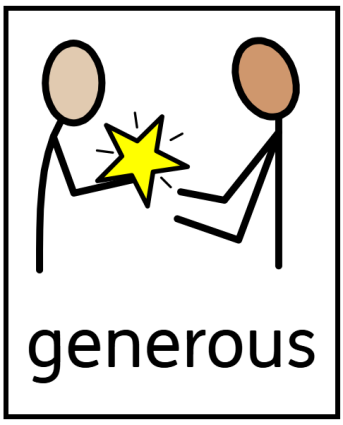
Hawthorn Class Thank a Teacher

Hawthorn Class stamped their cards with hand prints and shared messages. Some were single word messages:





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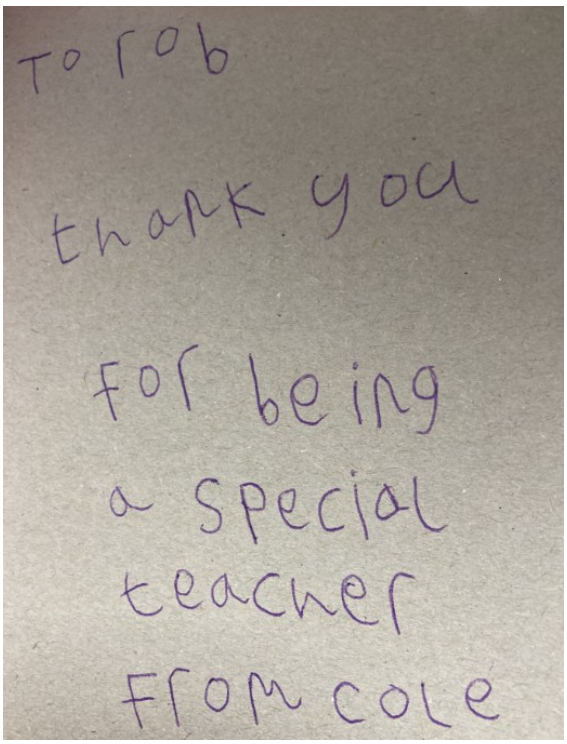

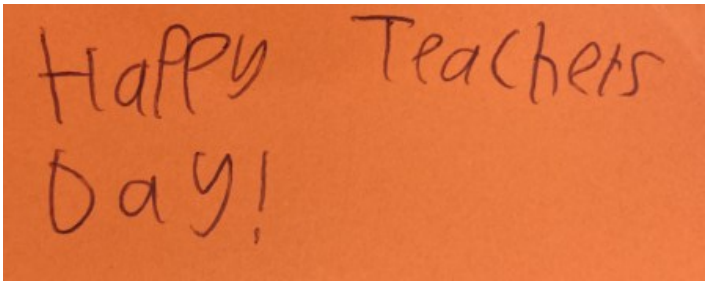

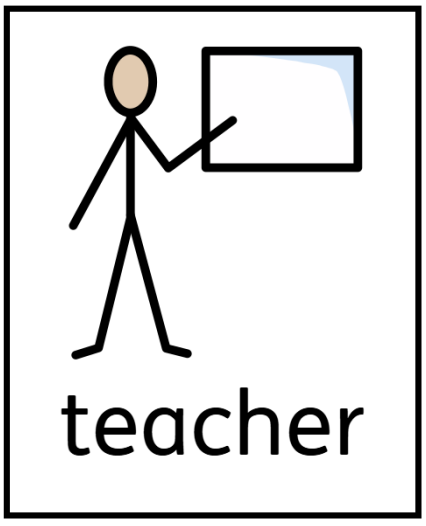

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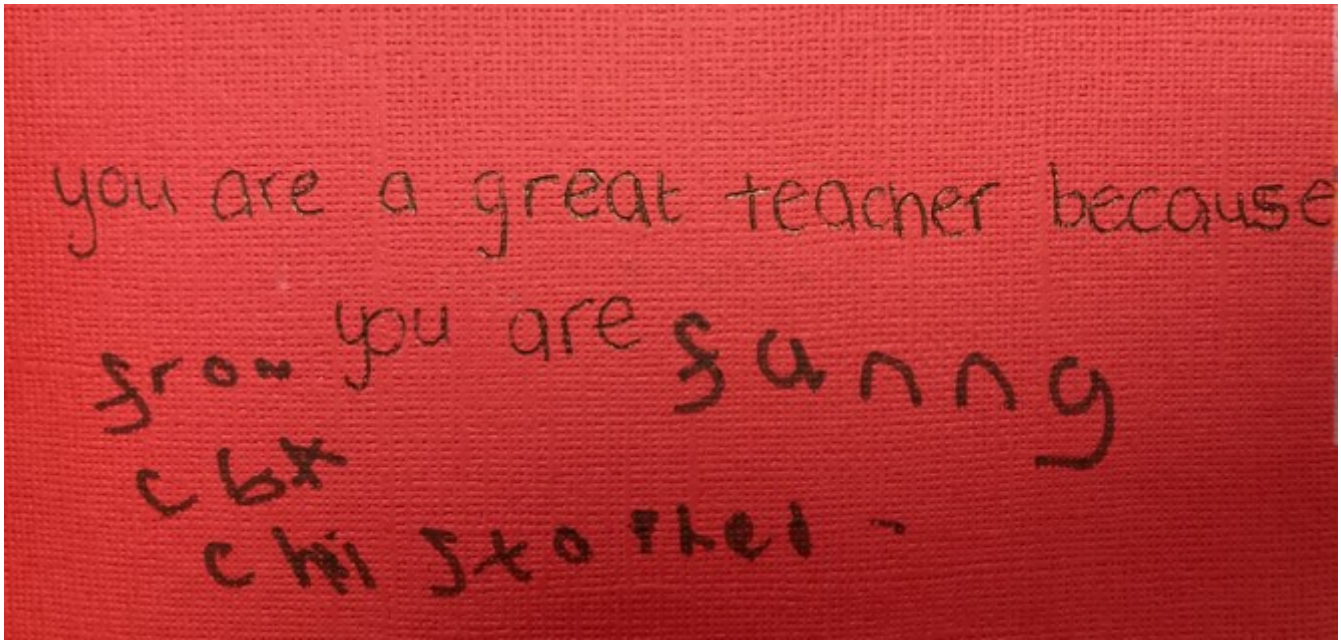

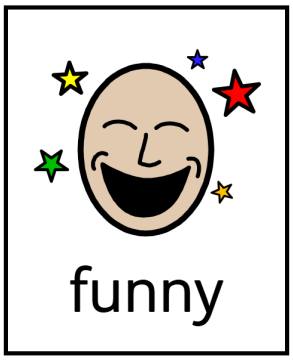

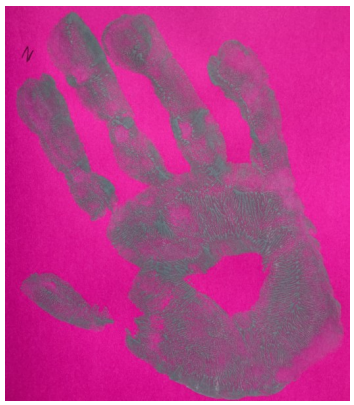

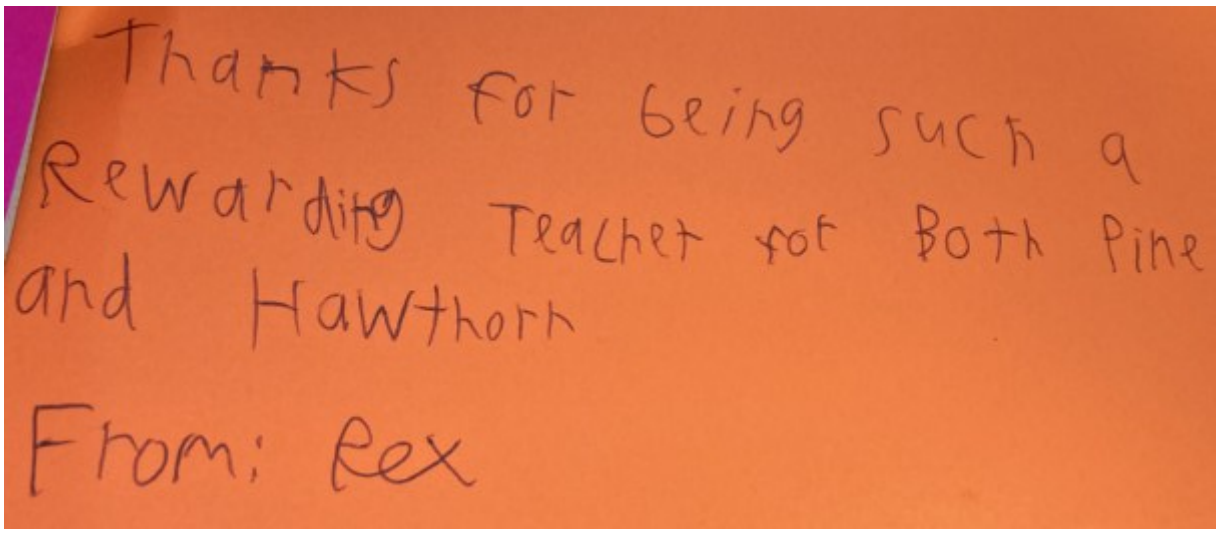

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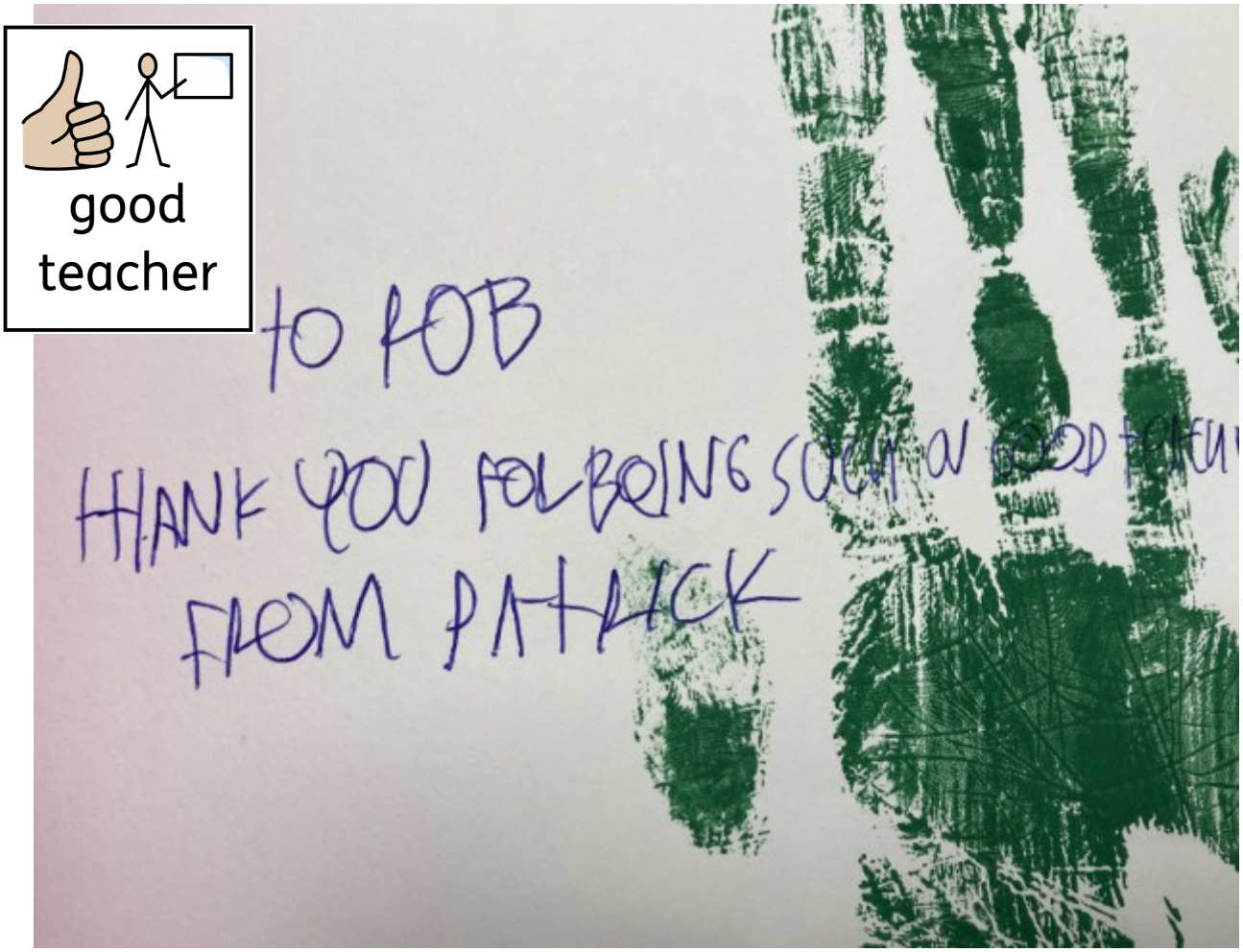

6th Form Thank a Teacher

And, rather than make a card, 6th formers shared a Newsround special about Thank a Teacher day and shared their views using their own communication styles.

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Office News

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We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

Arbor

Google Play App Store

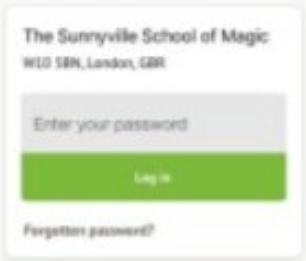
We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



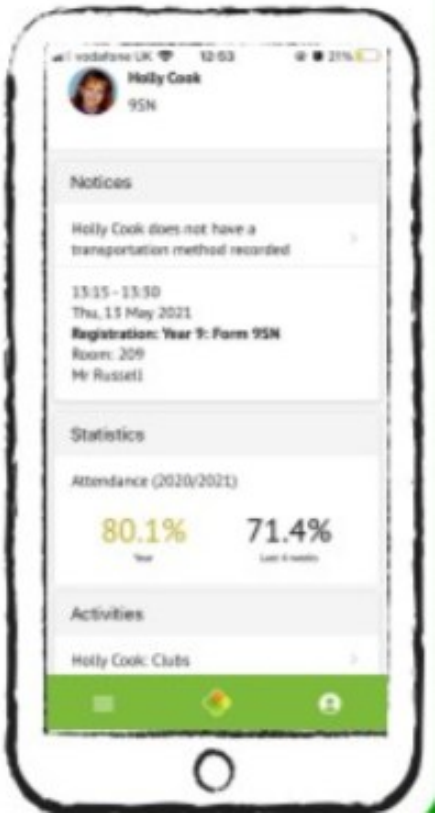
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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Safeguarding

Hello Parent Carers,

We just wanted to let you know that sometimes a member of our safeguarding team might give you a call. Please don't worry if this happens — it doesn't mean there's a big problem!

Sometimes we just want to check in, share something a student has said, or make sure everyone is okay. It's all part of how we work together to keep your child safe, happy, and well supported.

We really believe that being open and honest with you helps us all do the best for your child. So if you do get a call from us, it's simply because we care and want to keep you in the loop.

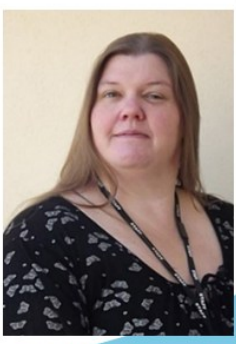
Thanks so much for your support!

The Safeguarding Team
Avalon School

Amy Norris
Head of School
DSL

Kelly Llewelyn
Extended Services Manager
DDSL

Tania Barry
PFSA
DDSL



Helen Farnell
Executive Head
DDSL

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6th Form News

Avalon School prom will take place on **Thursday 26th June 2025.**

Itinerary:

4:45pm Arrival drinks for School leavers in Year 11 and Sixth Form and their families

5:00 -6:00 pm Leavers presentations

6:00-8:00 pm Prom for all KS4 and Sixth Formers.

6:00—6:30pm Night at the lodge themed buffet
6:30-8:00 Music

8:00pm End of prom

Many thanks,

Lorna
Sixth Form teacher

Mo
Willow Class Teacher

Rob
Hawthorn Class teacher

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PFSA News

Avalon School Summer Picnic – Friday 11th July 1:30–3:30pm

We are delighted to invite you to our Summer Picnic on **Friday 11th July from 1:30-3:30pm**, hosted by our Key Stage 3 students.

This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, enjoy the summer weather, and celebrate the end of another great school year. The event will be held on school grounds and promises plenty of fun for everyone!

Activities will include:

- Fun games and activities
- A cake sale
- Tombola
- Lucky Dip
- Raffle

We would love to welcome not only current students and their families, but also our Year 11 leavers, returning leavers, and families of students joining us in September. It's a wonderful chance to connect and be part of the Avalon community.

Cash will be accepted on the day and all funds raised will go towards the Ellie-Jade Sound Garden.

Please feel free to bring a picnic blanket or chair to sit and relax while enjoying the events.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As part of our upcoming Summer Picnic we are excited to host a raffle to raise funds for the Ellie-Jade Sound Garden.

We are kindly reaching out to request donations for raffle prizes.

Holly Class – Sweets/chocolate

Hawthorn Class – Coffee/Tea/Biscuits

Oak Class – Pamper/toiletries

Chestnut Class – Baking/cooking

Pine Class – Pets

Willow Class – Stationary

Sixth Form – Gardening/outdoor

No donation is too small, and every contribution helps us create a fun and successful event for our students and families.

Please send in your donations to Tania Barry by Friday 4th July.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support!

Tania Barry

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Somerset Wildlife Trust

Wilder Youth YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENTS PROGRAM

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

Nature Journaling
Ages 12-24 | Sunday 25th May | Chancellor's Farm, Priddy

Mya-Rose Talk and Q&A
All ages | Wednesday 2nd July | A Patch Wilder, Mendip Hills

Eco-anxiety workshop
Ages 16-24 | Friday 18th July | The Good Heart Café, Frome

Species Surveying
Ages 14-18 | Tuesday 12th August | Honeygar

Reserves Maintenance
Ages 15-24 | Monday 4th August | Draycott Sleights

Reserves Maintenance
Ages 15-24 | Thursday 28th August | Quants Wood

To book any of our events, scan the QR code or visit **somersetwildlife.org/events**

volunteering@somersetwildlife.org

@wilderyouthswt

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PTA

Please join us

PTA AGM MEETING

of 2024-2025

WHO?

PARENTS
GRANDPARENTS
TEACHERS & STAFF
COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WHEN?

DATE & TIME

Monday 30th June

2-3pm

WHERE?

AVALON SCHOOL

WHY?

- Research shows that when parents are involved, children do better
- A great chance to stay involved and make important decisions
- Meet friends and be a part of something great – volunteering is healthy!

Refreshments provided!

We hope to see you there!

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Term Dates 2025/2026

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Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

September 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24		
Th	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19	26		
Sa	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

October 2025						
Mo		6	13	20	27	
Tu		7	14	21	28	
We	1	8	15	22	29	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	
Fr	3	10	17	24	31	
Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	5	12	19	26		

November 2025						
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December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

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Up next...

Dates for your diary…

Summer Term: Curriculum focus areas for online safety, PSHE and Literature. If you would like further information about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Online safety focus for Spring Term: I am healthy

PSHE Focus:

Summer 1 Healthy lifestyles/Relationships

Summer 2 The World I Live In/Healthy Me

Literature texts:

KS3 Collected Grimm Tales, Carol Ann Duffy

KS4 Anthology of War Poetry

6th Form Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

Leavers Event	26th June
Leavers' date	27th June, this includes those leaving year 11 and going to 6th Form
Friends of Avalon School PTA AGM	30th June
Transition Days	20th June & 4th July 9:30-12:00
End of Term picnic—this includes leavers,	11th July 1:30-3:30
Last day of summer term	23rd July
Return to school	3rd September