



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

255

146

250

288

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

747

605

864

1021

Merit Badges

Reception				TC
Year 1	RC			
Year 2	IW			
Year 3				LDC
Year 4	NA			
Year 5		SW		
Year 6	HW			EM

Achievement Certificates



Reception	MW
Year 1	AW
Year 2	HN
Year 3	JD
Year 4	FC
	NA
Year 5	FL
	EH
Year 6	ZB
	SD'A

Headteachers Awards



Year 3	IC MW
Year 5	RP RK WMCD

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	LGR
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	RK

Reading Star!



Reception	EN
Year 1	AS
Year 2	IP
Year 3	BMJ
Year 4	SA
Year 5	SO
Year 6	PSP

Golden Table

Rec	TJ	Y1	RC	Y2	HN
Y3	LGR	Y4	FS	Y5	CS
		Y6	NS		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

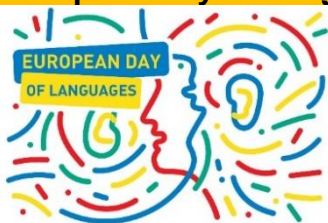
World Smile Day



As part of our World Smile Day celebrations, Megan Louise visited Avalon for a special assembly and talked about the importance of always being kind to each other. She finished off the event by singing her favourite song.



European Day of Languages



The children enjoyed learning all about their assigned European country and sharing their newfound knowledge with the school. It was lovely to see them immersed in learning about the different cultures and traditions from around Europe, even having a little taste of some native foods too! Well done for filling the giant T shirts full of interesting facts and colourful compositions!



Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term



Year 6 once again had another busy morning at beach school on Wednesday.

The final beach school session will be:
Tuesday 8th October AM

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

RHS Big Seed Save – Eco Council Monday 7th October to Sunday 20th October

Are you ready for the Big Seed Save?

Find out more at rhs.org.uk/growwithit



From Monday 7th October until Sunday the 20th October, the RHS are launching their Big Seed Save. The school Eco Council are asking the whole school community to save any seeds from anything they eat or any flowers they have in their gardens and bring them into us so we can do some planting.

Please drop off your seeds, by Friday 18th October, to either your class Eco Council representative or to Mrs Cody in Year 4.

Find out more at [RHS Big Seed Save](#)

Reception Autumn Welly Walk Monday 7th October 2024 PM



Reception will be hoping to go for a Winter Welly Walk (weather permitting) on Monday 7th October 2024, in the afternoon, to support the children's learning and continue with their new topic of 'Autumn'. This will involve them taking photographs of all the things they find relating to Autumn, then using the photographs to label interesting items they collect and to make collages.

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let Mrs Daniel or the school office know by Friday 4th October, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with their Avalon School waterproof coat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

We will keep you posted about their adventure via Eylog!

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

Making cycling
viable, safer
and better



The children who are taking part in the Bikeability Course have now been allocated their day. We are sure all the children are looking forward to getting on their bikes and learning to ride with new confidence.

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. A copy of the risk assessment will be available at the school.

On the day your child:

Must be able to ride their bike unaided

Must wear a cycle helmet

Must have appropriate clothing. Children should come to school on the course days in their full PE kit with their outdoor school coats. They must make sure they have long trousers and gloves in case the weather is cold.

Must have a bike which is road worthy

Your child's bike should be brought to school on the morning of their course and taken home at the end of the day. On arrival at the school, bikes should be taken to the area outside the Site Manager's (Bill) room, by the main office. If this causes any significant challenge for any parent, please let us know as soon as possible.

Year 4 Visit to the World Museum Tuesday 8th October 2024



As part of the Humanities and English cross-curricular topic 'Ancient Egyptians', an educational visit to Liverpool World Museum has been booked for the children in Year 4 on Tuesday 8th October. We hope the visit to the Egyptology floor will enhance the children's learning about what life was like in Ancient Egypt.

The cost of the trip will be £15.50 which will include the cost of train tickets and entrance to the workshop.

Children will be travelling by car from Avalon School to Bidston Park. From Bidston Park and Ride, the children will take a train to Liverpool

Lime Street and then a short walk to the museum. Children will arrive back at school for approximately 3.00pm.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money. A packed lunch will be provided.

To enable your child to attend the trip, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £15.50 no later than **Friday 4th October 2024**.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below:
[Year 4 Trip to the World Museum Letter](#)

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 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term



The next sessions are:
Friday 11th October AM
Monday 14th October AM

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

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 7th October 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Cottage Pie and Vegetables
Pudding	Ginger Cake and Custard

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 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse

Tuesday 15th October 2024



As part of our English work studying "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



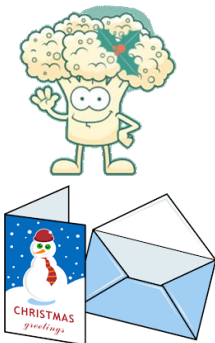
The PTA will be holding a Spooky Tales Event, hosted by Past Productions, on Thursday 17th October from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. Doors open at 4.30pm. The cost of each ticket is £3.00 and there will be a pumpkin decoration competition which will be £1.00 to enter. Children can come in fancy dress if they wish. 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.

Fancy Dress Swap! Thursday 10th October to Friday 17th October



Avalon PTA have organised a Fancy Dress Swap in preparation for the Spooky Tales event on Thursday 18th October. If you would like to donate, swap or purchase any preloved fancy dress costumes, a rail will be left in the Nursery /Pre-School foyer between the 10th and 17th of September.

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 have brought home their artwork 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

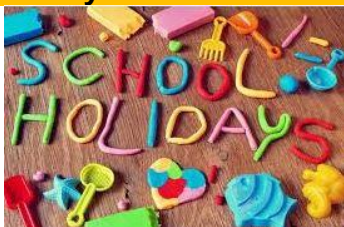
Unique Code: This can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

	*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.

School Finishes for the Half Term Break Friday 18th October 2024



School closes for the half term break on Friday, 18th October at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

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)

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.

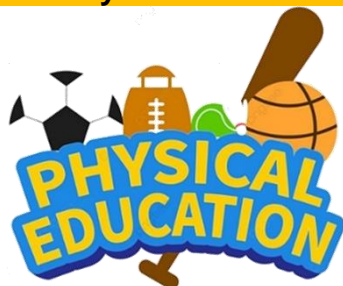
End of the Day Arrangements



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.

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
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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OCTOBER

Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2 Year 6 Beach School Session
Wednesday 9 th	Year 4 Visit to the World Museum Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2 Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church
Thursday 10 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1 & 2
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Beach School Session
Monday 14 th	Return Cauliflower Artwork to school (Year 3 to Year 6 children) Year 5 Beach School Session
Tuesday 15 th	Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse
Thursday 17 th	PTA – Spooky Tales Event
Wednesday 30 th	Last day to order Cauliflower Card merchandise on line
Monday 21 st to Friday 1 st 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

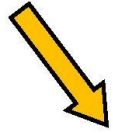
(pay on the door)

**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**



FANCY DRESS SWAP!

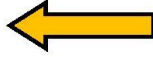
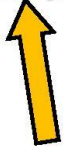
Thursday 10th to Thursday 17th October

in the Nursery/Pre-School Foyer

Please donate and/or swap your child's
unwanted fancy dress outfits

All donations welcome to the PTA

Leave your donation in the honesty box



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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