



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

201

144

207

257

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

201

144

207

257

Merit Badges

Reception	JAJ			
Year 1		LL		
Year 2			DK	
Year 3				CL
Year 4		FC		
Year 5	RP			
Year 6	CR			HL

Achievement Certificates



Reception	RD
Year 1	SW
Year 2	HN
	OC
Year 3	IC
	LGR
Year 4	NA
Year 5	NP
	CP
	RK
Year 6	NL
	ZB

Headteachers Awards



Year 6 NS

Reading Star!



Reception	AR
Year 1	HT
Year 2	IW
Year 3	OMCK
Year 4	FS
Year 5	FL
Year 6	HW

Golden Table

Rec	RD	Y1	VRF	Y2	IW
Y3	BMJ	Y4	FC	Y5	FA
		Y6	ZB		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Safeguarding Booklets

Safeguarding



Children

We would be grateful if all the Safeguarding booklets, with any necessary amendments, could be returned to the school office by **Monday 16th September 2024**.

It is vitally important that we have the correct and most up to date information for your child.

Year 6 Grammar School Assessment Arrangements

Monday 16th September, Wednesday 18th September and Friday 20th September 2024



Entrance examinations for Wirral Grammar Schools take place on Monday 16th September, Wednesday 18th for Upton Hall (SEN) and for St Anselm's College on Friday 20th September.

If your child is sitting in the afternoon, it will be up to parents' discretion if your child attends school in the morning. Similarly, if your child's sitting is in the morning, it will be up to parents if they return to school in the afternoon.

If your child is not sitting an entrance exam on a particular day, it is expected that your child will be in school as normal.

Please click on the link below for further information:

[Year 6 Grammar School Assessment Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 – Oxford Reading Buddy



Oxford
Reading
Buddy

As we have done in previous years and as part of our English curriculum, children from Reception to Year 6 will be able access the Oxford Reading Buddy using their unique logon details:

ORB – use Google Chrome and choose "Student Login"

<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

Please click on the link below for further information:

Reception to Year 6 - Mathletics



As part of our maths curriculum, children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to access the Mathletics website using their unique logon details.

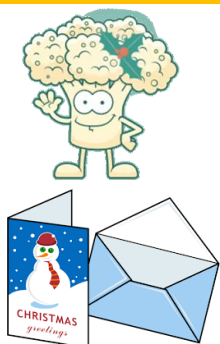
Mathletics –
<https://login.mathletics.com/>

Please click on the link below for further information:
[Mathletics Information Letter](#)

Cauliflower Cards

CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Monday 14th October at 4pm

ORDER DEADLINE – Wednesday 30th October



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be completing their cards in school time. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be bringing the artwork home this week to create their Christmas card designs. Design and artwork guidelines/instruction are included on the artwork sheet.

Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Wednesday 30th October**

To place an order, type the following link into your browser
<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop>

When placing an order, you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: This can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

	PARENTS ORDER CODE		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
	School Code	Unique Code	
	2666	H6T9JX	Avalon School

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Monday 14th October** so all artwork can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order.

If your child's artwork sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.

Fire and Lockdown Drill



To start the new term, and to make sure that all the children know how to keep themselves safe, we have recently undertaken our statutory Fire and Lockdown drills. We were very proud of the sensible, calm and orderly manner in which all the children participated during these drill procedures.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Start week commencing 16th September 2024

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	KS1 Art Club	3.05pm to 3.45pm	Rec – Y2
	Gymnastics	3.05pm to 3.45pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Street Dance	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Start week commencing 16th September 2024

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	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Art Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	500 Words	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Friday	Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6

Acro Dance Sign up: lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk

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

Jo Jingles Sign up: louisejojingles@icloud.com

To book all other activities, please click on the link below:

[Clubs Sign up Link](#)

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.

Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings Thursday 19th September 2024 at 5.00pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and Form Teachers to discuss information about the year group curriculum, classroom routines, assessment and reporting information, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of children in Reception to Year 6 will take place on **Thursday 19th September at 5.00pm in your child's classroom.**

For further information please click on the link below:

[Parent Information Meeting Letter](#)

Nursery and Pre-School Parent Information Meeting Thursday 19th September 2024 at 4.30pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and the early years team to get to know each other and to discuss information about daily routines, the early years framework and EyLog online journal, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of children in Nursery and Pre-School will take place on **Thursday 19th September at 4.30pm in your child's room.**

For further information click on the link below:

[Nursery & Pre-School Parent Information Meeting Letter](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 16th September 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch

Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 1 Friday 20th September 2024



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 5 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Friday 20th September
Wednesday 25th September
Friday 11th October

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below
[Year 5 Beach School Letter](#)

Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 1 Tuesday 24th September 2024



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 6 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th September
Wednesday 2nd October
Tuesday 8th October

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.
[Year 6 Beach School Letter](#)

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Thursday 26th September 2024



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 26th September in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also.

Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

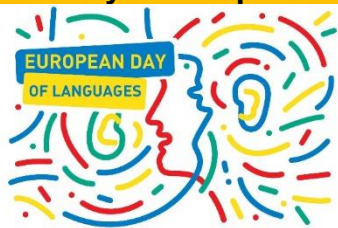
Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th September 2024 at 8.50am



We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 27th September. We would be delighted if you could join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am for refreshments and cake with a suggested donation of £2.50. Donations of cakes and biscuits, **NOT** containing nuts, can be dropped off at the school hall on Friday 27th from 8.15am. Children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time with a suggested donation of 50p each.

European Day of Languages Monday 30th September 2024



Following a very successful and enjoyable celebration day last year, we are inviting the children to participate in this year's European Day of Languages, on Monday 30th September.

The purpose of the European Day of Languages is to celebrate both the cultural and linguistic diversity within Europe and to encourage and promote language learning. This year each class will be assigned a European country and will spend time researching interesting and exciting facts, sharing them with the school in an Assembly later in the day.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below
[European Day of Languages Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination Tuesday 1st October 2024



Flu immunisations will take place on Monday 30th October for children in Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday 1st October.

More information and details on how to confirm the immunisation for your child will be confirmed shortly.

Year 5 Bikability Course Level 1&2 Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th October 2024

Making cycling
viable, safer
and better



We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer the Year 5 children their Bikability Level 1 and Level 2 combined course commencing Tuesday 8th October 2024.

The children will be in groups of 5; completing both Level 1 and Level 2 on the same day, therefore they will only need to bring their bike into school for one day. Parents will be informed which day their child has been allocated once the booking process is complete.

Bikability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. The instructors will teach children to ride a bike to National Standards and introduce them to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport.

The course will take place in the school playground and on local roads near to the school. The instructors will carry out a risk assessment of the training areas before the start of the course.

Please click on the links below for more information and to register your child to take part.

[Course Details & Booking](#)

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.

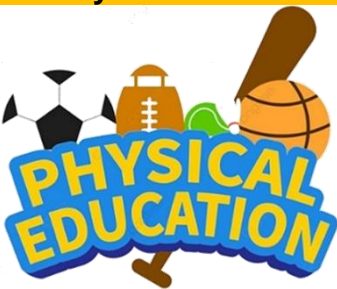
End of the Day Arrangements



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

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 will shortly be commencing the CPI (formerly InCAS) assessments which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks.

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.

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/>

Pre-Loved Uniform



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



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

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Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 19 th	Reception to Year 6 Information Meetings at 5.00pm
Friday 20 th	Year 5 Beach School Session
Tuesday 24 th	Year 6 Beach School Session
Wednesday 25 th	Year 5 Beach School Session
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 6 Beach School Session
Tuesday 8 th	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Beach School Session
Friday 27 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning at 8.50am
Monday 30 th	Nursery & Pre-School Parent information Meetings at 3.00pm European Day of Languages

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 st	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Wednesday 9 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Thursday 10 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Monday 14 th	Return Cauliflower Artwork to school (Year 3 to Year 6 children)
Wednesday 30 th	Last day to order Cauliflower Card merchandise on line

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



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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