



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

194

205

269

222

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1783

1535

2039

2048

Merit Badges

Reception				WK
Year 1				TR
Year 2				HN
Year 3			MW	
Year 4				NFT
Year 5			RK	SO
Year 6	SW		AW	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	RD
Year 1	VRF
Year 2	IP
Year 3	TC
Year 4	FPS
Year 5	DH
	EH
Year 6	EB
	HL

Headteachers Awards



Year 1 OQ
Year 3 EC

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants OQ
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) ES
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) CS

Reading Star!



Reception IMAC
Year 1 OQ
Year 2 BMAC
Year 3 HP
Year 4 NA
Year 5 SW
Year 6 EB

Golden Table

Rec	IMAC	Y1	LL	Y2	HB
Y3	OMAC	Y4	EMAC	Y5	SO
		Y6	SW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Extra-Curricular Clubs



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM.

Details of the Extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term 2025 will be shared with parents in due course.

After School Care is available at the usual rates.

PTA - Christmas Jumper & Other Christmas Clothing



Avalon PTA have set up a clothing rail in the Nursery Foyer with Christmas Jumpers and/or other Christmas clothing items for sale. We would suggest a donation of £2.00 or more per item! If you would like to purchase any of the donated items, an honesty box will be available in the Foyer (cash is the preferred payment option) however you can also make a payment via bank transfer. Please see bank details below:

A/C Name: Avalon PTA
A/C N°: 00100455
SC: 60-23-17
Ref: Christmas

Thank you for all your support

PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets



Next week, the children will be taking home raffle tickets for some great raffle prizes including gift vouchers, beauty gift sets, alcohol and chocolate. Please retain raffle tickets and return completed ticket stubs, with your child's name clearly written, your payment and any unsold tickets by the latest **Monday 2nd December 2024**. Winners to be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December.

Cash or cheques payable to "Avalon School Parent Teacher Association".

Thank you for your support.

Nursery, Pre-School & Reception Stay & Play Sessions



Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Stay & Play sessions this week. We do hope that you enjoyed spending time with the children and gained a greater understanding of their learning, but most of all had FUN!.



EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Teddy Bears' Picnic



As part of Stay & Play Week, the children in the Nursery, Pre-School and Reception classes took part in a Teddy Bear's Picnic today. The event became extra special as they were able to bring in their own teddies to enjoy all the fun!

Reverse Advent Calendar



Earlier in the term the Year 6 children visited St George's Church in Liverpool as part of the RE curriculum. During their visit they found out that the church runs a Food Pantry for the local community.

The Local Pantry is a network of membership food shops across the UK, who help communities provide affordable food and bring people together in a preventative approach to food poverty.

The Year 6 children would like to support St George's Food Pantry especially as we approach the Christmas period which can be a difficult time for many. With this in mind we are running a reserve advent calendar over the next few weeks and would be grateful for any donations of food items from the list below:

Tins of beans	Tins of spaghetti
Tins of marrow fat peas	Tins of potatoes
Any tinned fish	Tinned meat such as chilli, mince etc
Packs of noodles	Pot noodles
Tins of custard	Tins of rice pudding
Jars of jam	Packets of biscuits
Breakfast cereals including porridge oats and Ready Brek	

Donations should be brought to the collection point outside the school office. As always thank you for your support.

Parents' Evening In-Person Consultations Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 25th November 2024



Parent Evening Consultation Meetings will be held in-person in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to see their child's work.

We will again be using the School Cloud website for parents to set appointments with teachers/key workers and manage bookings online. School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

We do, however, recognise that not everyone may be able to access the online system to make appointments; in this instance, please contact the school office who will be able to make appointments for you.

Consultation meeting will be set to **10 minutes slots** however if you have any concerns that require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office to discuss.

The appointment booking system will open on Monday 4th November 2024 from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Friday 22nd November 2024. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter). Please note that Google Chrome is the most reliable browser to use to access the School Cloud booking system.

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Lucy Hunt Helen Malloy	Monday 25 th November from 4pm Monday 25 th November from 4pm Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Thursday 28 th November from 4pm

Pre-School	Alison Prandle Jo Rice Julie Bache	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Reception	Mrs Daniel	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 2	Mrs Callaway	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm
Year 3	Miss Harrington	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 4	Mrs Cody	Tuesday 26 th November 4pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Thursday 28 th November from 3pm

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 25th November 2024



Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Pudding	Flapjack

Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition

Deadline for Entries – Monday 2nd December 2024



The children have taken home a Christmas Baubles to decorate our school Christmas Tree. We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize.

To enter the competition:

1. Decorate the bauble provided
2. Attach the label provided, to the bauble, clearly marked with the child's name and class
3. Return the decorated bauble, label and a £2 donation in the envelope provided, to the School Office to complete your entry
4. Competition winners will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.

All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 2nd December to be entered into the competition.

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Tuesday 3rd December 2024



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them during the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd December to take part in lots of fun activities including; crafts, stories and singing. The children will then enjoy some juice and biscuits too.

The children will be travelling to Caldy Manor in their minibus. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldy Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 29th November 2024**. The staff of Caldy Manor Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

For more information, and to access the consent form, please click on the link below:

[Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Letter](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 2pm



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Wednesday 4th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Wednesday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Thursday 5th December 2024



We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Thursday 5th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us at the concert.

Reception Walk to the Post Office Friday 6th December 2024



The children in Reception Class will shortly be busy writing letters to Father Christmas. Weather permitted the children will be walking to the post box on Friday 6th December in the morning, to send their letters off to the North Pole. If you have any objections and would rather your child did not take part in this activity, please inform Mrs Daniel or the School Office by 9am on Friday 6th December. A first aider will also be accompanying the children on the visit.

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 9th December 2024



Lunch menu for the week commencing 9th December 2024



Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menu](#)

Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Tuesday 10th December 2024



We have booked for all the children in Year 3 to Year 6 to see a stage production of Sleepy Beauty at the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester. The cost of the trip will be £19.00 which includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and a snack. The coach will leave school at 9.15am and will return to school in time for lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear the full school winter uniform including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached consent form below and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £19.00 no later than **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Letter](#)

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties Tuesday 10th December 2024



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Tuesday 10th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team and a visit from Santa himself.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For Nursery and Pre-School children who don't normally attend on a Tuesday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would

ask that you bring them to Nursery/Pre-School at 1.30pm and collected at 3.15pm.

Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day Wednesday 11th December 2024



We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 11th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

We thank you for your support.

Christmas Celebration Rehearsal Thursday 12th December 2024

Rehearsal



The children in Reception to Year 6 will be walking to St Bridget's Church on the morning of Thursday 12th December for a rehearsal in readiness for a Christmas Celebration on Friday. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform, as the church can be quite cold.

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Friday 13th December 2024 at 10am



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Friday 13th December at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

Breakfast Club will be available on Friday 13th December; however, After School Care will not be available due to the School finishing at 12 noon.

Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue with their normal routine at school.

A collection will be made during the Christmas service. We would kindly ask that you send in a small new toy, gift, or sweets, with your child. Gifts should be left unwrapped. The gifts will be placed at the front of church during the service, to support and help underprivileged children have a happier Christmas.

After the service the gifts will be transported to the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead to help them with their charitable work. The Mission will pass the gifts on to where they are most needed. They will match the present to children of the right age and gender and then wrap them before delivery.

If you wish to collect your child(ren) from the church service, please indicate on the slip below. Otherwise, staff will escort the children back

to school, for the earlier finishing time of 12 noon. **Please note that the After School Club service will not be available on this day.**

Please complete the consent form and return it to the school office by **Monday 9th December**, indicating your collection arrangements for this day.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[St Bridget's Celebration Service Letter](#)

Year 6 Residential to Petty Pool Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th May 2025



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to Petty Pool Outdoor Centre in Cheshire. You may remember that the children visited Petty Pool in Year 5 as part of a day trip but we have been offered the opportunity to have a residential there.

A residential at the centre offers the opportunity to do different activities to the day package. Firstly, unlike some previous Year 6 residentials, we will have sole occupancy of the centre which will allow the children to relax in their surroundings and our school staff will be able to tailor evening timings and events to suit our group. Secondly, there are a number of different activities that will be available which were not possible during our day visit. We are currently putting together the programme of activities for the children and will be able to give more details at the parents' information meeting after Christmas.

The centre offers dormitory accommodation in a variety of room sizes (from 4-6) and during their stay all pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a huge variety of activities. The visit will also give the children the opportunity of developing their personal and social skills.

All the staff at the centre are suitably qualified to instruct the various activities and all specialist equipment is provided by the centre. At the moment we are finalising some pricing, but it is anticipated that the total cost of the residential will be around £260. This will include the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities and the use of the facilities. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

To enable your child to attend the residential trip, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached consent form below and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £25.00 holding deposit no later than **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

More details will be sent out when available and a meeting regarding this visit will be held after Christmas for parents and children to find out more about the trip.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Year 6 Residential Trip to Petty Pool Letter](#)

School Finish for Christmas Friday 13th December at 12 noon



School finishes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon.

Breakfast club will be available as usual from 7.45am

Christmas Break Monday 16th December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025



School is closed for the Christmas break from Friday 13th December at 12 noon and reopens to children on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

We hope you have a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Spring Term 2025 Tuesday 7th January 2025



The Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at the usual time.

Breakfast club will be available from 7.45am.

Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school when dropping off or picking up children and to aid visibility please avoid parking on the road directly outside school. We would also ask any parents using Warwick Drive to be extra careful and aware of pedestrians using this route to access school.

It would also be much appreciated if parents consider the through traffic along Caldy Road and avoid attempting U-turns in the road. These sorts of manoeuvres in the road can be particularly dangerous for all road users and pedestrians during these busy times of day.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Scooters and Bicycles



It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bicycles and scooters in the morning. However please could we ask that bicycles and scooters are not left on the school ground during the day for safety reasons.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Earrings in School



It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could remind children to remove earrings and any other jewellery before coming to school.

We understand that a number of children have only recently had their ears pierced and although it is not ideal, in this instance could we ask parents/carers to ensure that earrings are covered each morning with plasters.

Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

Start of the Day Arrangements



Before school club is from 7.45am to 8.30am. Children attending before school club should enter the hall via the main school glass entrance doors.

From 8.30am to 8.45am parents may drop children off at the school gate which will be manned by Avalon staff. Alternatively parents and carers who may wish to bring their child onto the school site and drop their child off at the allocated entrance doors.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, this will be at the main glass entrance doors. For all Junior children, Year 3 to Year 6, this will be at the front door of the junior building.

Arriving late to School



Late attendance (after 8.45am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

End of the Day Arrangements

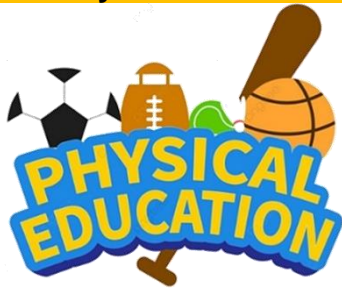


Children's collection arrangements will be as follows:

Year Group	Collection Time	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Side door by the Hall
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door

Year 5	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 6	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance

PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks



We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, cheese and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

Snacks which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, fruit winders and other sugary snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Wet Play Bags



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New wet play bags are charged at £5.00 each.

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

Avalon School Water Bottles



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New water bottles are charged at £2.75 each.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:

<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Pre-Loved Uniform



If you have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, please can you make sure that all items donated are wearable and not threadbare, and clean. Also, we can **only** accept the following Avalon specific uniform:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank you.

Scam Emails Warning



We have been made aware by the Independent Schools Council of recent email scams involving people posing as prospective parents to try to gain access to school details including logo's, email templates etc. This information is then fraudulently used to scam parents into making payments into their accounts. If you do receive an email of this nature or if you are unsure about an email, we would be most grateful if you could contact the school immediately.

Please be assured that our own bank account details have not and will not, for the foreseeable future, change. Avalon School does not send out emails regarding unsolicited discount rates. Any emails you receive containing invoices or statements will be sent from either accounts@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Date 2024-2025



2024-2025

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half-Term	Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024
Ends	Friday 13 th December 2024 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half-Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
Ends	Friday 28 th March 2025

	Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025
May Day	Monday 5th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time

2025-2026

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half-Term	Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October 2025
Ends	Friday 12 th December 2025 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half-Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4th May 2026
Half-Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026
Ends	Friday 10 th July 2026 Normal finish time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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November

Monday 25th

Parents Evening Consultations

Nursery – Jackie Duffy from 4pm

Nursery – Mandy Elliott from 4pm

Tuesday 26th

Parents Evening Consultations

Nursery – Lucy Hunt from 4pm

Pre-School – Alison Prandle from 4pm

Pre-School – Jo Rice from 4pm

Year 2 – Mrs Callaway from 4pm

Year 4 – Mrs Cody from 4pm

Year 5 – Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku

Thursday 28th

Parents Evening Consultations

Nursery – Helen Malloy from 4pm

Pre-School – Julie Bache from 4pm

Reception – Mrs Daniel from 4pm

Year 1 – Mrs Parkins from 4pm

Year 3 – Miss Harrington from 4pm

Year 6 – Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton from 4pm

December

Monday 2nd

Last day to hand in baubles for the Christmas Decoration Competition

Last day to return PTA raffle tickets

Tuesday 3rd

Reception Class visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Wednesday 4th

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 5th

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert at 2pm

Friday 6th

Reception walk to the Post Box

Tuesday 10th

Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip

Nursery, Pre-School, and Infant Christmas Parties

Wednesday 11th

Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 12th

Christmas Celebration Rehearsal at St Bridget's Church

Friday 13th December

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church

12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

Monday 16th December to

Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 7th January 2025

January

Monday 6th

Staff INSET day

Tuesday 7th

Children return to school

**NO NEED TO BOOK
JUST COME ALONG**



£5
per child
Cash or Card
Payments
Accepted

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am

Last session – Wednesday 4th December 2024
Starting again – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Guest Session Leaders

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