



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

148

165

181

250

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

522

459

614

733

Merit Badges

| | | | |
|-----------|------|-----|----|
| Reception | TJ | | |
| Year 1 | | HT | |
| Year 2 | | | OC |
| Year 3 | OMCK | | |
| Year 4 | | | OS |
| Year 5 | | AC | |
| Year 6 | | PSP | EB |

Achievement Certificates



| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Reception | WK |
| Year 1 | LL |
| Year 2 | DK |
| Year 3 | HP ES |
| Year 4 | FS MCK |
| Year 5 | CS RK |
| Year 6 | FA SW |

Headteachers Awards



Year 6 CS

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

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|-----------------------|----|
| Infants | AW |
| Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) | CD |
| Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) | NP |

Reading Star!



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|-----------|-----|
| Reception | JAJ |
| Year 1 | LL |
| Year 2 | HB |
| Year 3 | IC |
| Year 4 | NFT |
| Year 5 | CP |
| Year 6 | TD |

Golden Table

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|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Rec | MW | Y1 | JM | Y2 | HB |
| Y3 | TC | Y4 | NA | Y5 | RK |
| | | Y6 | CR | | |

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. So far, we have raised a fantastic

£248.00

You can still donate by clicking on the QR code below.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION



Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term



Year 6 avoided the rain and had an enjoyable morning at Beach School on Tuesday. The children were tasked with creating 3D shapes using poles and sticks. Some interesting structures were created!



The next Beach School Sessions are:

Wednesday 2nd October
Tuesday 8th October

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



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children had a wonderful day at Chester Zoo on Tuesday this week. They explored and identified lots of interesting artefacts in the Education Hub followed by a picnic lunch. During the afternoon, the children enjoyed visiting all the different types of animals at the Zoo.

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 Tuesday 1st 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](#)

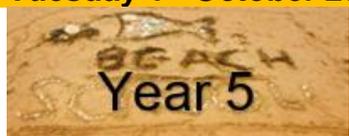
If you would like your child to have the immunisation, please ensure that you complete the online consent form no later than **Friday 27th September 2024**

Link the consent form: 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

Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Tuesday 1st October 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:

Tuesday 1st October
Friday 11th October

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

[Year 6 Beach School Letter](#)

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.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 30th September 2024



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

| Favourite Meal of the Week | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Creamy Chicken & Rice |
| Pudding | Chocolate Shortbread |

Mustard Products in Food



As you may have seen in the media, the Food Standard Agency have advised all peanut allergy sufferers to avoid anything with mustard as it may have been cross contaminated with peanut particularly products produced by Green Cuisine. As you know we take the health and wellbeing of our school community seriously, following consultation with our catering suppliers we would like to reassure our parent and carers that all the product we purchase do not contain Green Cuisine products. We will continue our usual practice and procedures of vigilantly checking all labels and allergies on product purchased.

Year 5 Bikeability 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 Bikeability 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.

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.

[Course Details & Booking](#)

Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church Liverpool

Wednesday 9th 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 9th 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 4th 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 15th 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 15th 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 9th October 2024**.

Please click on the link below for more information.
[Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse Letter](#)

Save the Date! Reception to Year 6 - PTA Spooky Tales Thursday 17th October 2024



The PTA will be holding a Spooky Tales Event, hosted by Past Productions, on Thursday 17th October from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. Doors open at 4.30pm. The cost of each ticket is £3.00 and there will be a pumpkin decoration competition which will be £1.00 to enter. Children can come in fancy dress if they wish. A tuck shop will be available for children to purchase snacks, but we ask that the children bring no more than £3.00 to spend. For more details, please see flyer below.

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 | Avalon School | |
| 2666 | H6T9JX | | |

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.

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 | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| | Jo Jingles | Lunchtime | 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 | Verbal Reasoning | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y5 |
| | Art Club | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Y3 Football | Lunchtime | 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

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.

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.

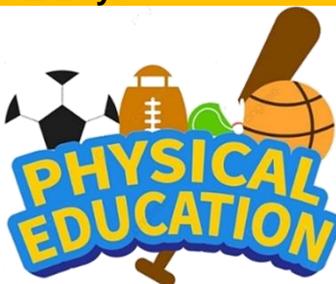
End of the Day Arrangements



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. 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 Caldly 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 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 |

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| 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

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SEPTEMBER

Monday 30th European Day of Languages

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Year 5 Beach School Session (**changed from Wednesday 25th September**)

Wednesday 2nd Year 6 Beach School Session
Tuesday 8th Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Year 6 Beach School Session

Wednesday 9th Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church

Thursday 10th Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Friday 11th Year 5 Beach School Session

Monday 14th Return Cauliflower Artwork to school (Year 3 to Year 6 children)

Tuesday 15th Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse

Thursday 17th PTA – Spooky Tales Event

Wednesday 30th Last day to order Cauliflower Card merchandise on line

Monday 21st to Friday 1st November Half Term Break

AVALON PTA PRESENTS

SPOOKY TALES

Performed by Past Productions



**Reception to Year 6
Thursday 17th October
4.45pm - 5:45pm
(doors open at 4.30pm)
in the School Hall**

£6 per ticket

(pay on the door)

**Tuck shop selling drinks and snacks
(50p per item, maximum of £3)**

**Fancy Dress Optional
Pumpkin Decorating Competition £1 to enter**

No electronic devices allowed

**If any businesses would like to sponsor this event, please
contact the PTA on avalon.schoolwkpta@gmail.com**

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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