



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points

174

150

227

227

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

374

294

433

483

#### Merit Badges

Reception	AS			EN
Year 1				
Year 2			IP	
Year 3				MW
Year 4				SA
Year 5			SO	
Year 6	SG CS			

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	TC
Year 1	HT
Year 2	HB
Year 3	BMJ
Year 4	FPS
Year 5	SS CS
Year 6	EM

## Headteachers Awards



Reception	TC
Year 5	NP
Year 6	AW

## Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	OMCK
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	NP

## Reading Star!



Reception	IMcC
Year 1	RC
Year 2	BMcC
Year 3	EJ
Year 4	NP
Year 5	WMcD
Year 6	SD'A

## Golden Table

Rec	TC	Y1	TR	Y2	DK
Y3	LDcC	Y4	FPS	Y5	AC
		Y6	CS		

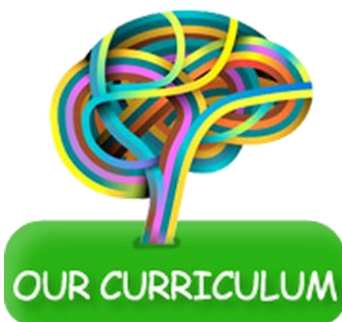
## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings



Thank you to all that were able to attend the Parent Information Meetings yesterday.

For those parents that were unable to attend, please see below copies of Curriculum Overviews for each year. If you require a paper copy, please email or pop into the school office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.



[Reception Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 1 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 2 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 3 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 4 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 5 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 6 Curriculum Overview](#)

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.**

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

## Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term

### Session 1 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Our Year 5 children had an enjoyable morning at their first Beach School session this term.



Next sessions are:

**TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER AM** (changed from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September)  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October AM

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024



As part of their Science topic on Animals, an educational visit to Chester Zoo has been booked for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £19.50 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the zoo and an educational workshop. If any children have Zoo passes, these can be used to gain entry to the zoo, which will reduce the cost of the visit to £9.50. Please note, all Zoo passes must be in date and dropped off at the school office no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the zoo. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. As we are visiting the zoo in September it is important that all children wear a waterproof coat in case of rain. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

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 £19.50/£9.50 no later than **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

**More details can be found by clicking on the link below.**  
[Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Chester Zoo Letter](#)

### Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 8.50am



We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> from 8.15am. Children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time with a suggested donation of 50p each.

### Lunch Menu



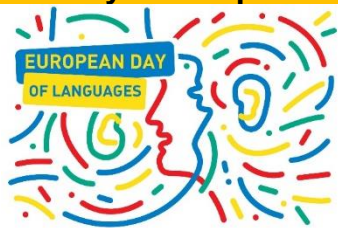
Lunch menu for the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli Nachos and Rice
Pudding	Sponge Cake

## European Day of Languages Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024



Flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October for children in Reception to Year 6. Please click on the links below for further details on the immunisation programme run by Wirral NHS.

[Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation briefing](#)  
[Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation leaflet](#)

If you would like your child to have the immunisation, please ensure that you complete the online consent form no later than **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Link the consent form: [www.wchcimms.co.uk](http://www.wchcimms.co.uk)

**School Code: WC105122**

Should you have any queries, please contact the Wirral Schools Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510 or email [wcnt.schoolhealthimms@nhs.net](mailto:wcnt.schoolhealthimms@nhs.net)

## Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1&2 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Making cycling  
viable, safer  
and better



We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer the Year 5 children their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 combined course commencing Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bikeability 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.**

## Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church Liverpool Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024



As part of the Year 6 religious education topics of Judaism and Christianity, an educational visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church Liverpool has been booked on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024. We hope the visit to both places of worship will enhance the children's learning about both religions.

The cost of the trip will be £25.00 which will include the cost of the coach, and a guided tour of both the Synagogue and St George's Church. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9.00am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Children must wear their full school uniform including blazers but not their hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in.

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 £25.00 no later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

**More details can be found by clicking on the link below.**

[Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church Letter](#)

## Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024



As part of our English work on "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch", Year 2 and Year 3 will visit Leasowe Lighthouse on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The children will get to see how the Lighthouse works and find out how important it has been to our local area.

The cost of the trip will be £13.50 which will include the cost of the coach, and a guided tour of the Lighthouse. The children set off from school at approximately 9.15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. We should arrive back at school in time for lunch.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including blazers but not their hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form below and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £13.50 no later than **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

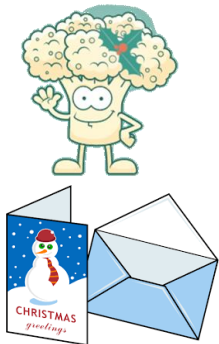
**Please click on the link below for more information.**

[Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse Letter](#)

## Cauliflower Cards

**CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm**

**ORDER DEADLINE – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:

	<b>*PARENTS ORDER CODE*</b>		<b>* SCHOOL DETAILS *</b>
	School Code	Unique Code	Avalon School
	2666	H6T9JX	

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## 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.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

### LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

**JO JINGLES HAS CHANGED FROM WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY LUNCHTIME**

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
Thursday	Football <b>Jo Jingles</b>	3.05pm to 3.35pm <b>Lunchtime</b>	Rec – Y2 <b>Rec – Y2</b>

### 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	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Art Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Football	12.30pm to 1pm	Y3
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](mailto:lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk)

Ballet Sign up: [lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lou.rutter@yahoo.co.uk)

Jo Jingles Sign up: [louisejojingles@icloud.com](mailto: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.**



## 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.

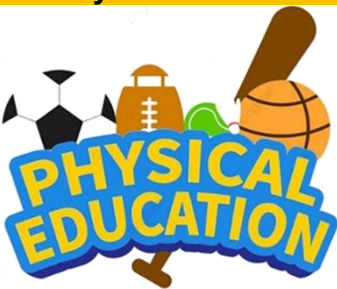
## End of the Day Arrangements



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 be completing 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



If you have any requests for uniform please email on [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

### Term Date 2024-2025



## 2024-2025

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

Ends	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Normal finish time
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Easter Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Ends	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)



## SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Session
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Session
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Session
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MacMillan Coffee Morning at 8.50am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Pre-School Parent information Meetings at 3.00pm European Day of Languages

## OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations Year 5 Beach School Session (changed from Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2 Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Return Cauliflower Artwork to school (Year 3 to Year 6 children)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to order Cauliflower Card merchandise on line
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term Break

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

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE  
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