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Heads Up!

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Dear Parent Carers,

It is that time of year when we start to welcome new students and say goodbye to some of our older students.

I would like to warmly welcome new parents who will be joining us on the 4th June here at school for a coffee morning and who will be joining Tania for a picnic in the park in the half term holiday.

Transition days for all students will be on Friday 20th June and Friday 4th July. Students will spend time meeting their new class peers and staff team and we will get an opportunity to check that students are in the right class, particularly those who will be brand new to us.

For older students who are leaving year 11 but returning to 6th Form, transition days will be the same.

As individual parent carers will know, transitions for students who are leaving us for other provision have already started transition visits and these are going well. As ever, transitions do depend on local authority decisions but this year we have been part of a really collaborative process with SEND caseworkers to achieve the best possible outcomes for children where possible.

The school is growing!! This is an incredibly good thing for us in so many ways, including finance, which means we can pay for more of the things which are so important for our staff and students. We are however still a 'small school' with a real community feel and wish to retain this. I have noticed over the past two years that parental engagement is growing and our events now are really well attended—thank you so much to everyone who participates and attends our coffee mornings, and special events—it really means a lot to our children and staff. Please can I take this opportunity to encourage you to get involved in the PTA. This is a small group who are keen to go the extra mile for our students by raising funds and organising events in collaboration with the student council. We need some PTA members to volunteer for two upcoming events: the summer picnic, which is organised with the support of our Key Stage 3 students (years 7, 8 and 9) and Back to School Bingo which is in the early stages of preparation. All parent carers and staff are automatically members of the PTA but we would love some more people to come and attend meetings—you can participate in any small way, by donating raffle prizes, or in a larger way, organising a big parent-run event.

Please join us—more details about the PTA are available later in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the following pages: information from our PFSA, dates for your diary, 6th Form news and an item on curriculum from Holly Class who have been experiencing and responding to Diwali in RE.

Please do contact the office if you have any questions and I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Amy Norris, Head of School

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Curriculum

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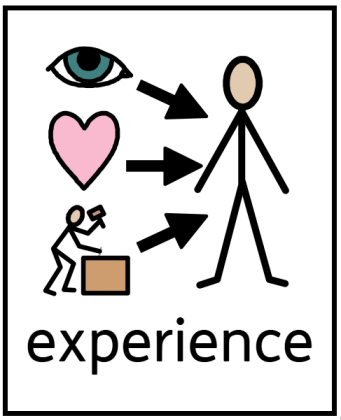
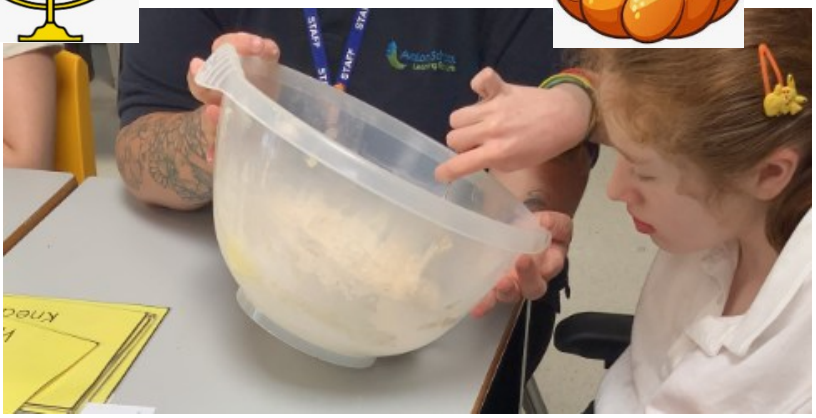
Experiential learning

learning from real experiences.





Holly Class have been immersed and engaged with sensory based learning with a focus on Judaism and Diwali. Jewish artefacts, music, spice painting and even Challah bread was made. Chestnut Class designed and made their own Diva lamps and produced their own rangoli patterns using the computer. It was challenging getting the patterns symmetrical!

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6th Form News

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We have voted and can now reveal the prom theme for 2025...

Night at the lodge!

The colour scheme will be Rose gold & Green.

More details to follow

From Arthur sixth form /Sammie KS4

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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

Hopefully you will have received the letter about the Summer Holiday Activities.
The holiday club will run on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 29th July 10:00-14:00**
- **Tuesday 19th August 10:00-14:00**

A variety of activities will be offered, including sports, baking, sensory play, and preparing a healthy lunch. The club is free for students who receive free school meals. For students not eligible for free school meals, the cost is £15.00 per day, payable in advance through Arbor.

In line with the government funding criteria, if spaces are oversubscribed, priority will be given to students eligible for free school meals.

Please complete the form by Friday, 6th June, to select the days you would like your child to attend. Confirmation of your child's place will be sent by Friday, 20th June.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require another booking form.

Tania Barry

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PFSA News

Join the Somerset Parent Carer Forum on the **24th June 2025** at Taunton Racecourse for a day of inspiration and support for neurodiverse individuals and their families.

Tickets: £5 (refundable, includes lunch)

Highlights:

Info stands

Workshops

Inspiring talks

Drop in clinics

Follow this link to book https://forms.office.com/e/jaZ2JES1iC

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PFSA News

<u>England V India Disability Cricket FREE Opportunity</u>

England to play India in pioneering men's mixed-disability series this summer - the first of its kind at international level in cricket, bringing together players with Physical Disabilities, Learning Disabilities and Hearing Impairments.

The game details are:

Saturday 21 June: 1st Mixed Disability Vitality IT20: England Men's Mixed Disability v India Men's Mixed Disability, Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton, 6.30pm start. Gates open from 5.30pm.

As a school that has engaged with Somerset Cricket Foundation, we are inviting those keen to watch this fixture by offering free tickets. You can access your free tickets by completing this short link; https://form.jotform.com/250695823080358

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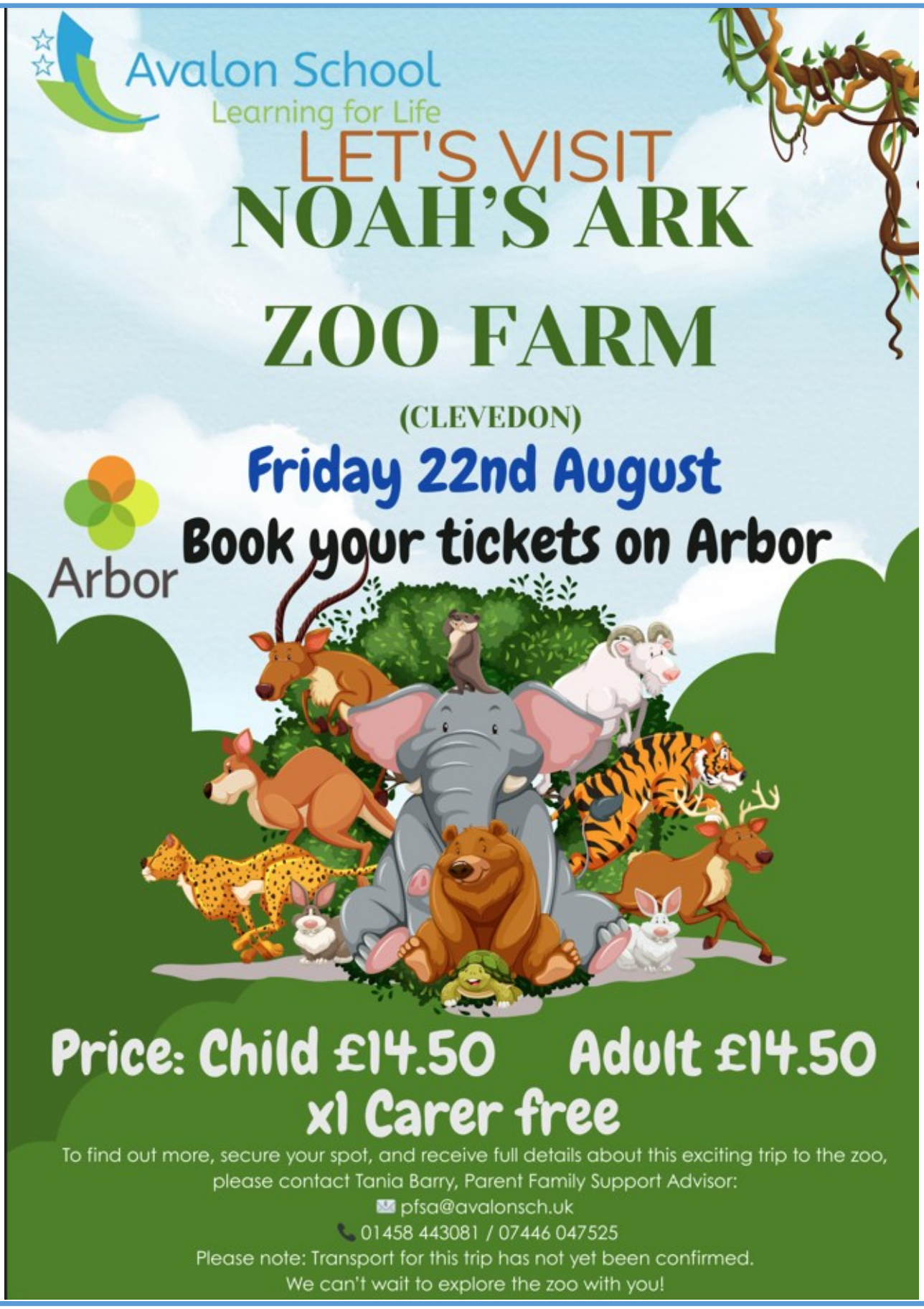

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PTA

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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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

May half term	26th—30th May
Inset Day	2nd June
Parent Carer Tour of Sixth Form	5th June 2-2:45pm
Parent Carer coffee afternoon	11th June 2-3pm
DofE Bronze Expedition	5-6 June
DofE Silver Expedition	11-13 June
Longleat trip for Key Stage 3—Kids Day Out	11th June
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	11th July
Last day of summer term	23rd July