



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

School closes for Half Term Friday 18th October and reopens to children on Monday 4th November at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

215

198

275

304

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

962

803

1139

1324

Merit Badges

Reception

AR

Year 1

AW

Year 2

HB

Year 3

EJ

Year 4

NP

Year 5

RP

Year 6

TD

SDA

Achievement Certificates



Reception

IMC

Year 1

JM

Year 2

BMC

Year 3

MW

Year 4

OS

Year 5

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SS

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Year 6

ZB

PSP

Headteachers Awards

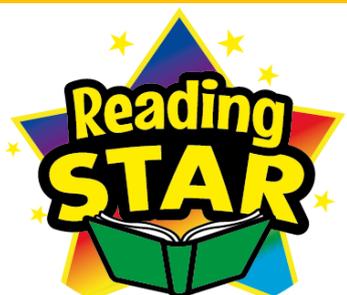


Year 5	FL
Year 6	HW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Infants	RD
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	LGR
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	SDA

Reading Star!



Reception	WK
Year 1	SW
Year 2	DK
Year 3	EC
Year 4	FPS
Year 5	CS
Year 6	CS

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term



Year 6 had another busy morning at their final beach school session on Tuesday. The children enjoyed team building exercises in individual groups and then together as a class.

Year 5 Bikeability Course Level 1&2

Making cycling
viable, safer
and better



The Year 5 children undertook the Bike Right Level 1 and Level 2 course this week. Congratulations to those who took part, gaining your Level 1 & Level 2 award.



Year 4 Visit to the World Museum



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the World Museum to enhance their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians. They enjoyed the Discovering Ancient Egypt Workshop, where they were able to handle ancient Egyptian artefacts, including some that were over 3000 years old!



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



Year 6 enjoyed an action-packed day on Wednesday this week when they visited both the Allerton Synagogue and St George's Church. They learned all about the Arc of the Covenant and the Torah at the Synagogue and enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk at St. Georges where they learned that it is only one of three iron churches in the world.



Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term



Year 5 greatly enjoyed their Beach School session today; once the small rain shower had subsided!

The final Beach School Session is: Monday 14th October AM (postponed from Tuesday 1st October)

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

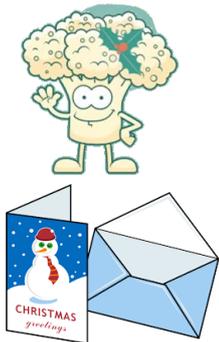
[Year 5 Beach School Letter](#)



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 have completed their cards at school and individual codes have been emailed to parents. 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	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.

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](https://rhs.org.uk/growwithit)

Junior Running Club – Cross Country Race Arrowe Country Park

Monday 14th October 2024



As part of Running Club, we are looking to take children to a cross country race with other local schools. Our first race will be held at Arrowe Country Park and will start at 4:00pm and finishes at 5:30pm on Monday 14th October 2024.

Avalon staff will transport the children to the session in staff vehicles, (with your permission) but we would ask that children are collected from Arrowe Country Park at the end of the race at 5:30pm. Parents will need to collect from the field directly behind the hospital (map enclosed). The

address of the collection point is Arrowe Park Road, CH49 5LW or the What3Words location is <https://w3w.co/format.wished.liked>

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.
[Junior Running Club Cross Country Race Letter](#)

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 children 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. We should arrive back at school in time for lunch.

Children must wear their full school uniform including blazers but not their hats.

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 £6.00 which is payable on the door. There will also 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.

Reception to Year 6 – Harvest Celebration Friday 18th October 2024 at 9.05am



On Friday 18th October we will be holding our Harvest celebration, led by Year 5. We would kindly ask for a small donation from the list below which will be given to the Wirral Foodbank to help support families in need in our local area.

Suggested donation items are cereal, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, custard and tinned fruit. Please note beans are not needed as the food bank has plenty.

Please could we ask that donations are only brought into school on Friday 18th October as we have limited storage space. Refreshments will be available. We do hope that you can join us.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 14th October 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Gammon Dinner
Pudding	Flapjacks

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.

School Finishes for 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

Half Term Break

Monday 16th to Friday 27th October



School will be closed the half term break from Monday 21st October until Friday 1st November inclusive.

The children return to school on Monday 4th November at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45pm as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting

Monday 4th October 2024 at 5pm



We are holding an 11+ Parents' Information for the parents of our Year 5 children on Monday 4th November at 5pm, providing parents/carers with up-to-date information on the 11+ process. Parents are requested to make their own childcare arrangements on this occasion.

On arrival at school, may we ask that you go to the school hall and sign in, the meeting will start at 5pm promptly.

During this meeting we will provide details about how we prepare the children for the Wirral 11+ examinations, plus the assessment arrangements for both Upton Hall School FCJ and St Anselm's College. There will be time at the end of the meeting for any general questions.

Sign Language Club – BSL Event St Georges' Hall Wednesday 6th November 2024



Our Sign Language Club have been invited to attend a British Sign Language (BSL) event at St George's Hall in Liverpool on Wednesday 6th November 2024. The event is a celebration of inclusion and diversity empowering children to stand together against bullying in all its forms. The children will be performing signed songs, along with five hundred other visiting children.

Children will be travelling to the St George's Hall in staff cars. The event commences 9.00am, children should **arrive at school by 8.25am and will be leaving promptly at 8.30am**. If your child requires a booster seat, please can you drop one off at the school office on the morning of the trip. The children will be back at school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

The event organisers have arranged a rehearsal on Tuesday 22nd October from 12:30pm to 2.00pm at St George's Hall. As this falls within our half term break there is no expectation for children to attend however Mrs Griffiths will be attending the rehearsal; children and parents are invited to join her if possible.

Please click on the link below for more information.

[Sign Language Trip to BSL Event Letter](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Tuesday 19th Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November 2024



We would like to invite you to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 18th November. You will have the opportunity to stay with your child and join in with learning activities. The EYFS 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 as follows:

Tuesday 19 th November	9am-10am
Wednesday 20 th November	9am-10am
Thursday 21 st November	2pm-3pm

Please indicate which session is best for you and return it to the school office **by Friday 15th November**. 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/keyworker.

Please click on the link below for more information.

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

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Tuesday 19th November 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 20th November 2pm-3pm
Thursday 21st November 9am-10am

Please indicate which session is best for you and return it to the school office **by Friday 15th November**. 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/keyworker.

Please click on the link below for more information.

[Reception Stay & Play Sessions Letter](#)

EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Teddy Bears' Picnic Friday 22nd November 2024



During our Stay & Play Week the children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception will also be celebrating 'Nursery Rhyme Week'. The children will be taking part in various fun activities including learning new nursery rhymes as well as some old favourites.

On Friday 22nd November we will be focusing on nursery rhymes about teddy bears and will be finishing off this exciting week with a teddy bears' picnic. To make the picnic extra special we would ask that the children bring into school their favourite teddy bear to join them at the picnic.

We hope that this will be a fun learning experience for the children.

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.

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)

**Junior Running Club Session is Cancelled
Tuesday 15th October**

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

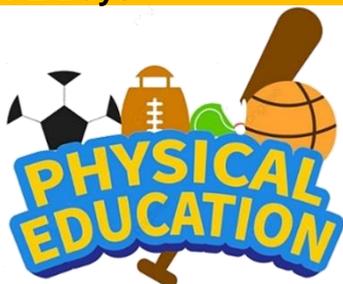


Children's collection arrangements will be as follows:

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
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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	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.

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



OCTOBER

Monday 14 th	Return Cauliflower Artwork to school (Year 3 to Year 6 children) Year 5 Beach School Session
Tuesday 15 th	Running Club Cross Country Race Arrowe Country Park
Thursday 17 th	Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse
Friday 18 th October	PTA – Spooky Tales Event
Monday 21 st October to Friday 1 st November	Reception to Year 6 Harvest Celebration Event Half Term Break
Wednesday 30 th	Last day to order Cauliflower Card merchandise on line

November

Monday 4 th	School Re-opens after Half Term Break Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting
Wednesday 6 th	Sign Language Club BSL Event at St Georges' Hall
Tuesday 19 th	Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions
Wednesday 20 th	Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions
Thursday 21 st	Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions
Friday 22 nd	EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Teddy Bears' Picnic

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

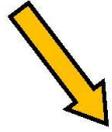
(pay on the door)

**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!

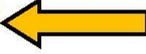
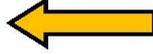
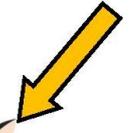
Thursday 10th to Thursday 17th October

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

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