



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

213

249

225

156

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2457

2194

2842

2616

Merit Badges

Reception

RD

Year 1

RC

Year 2

HN

Year 3

BMJ

Year 4

EMCK

Year 5

EH

DH

Year 6

HW

EB

Achievement Certificates



Reception

IMcC

Year 1

JM

Year 2

BMcC

Year 3

MW

Year 4

FPS

Year 5

NP

Year 6

CR

NL

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Infants | RC |
| Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) | AH |
| Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) | RK |

Reading Star!



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| Reception | JAJ |
| Year 1 | LL |
| Year 2 | HB |
| Year 3 | JD |
| Year 4 | NP |
| Year 5 | RP |
| Year 6 | SW |

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Spring Term 2025



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are fully refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead.

Baby News



Some very exciting baby news – we are delighted to share the news that Mrs Cody is looking forward to her second baby, due in the summer, and Eleanor becoming a BIG sister! We know that you will join us in congratulating Mrs Cody and her family, wishing her well for her pregnancy and the safe arrival of baby Cody number 2!

Reception Winter Welly Walk Tuesday 14th January 2025



Reception are hoping to go for a Winter Welly Walk (weather permitting) on Tuesday 14th January 2025, in the afternoon, to support the children's learning and continue with their new topic of 'Winter'. This will involve them taking photographs of all the things they find relating to Winter, then using the photographs to label interesting items they collect and to make collages.

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let Mrs Daniel or the school office know by Friday 10th January, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with their Avalon School waterproof coat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Start Week Commencing Monday 13th January 2025



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS
(Reception to Year 2)

| Day | Club | Time | Year Group |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Monday | Ballet | 2.30pm to 3.00pm | Pre-School |
| | Ballet | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Tuesday | Multi-sports | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Wednesday | Construction Club | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| | Jo Jingles | Lunch Time | Rec – Y2 |
| | Street Dance | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Thursday | Football | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS
(Year 3 to Year 6)

| Day | Club | Time | Year Group |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Monday | Acro Dance | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Tuesday | Lego Club | Lunchtime | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Running Club | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Wednesday | Wizard of Oz | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Thursday | Hockey | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Sign Language | Lunchtime | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Science | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Computing Club | Lunchtime | Y3 – Y6 |
| | VR | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y5 |
| Friday | Football Training | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y5 – Y6 |

Extra-curricular club information letter [Spring 2025 Clubs](#)

Sign Up Forms for Staff run Clubs [Extra Curricular Clubs Spring 2025](#)

Acro Dance Sign Up: _lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

Ballet Sign Up: lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

Jo Jingles Sign Up: louisejojingles@icloud.com

Multi-Sports: Visit www.activityforall.com

Infant Football Visit www.activityforall.com

Hockey Visit www.activityforall.com

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

Job Vacancy – Early Years Practitioner Avalon School



Exciting opportunity!

We are seeking to appoint a part time Early Years Practitioner, Monday to Friday 10.30am 1.30pm (15 hours per week) to start 24th February 2025 (or as soon as possible). We are looking for an enthusiastic person with a caring and positive attitude to join our dedicated Early Years Team.

The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and be a kind, caring and patient person who enjoys working with children. The role will aim to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the children whilst working alongside other members of the staff team.

Closing date: 4pm on Monday 27th January 2025
Interview date: Week commencing 3rd February 2025

For further information, please click on the link below.
[Avalon School Early Years Practitioner Vacancy](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 13th January 2024



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

| Favourite Meal of the Week | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Main | Sweet & Sour Chicken |
| Pudding | Apple Crumble & Custard |

Year 6 World War II Afternoon Tea Monday 27th January 2025 at 3.45pm



Year 6 parents are invited to a 'World War II style', Afternoon Tea, commencing at 3.45pm in the school hall on Monday 27th January 2025.

The children have worked incredibly hard and thoroughly enjoyed their recent project work on World War II, therefore they would like to take the opportunity to showcase their work and share it with parents.

The afternoon will consist of refreshments, poetry, songs and speeches, all inspired by their World War II topic and we expect the event to last around 45 minutes.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on Monday 27th January at 3.45pm.

Safety Reminder!

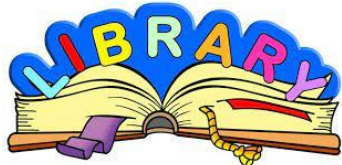


We kindly remind parents that children should not play on the playground area, outside of school hours, unless closely supervised by an adult. This is especially important during poor weather conditions, such as those we have been experiencing recently.

Whilst we strive to ensure everyone's safety during school hours, we cannot be held liable for your children's safety once they have been collected and are in parents' care.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Reception Walk to West Kirby Library Thursday 30th January 2025



Reception children are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on the afternoon of Thursday 30th January 2025. The visit will involve activities, a final story telling session and to return some previously borrowed books. The children will be walking along the Wirral Way through to the library.

If you **do not** wish for your child to visit the library, please let Mrs Daniel or the school office know by Monday 27th January 2025 so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to visit the library, could we ask that they come to school with a raincoat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

PTA Family Fun Event at Activity 4All Saturday 1st March 2025



The PTA are holding a family fun event at Activity 4All in Upton on Saturday 1st March 2025. More details to follow soon.

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



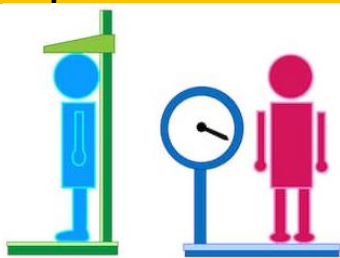
Year 6 will be attending Petty Pool Outdoor Centre in Cheshire between Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th May 2025.

More details will be sent out when available and a meeting regarding this visit will be held in the next few weeks 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](#)

Reception Wirral NHS Vision/Hearing Screening & Height and Weight Checks



Reception

Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school, date to be confirmed, to undertake Audio Vision and NCMP (Height and Weight) screening of the Reception Year.

For the NCMP screening, children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

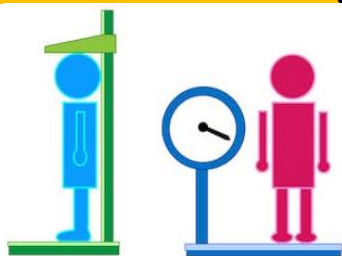
If you wish for your child to NOT to take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the links below:

[Reception Vision & Audio Screening](#)

[Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening](#)

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights



Year 6

Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school, date to be confirmed, to undertake NCMP (Height and Weight) of the Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

If you wish for your child to NOT take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the link below:

[Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening](#)

Safeguarding



To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, we kindly remind you that parents and carers should only enter the school buildings when **with a member of staff or you have shared a valid Enhanced DBS check with the school.**

This is a vital part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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 Caldry 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.

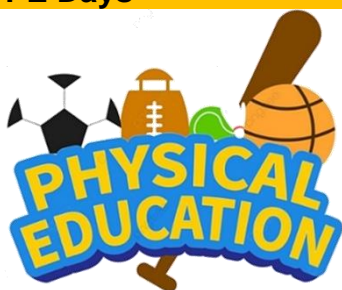
End of the Day Arrangements



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 | Wednesday |
| Year 2 | Wednesday |
| Year 3 | Thursday |
| Year 4 | Friday |
| Year 5 | Friday |
| Year 6 | Tuesday |

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



2024-2025

| 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 |

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| 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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January

Tuesday 14th
Monday 27th
Thursday 30th

Reception Winter Welly Walk
Year 6 World War II Afternoon Tea Party
Reception Visit to West Kirby Library

Avalon School

Baby & Toddler Group

(0-5 years)

Wednesday mornings (term time)
9.30am to 11.00am
ALL WELCOME!



£5 a child / £2 for a sibling
(cash or card payments)

Refreshments included

Lots of fun activities

No need to book
Come along and
join in the fun!

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