



**School finishes at 12.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time.**

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points – This Week

**87**

**65**

**74**

**57**

#### Total House Points for the Year To-date

**1441**

**1257**

**1322**

**1206**

#### Merit Badges

Reception	A U		
Year 1		O S	
Year 2	E H		
Year 3			X F
Year 4		N S	A L
Year 5		D B	I W
Year 6		J P	E B

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	O M
Year 1	F C
Year 2	R K
Year 3	N L
Year 4	H R
Year 5	H McW A N M McK
Year 6	J S E B

## Headteacher Awards



Preschool  
Year 5

M K  
A N  
E P  
T K  
H L

## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2

O S

Year 3 & Year 4

A W

Year 5 & Year 6

N T

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Extra-Curricular Clubs



There will be no extra-curricular clubs held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Clubs will re-commence in the Spring term.

After school club will be running as normal on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December but there will be no after school club on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December as school will be closing at 12.30pm.

### Christmas Fair 2021



The children had a wonderful time at our Christmas Fair on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who donated prizes for the fair and a big thank you to our PTA who organised the event.



We have raised a fantastic amount of over £1040 in aid of our PTA.

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

## Nursery & Pre-school Nativity



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend the Nursery & Pre-school nativity on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We hope you all enjoyed watching 'We're going on a baby hunt'



## Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Infant nativity on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you enjoyed watching the children in 'A midwife crisis'



## Story House Theatre – Oliver Twist for Year 3 to Year 6

### *Oliver Twist*

The junior children enjoyed a wonderful performance of Oliver Twist at the Storyhouse theatre in Chester this week.

## Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Parties



The nursery, pre-school and infant children all enjoyed their Christmas party on 9<sup>th</sup> December. They enjoyed the magic show with Fantastic Freddie and had a great time dancing along to the music. A big thank you to the all of the staff who made the party so much fun!



## School Christmas Lunch



Unfortunately, our plans for the children's Christmas lunch today have had to be postponed.

We are very disappointed not to be able to go ahead with today's festive lunch, however, we are hopeful that everything will be resolved by the end of today and that we will be able to provide the children with a lovely Christmas lunch, with all the usual trimmings, on Monday.

The Catering team are working hard to have a contingency plan in place, should there be any further hitches, so that a Christmas 'buffet' style lunch can be provided for the children to enjoy on Monday.

## Whole School Celebration at St Bridgets Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Avalon School's  
Christmas Celebration



Our Christmas Celebration Service is this Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am at St Bridget's Church. Please note that Avalon School will not have access to St Bridget's Church until 11.15am as there is another event prior. The service will finish at approximately 12.15pm.

For us to be able to host this very special event, under the current circumstances, we have completed a thorough risk assessment with the following protective measures in place:

- Due to limited space at the church and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents, we ask that **only 1 parents/carers per family attend** the Christmas Celebration Service.
- Doors will be open during the event to ventilate and improve the air flow in the church whilst the event takes place. (You may wish to wear some additional layers of clothing, as the temperature in the church may be lower than usual)
- We kindly ask parents / carers to wear a face mask in the school hall communal area (unless exempt). We will make sure that we have some available, should anyone forget to bring one.
- We advise parents and carers to take a rapid lateral flow test prior to attending the event. You can order tests [online](#) or visit a pharmacy. If your test is positive, you should isolate immediately and [get a PCR test](#).
- Please make use of the hand sanitiser on entry and exit from the church.
- Doors will open for parents to be seated at 11.15am.

Breakfast Club will be available on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December; however, After School provision will not be available due to the school finishing time of 12.30pm.

Any children not being collected from St Bridget's at the end of the Celebration Service will be walking back to school with the staff team and are to be collected at 12.30pm from the usual dismissal points.

[Christmas Celebration Service Letter](#)

## Christmas Jumper Day



The children and staff looked great in their Christmas jumpers today. We raised an amazing £84 in aid of our PTA.

★ Thank You! ★  
FOR YOUR DONATION

## The Thumbs Up Education Programme



The Year 5 children will be taking part in the “Thumbs Up” Education essential life skills programme. The sessions are delivered over 6 weeks of one hour sessions. Each session will focus on supporting and developing essential life skills including:

The sessions include:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Understanding Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour
- The Importance of You
- Mind Over Matter
- Living with Happiness and Positivity.

The sessions will commence on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## St Bridget's Centre



### ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE IS OPEN!! INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PARTIES!!

St Bridget's Centre in West Kirby Old Village hosts a variety of groups and activities. We are very pleased that the Centre is fully open again after operating restricted activities for so long due to Covid-19.

#### WANT TO HIRE THE CENTRE?

St Bridget's Centre is available for hire for children's parties, family celebrations, supper evenings, lectures, meetings and seminars, groups and activities. We have projection facilities for showing films in the Beacon Room. To enquire about using the Centre or activities in the Centre, contact Paula Cobby at the Parish Office, St Bridget's Lane, West Kirby, CH48 3JT on 0151-625-2739 (e-mail: [office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk)) or Martin Harrison on 0151-625-8535.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES?

Our Centre hosts a wide range of other activities: why not come and try some of them? Give us a call and we will give you details.

Bread-making, bridge classes, Kumon Maths classes, Link café on Wednesday mornings, Mothers Union, pilates, daily preschool classes, Quiz nights, Sunday Church Storytelling Service, WAPA (children's music and drama), West Kirby Museum, lectures and research group, West Kirby W.I., Wirral Bird Club, yoga.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:



### Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	3.05pm	Rec – Y2
		3.35pm	
	Football	3.05pm	Rec – Y2
		3.35pm	
Wednesday	French	3.05pm	Rec – Y2
		3.35pm	
	Construction Club	3.05pm	Rec – Y2
		3.35pm	
Thursday	Dance	3.05pm 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	12.35pm 1pm	Y1 and Y2

### Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
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Monday	Jazz Dance	3.40pm 4.40pm	to	Y3 - Y6
	Football	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y4 - Y6
	Tinkercard	12pm 12.30pm	to	Y6
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y3 - Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y5
	Joseph Performance	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y3 - Y6
	Oliver!	3.40pm 4.30pm	to	Y5 and Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am 10.45am	to	Y3 and Y4
	Drama	12pm 12.35pm	to	Y5 and Y6
	Chess	3.30pm 4.30pm	to	Y3 to Y6

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link [Ballet and Jazz Dance Sign Up](#)

Football click on this link [Football Sign Up](#)

Drama Club sign up letter will be sent out shortly.

For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below

[Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form](#) (Reception to Year 2)

[Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form](#) (Year 3 to Year 6)

### 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 and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

We have also noticed recently that children are bringing in break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. These snacks are not appropriate to brought into school.

### Late Arrivals



Can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be late for school, that you bring your child to the school office so we can ensure that your child has been signed in.

## Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December



### Special Menu

#### Monday 6th December

Chicken Burger and Jacket Wedges with salad or vegetables  
Cheese or Beans on Toast  
Crispy Cake and fresh fruit

#### Tuesday 7th December

Chicken Korma and Rice with vegetables  
Jacket Potato with various fillings  
Christmas Cup Cake and fresh fruit

#### Wednesday 8th December

Fish and Chips with vegetables  
Ham and Couscous Salad  
Cookies and Hot Chocolate and fresh fruit

#### Thursday 9th December

Meatballs and Pasta with salad or vegetables  
Scrambled Egg on Toast  
Mini Doughnuts and fresh fruit

#### Friday 10th December

#### Whole School Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey dinner or vegetarian option  
served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables,  
stuffing, pigs-in-blankets, Yorkshire puddings and gravy  
Mince Pie and Fruit



#### Monday 13th December

Pizza with Jacket Wedges with Salad  
Selection of Sandwiches  
Mince Pie and Fresh Fruit

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

#### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Fish and Chips
Pudding	Crispy Cake

## Start of 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 8.50am 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.

Late attendance (after 8.50am). 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.

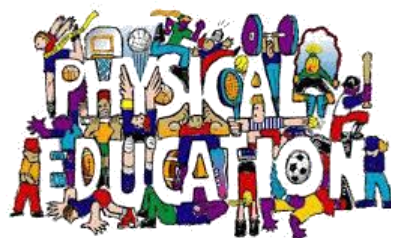
## End of the School Day



Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Collection Time	Class	Where to collect your child
At the end of nursery or pre-school session or nursery wraparound	Nursery & Pre School	Main nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Reception	Nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 1	Main school glass entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 2	Nursery entrance doors
3.40pm	Year 3	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 4	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 5	Main school glass entrance
3.40pm	Year 6	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	Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday

### 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.

### Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:  
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Please following the link to a letter from [Uniformity](#) regarding summer orders.

### Pre-Loved Uniform



Thank you all for your continued support of Pre-Loved Uniform. We are now in a position to take donations. Please note we no longer accept the P.E uniform.

If you can ensure the donations are clean and in good condition and wearable. Please leave donations with the school office.

If you do need any uniform please email [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.

Thanks again.

Pre-Loved ♡

### 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

### Term Dates 2021-2022



## Academic Year 2021-2022

We would like to draw your attention to an additional staff training day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022. As you are probably aware we usually have two staff training days at the start of the academic year, however we had one training day this September and therefore we have booked the reserved training day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Autumn Term 2021	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
Half-Term	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>
Ends	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 12:30pm Finish
Spring Term 2022	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Half-Term	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
Ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term 2022	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Half-Term	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</b>
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Normal Finish Time

## Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Half-Term	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	

	Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	Term Starts	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
	Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March April 2023 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>		
	Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
	Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
	<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
	<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
	Ends	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### December 2021

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11.30am: Christmas celebration at St. Bridget's Church – Parents invited. School finishes at 12:30pm for the Christmas break

#### January 2022

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Return to school at usual time

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nasal Flu Vaccine

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

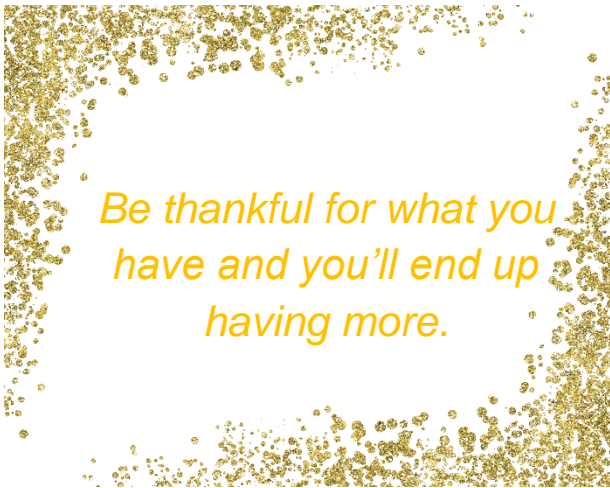


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## Wellbeing Quote of the Week



*Be thankful for what you  
have and you'll end up  
having more.*

Last Session for this term is  
Wednesday 1st December 2021



# Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays  
9.30am to 10.30am



Returning in the Spring Term  
on Wednesday  
5th January 2022

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