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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

136

184

154

149

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2559

2272

2381

1997

Merit Badges

Reception

E C

Year 1

F S

Year 2

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Year 6

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Achievement Certificates

Reception

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Headteacher Awards

Year 1

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Year 2

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Year 4

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Year 5
Year 6

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Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 M W
Year 3 & Year 4 A W
Year 5 & Year 6 E W

Golden Table

Rec	C L	Y1	F C	Y2	F L
Y3	N L	Y4	O C	Y5	R H
		Y6	I T		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

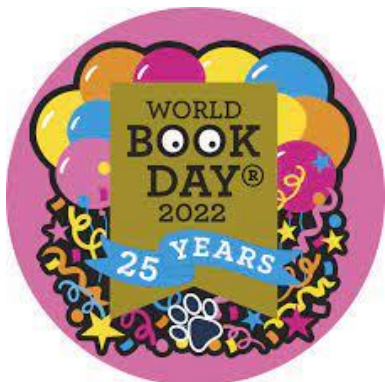
Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Collection



Thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting the Ukraine donation appeal on Thursday 3rd. We were overwhelmed at the amount of support and items donated today, in such a short space of time.



World Book Day 2022 Celebrations



Well done to everyone on another very successful and enjoyable World Book Day, yesterday! The children's (and staff) costumes looked amazing and they all had great fun sharing them on parade. Other activities included a 'Guess Who's Reading' game, sharing book recommendations, finding out about different authors, visiting the Book fair and loads more! Don't forget you can still order more books until Wednesday 9th March.



Year 3 Class Assembly Monday 7th March 2022



The children of Year 3 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 7th March 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall.

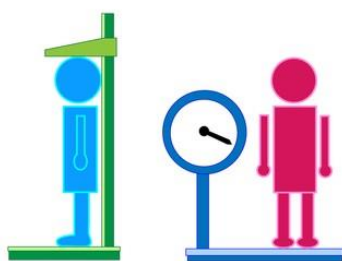
Due to limited space and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents, we will utilise the following measures:

- Windows and doors will be open during the event to ventilate and improve the air flow in the school hall whilst the event takes place. (You may wish to wear some additional layers of clothing, as the temperature in the Hall may be lower than usual)
- 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 follow the latest government guidance.
- Please make use of the hand sanitiser on entry and exit from the school hall.
- Entry and exit to the school hall will be via the double doors at the side of the hall, which should be accessed via the Astro turfed playground.
- Doors will open for parents to be seated at 8.50am.
- To limit movement during the gathering, refreshments will not be made available on this occasion.

Should the local COVID case rates and risk levels increase nearer to the date of the event, or Government guidance alter, we reserve the right to put other COVID protective measures or contingencies in place for the safety of everyone involved, or to postpone the event until further notice. The arrangements noted in the Class Assembly letter to parents are, therefore, subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers ahead of the assembly.

[Year 3 Class Assembly Letter](#)

Reception Class Height and Weight Screening Tuesday 8th March



Following the successful introduction of the immunisation e-consent process Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust are delighted to continue this approach regarding the **OPT OUT** consent for the NCMP and School Age Screening service.

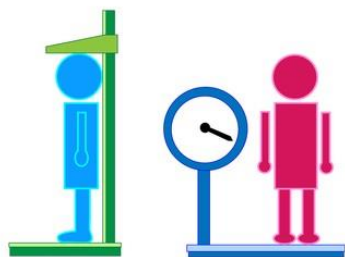
There are main advantages to moving to electronic forms:

- the process of giving consent will be much easier and quicker for parents, carers and schools
- reduced risk of forms going missing/not reaching parents
- the process is completely safe, secure and convenient, saving both paper and time
- the school will no longer be required to process paper consent forms on behalf of Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. All information will be captured directly by the Trust in electronic form.

[Reception Class Height and Weight Letter](#)

Year 6 Class Height and Weight Screening

Tuesday 8th March



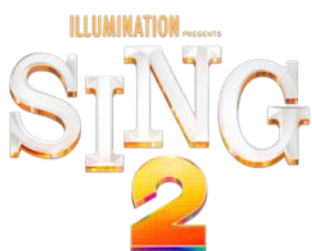
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[Year 6 Height and Weight Letter](#)

Reception to Year 2 Cinema Trip



As you will be aware we were unable to attend the cinema on Friday 18th February to watch Sing 2. We have rearranged the trip for Friday 11th March.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am, if you could please ensure that your child arrives to school within plenty of time. The children will arrive back to school in time for a later lunch. The children must come into school wearing their full school uniform including blazer. If your child has PE on this day, then can we please ask that they bring their PE kit into school to change into.

The children can also bring a healthy snack and a small bottle of water for the trip.

Nathan Young Fundraiser

Easter Chocolate Hampers Raffle & Easter Egg Chick Sale



Following our visit from Nathan Young, a talented young deaf swimmer; the School Council have decided that they would like to fundraise to help support Nathan's training as he prepares to compete in Deaflympics in Brazil in 2023.

From Monday 7th March the School Council will be selling knitted chicks with a cream egg hidden inside for £2.00 each.



They will also be selling raffle tickets at £1.00 a strip for the chance to win one of two chocolate hampers.

[Nathan Young Fundraiser Letter](#)

Spring Term Year 3 Art & Design Food/Cookery Lessons



As part of the Year 3 Art & Design lessons during this half term the children will be completing cooking lessons with the aim to encourage the children to develop cooking methods, skills, and techniques and understanding of ingredients from the Roman times. All ingredients will be provided by school and of course all allergies will be catered for.

The Year 3 cooking lessons will commence on Wednesday 9th March and each Wednesday thereafter until Wednesday 23rd March. The children will be bringing home the dishes they have prepared to share with their family. In order for the children to bring home the food they have prepared, we would be most grateful if parents/carers could provide a tub with a lid each Friday.

We hope that the children will learn some useful lifelong skills which can be put to use when helping out at home and later in life.

[Year 3 Food/Cookery Lessons Letter](#)

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. Please be mindful when parking and avoid parking across residents driveways.

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

Reception Stay & Play Sessions

Tuesday 15th March, Wednesday 16th March & Thursday 17th March



We would like to invite you to a "Stay & Play" session during the **week commencing 14th March**. You will have the opportunity to stay with your child and join in with learning activities. The Reception staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon; please indicate on the slip attached within the letter, which session is best for you and return it to the school office **by Thursday 10th March**. Parents/carers must report to the School office to sign in prior to attending the session. For any further enquiries, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

[Reception Stay & Play Letter](#)

Parents Evening Face-to-Face Consultations
Nursery & Pre-School Week Commencing 14th March 2022
Reception to Year 6 Weeks Commencing 21st and 28th March 2022



Following the easing of the COVID regulations we will be holding this terms parent consultation meetings in school. Meetings will be held 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.

Appointments can be made from **Friday 4th February from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Friday 11th March** for Nursery and Pre-School, and **4pm on Friday 18th March** for Reception to Year 6. 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).

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Lucy Hunt Mandy Elliott	Wednesday 16 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 16 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm Thursday 17 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
Pre-School	Julie Bache Jo Rice	Monday 14 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm Tuesday 15 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
Reception	Miss Hardy	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 3	Mrs Creedon	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 4	Miss Robertson	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 6.40pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.50pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Monday 21 st March from 4.00pm to 5.50pm Thursday 24 th March from 4.00pm to 5.40pm

[Parents Evening Consultation Letter and Guide](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions

Tuesday 22nd March, Wednesday 23rd March & Thursday 24th March



We would like to invite you to a “Stay & Play” session during the week commencing 21st March. You will have the opportunity to stay with your child and join in with learning activities. The Nursery and Pre-School staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon; please indicate on the slip attached within the letter, which session is best for you and return it to the school office **by Thursday 17th March**. Parents/carers must report to the Nursery office to sign in prior to attending the session. For any further enquiries, please contact the school office or your child’s key worker.

[Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Letter](#)

Performing Arts Concert

Monday 28th March

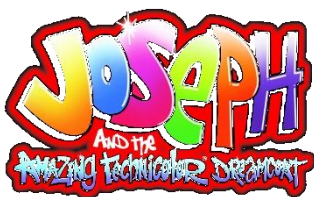


The children have been practicing for our Performing Arts Concert on Monday 28th March. For more information, please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you to the performance!

Joseph Performance

29th March, 30th March and 31st March 2022



Rehearsals for the junior production of “Joseph” are well underway and the children are eager to share with you, what they have learned.

The evening performances on Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March will begin at 5.45pm (doors open at 5.30pm) and will last for just over one hour. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard area outside the hall before the performances commence.

Tickets are on sale and are at a maximum of 100 tickets per performance. There will be unreserved seating although parents or family members who have disability or health circumstances and require special seating consideration should let the office know when you order your tickets.

Tickets will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Any tickets for Avalon children, past or present are free. There will be no limit to the number of tickets that people can purchase. You may, of course, purchase tickets for any of the performances. Payment options are detailed on the order form. The last date to purchase tickets will be Thursday 24th March.

Year 6 Residential – Tattenhall Centre
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th May 2022



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to the Tattenhall Centre in Cheshire in May 2022. As you will no doubt be aware, we have not been able to run residentials for the previous two years and although the current guidance is for trips to be able to run, if there is any change in guidance in the upcoming weeks then we may need to review our preparations.

All the staff at the centre are suitably qualified to instruct the various activities and all specialist equipment is provided by the centre. The total cost of the visit will be £330 and 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.

We ask that a deposit of £110 is payable to the school office by **Monday 28th February 2022** and that the balance of £220 is paid either in full by **25th April 2022** or instalments of:

Monday 28 February £110 Deposit
Monday 28 March £110
Monday 25 April £110

[Year 6 Residential Trip Letter](#)

United Education Holiday Club



We are very excited to announced that in partnership with United Education we will be running a holiday club start this easter break. More information will be sent to parents shortly.

The booking system for the easter break is now open, please click on the link below to book a place.

<https://booknow.united-education.co.uk/project/26199>

Enter the code "PUPIL 10" to take advantage of a 10% discount off the daily rate.

Spring Term
Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

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

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
	Tinkercard	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Wednesday	Joseph Performance	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 & Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 & Y4
	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 & Y6
	Chess	3.30pm to 4.30pm	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 click on this link [Speech & Drama Sign Up](#)

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)

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 7th March 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pizza
Pudding	Pancakes

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Breaktime Snack



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.

Arriving Late to School



For safeguarding purposes, 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.

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 8.50am 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

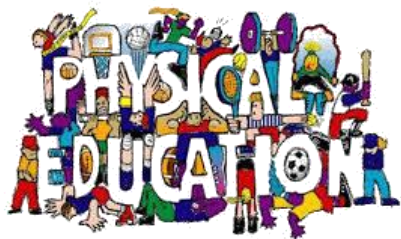


Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

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
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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
Year 6	Friday

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 with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.

Thanks again.

Pre-Loved ❤️

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

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

Click on the following link for a list of required uniform items:

[Uniform List - Nursery to Year 6](#)

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 Dates 2021-2022 & 2022-2023



Academic Year 2021-2022

We would like to draw your attention to an additional staff training day on Friday 27th 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 27th May 2022.

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

Academic Year 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 th September 2022

	Half-Term	Monday 17th October to Friday 28th October 2022
	Ends	Tuesday 13 th December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term		
	Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
	Term Starts	Thursday 5 th January 2023
	Half-Term	Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023
	Ends	Friday 31 st March 2023 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term		
	Staff Training Day	Monday 17 th April 2023
	Term Starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
	May Day	Monday 1st May 2023
	Half-Term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
	Ends	Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
March 2022	
Monday 7 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 9 th	Year 3 Cookery Lesson
Friday 11 th	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Sing 2 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 15 th	Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Wednesday 16 th	Year 3 Cookery Lesson Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Thursday 17 th	Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Friday 18 th	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd	Nursery and Preschool Stay & Play Session
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 3 Cookery Lesson Nursery and Preschool Stay & Play Session
Thursday 24 th	Nursery and Preschool Stay & Play Session
Monday 28 th	Whole School Performing Arts Concert at 2pm
Tuesday 29 th	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm
Wednesday 30 th	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm
Thursday 31 st	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Trip to The World Museum
May 2022	
Monday 2 nd	May Day – School closed

Tuesday 3 rd – Friday 9 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – Tattenhall Centre
Friday 27 th – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term Break
June 2022	
Monday 6 th	Children return to school
Monday 27 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 2pm
Tuesday 28 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm
Wednesday 29 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm
Thursday 30 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm



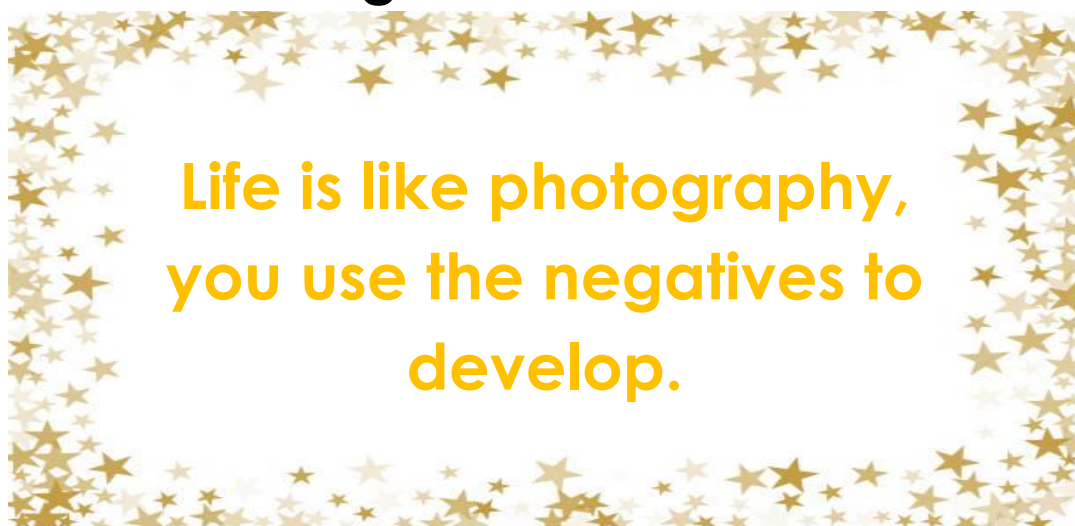
**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk

Wellbeing Quote of the Week



You are cordially invited to our

Performing Arts Spring Concert

**to be held in the School Hall on
Monday 28th March at 2pm**

**All children from
Reception to Year 6 will be
involved.**

**Please come along to
enjoy an entertaining
afternoon of songs,
poems, instrumentalists and
performances.**



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

Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child



Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE
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www.avalon-school.co.uk