



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

159

139

154

225

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1371

1157

1509

1756

Merit Badges

Reception	MW			
Year 1				OQ
Year 2				OC
Year 3				LDC
Year 4			OS	
Year 5	RP	CS		
Year 6		NS	LS	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	WK
Year 1	AS
Year 2	IW
Year 3	BMJ
Year 4	SA
Year 5	AC
	SE
Year 6	CS
	SG

Headteachers Awards

Year 5 CS
Year 6 LS



Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants JAJ
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) LGR
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) NP

Reading Star!



Reception TC
Year 1 JM
Year 2 DK
 HN
Year 3 ES
Year 4 FPS
Year 5 RP
Year 6 NL

Golden Table

Rec	AR	Y1	AS	Y2	OC
Y3	JD	Y4	OS	Y5	SO
		Y6	AW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Spooky Tales Event



A BIG thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Spooky Tales event which took place on the last Thursday before half term. The evening, so far, has raised an amazing

£180.55

Harvest Celebration



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to our Harvest appeal on Friday the 18th October. Wirral Foodbank were very appreciative of the donations which will go a long way to help local families in need.



Sign Language Club – BSL Anti-Bullying Event St Georges' Hall



Well done to all the children who took part in the British Sign Language Event (BSL) event at St George's Hall on Wednesday this week. The event was attended by many local dignitaries, including the Metro Mayor and Lord Mayor of Liverpool. Local comedian John Bishop also attended, and he explained of how sometimes how difficult it can feel to be hard of hearing.



Christmas Jumper Swap!



As the Fancy Dress Swap proved so successful during the Spooky Tales Event, the PTA are organising a Christmas Jumper Swap in preparation for some of the exciting events we have planned for Christmas.

More details to follow next week.

Anti-Bullying Week – Week Commencing Monday 11th November 2024 Odd Sock Day – Tuesday 12th November



Week commencing Monday 11th November is Anti-Bullying Week and to start the children's learning and activities around this very important topic, we will be holding an Odd Sock Day on Tuesday 12th November to promote the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week which is "Choose Respect".

We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1, which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Anti-Bullying and Odd Sock Day Letter](#)

Year 2 & Year 4 Visit to Old Garden Care Home Wednesday 13th November 2024



As part of "World Kindness Day" the residents and staff of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 2 and Year 4 children to visit them on the morning of Wednesday 13th November they will enjoy some fun activities. The children will either be travelling to The Old Garden Care Home in their minibus or staff vehicle. Should the children require a suitable car seat for the journey, please can parents provide one on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch.

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

To enable your child to attend the trip to The Old Garden Care Home it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to

the school office no later than **Monday 11th November**. The staff of The Old Garden Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Year 2 & Year 4 Visit to Old Garden Care Home Letter](#)

Children in Need Spotacular Friday 15th November 2024



This year's event is embracing all the fun ways in which you can fundraise, and it is called the Great SPOTacular! So, it will be a non-uniform day, however they should try to add wearing something spotty or simply feel SPOTacular! We would ask for a small donation of £2.00 per child in aid of Children In Need.

We will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from the school office from Monday 11th November.

The kitchen will be open for business at 8.00am to 8.25am on the 15th November, and for a suggested minimum donation of £5.00 per person, they will be serving breakfast batches with bacon or sausage or cheese on toast and a drink or a Grab-n-Go breakfast of a Danish and a drink. Parents are more than welcome to join their children for breakfast. If your child and/or you would like to join the breakfast party, we would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached slip with the correct money to the school office by **Monday 11th November** letting us know how many people will be attending and whether they will want bacon, sausage or cheese on toast so that we can order appropriate quantities.

For more information, and to access the breakfast ordering form, please click on the link below:

[Children in Need Spotacular Letter](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 11th November 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Pork Dinner
Pudding	Waffleberry Pie & 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.

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](#)

Reception Stay & Play Sessions

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Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon as follows:

Tuesday 19 th November	2pm-3pm
Wednesday 20 th November	2pm-3pm
Thursday 21 st 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’.

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.

Parents' Evening In-Person Consultations Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 25th November 2024



Parent Evening Consultation Meetings will be held in-person in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to see their child's work.

We will again be using the School Cloud website for parents to set appointments with teachers/key workers and manage bookings online. School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

We do, however, recognise that not everyone may be able to access the online system to make appointments; in this instance, please contact the school office who will be able to make appointments for you.

Consultation meeting will be set to **10 minutes slots** however if you have any concerns that require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office to discuss.

The appointment booking system will open on Monday 4th November 2024 from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Friday 22nd November 2024. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter). Please note that Google Chrome is the most reliable browser to use to access the School Cloud booking system.

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Lucy Hunt Helen Malloy	Monday 25 th November from 4pm Monday 25 th November from 4pm Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Pre-School	Alison Prandle Jo Rice Julie Bache	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Reception	Mrs Daniel	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 2	Mrs Callaway	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm
Year 3	Miss Harrington	Thursday 28 th November from 4pm
Year 4	Mrs Cody	Tuesday 26 th November 4pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Tuesday 26 th November from 4pm

Year 6	Mrs Killiku & Mr Ashton	Thursday 28 th November from 3pm
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Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition

Deadline for Entries – Monday 2nd December 2024



The children have taken home a Christmas Baubles to decorate our school Christmas Tree. We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize.

To enter the competition:

1. Decorate the bauble provided
2. Attach the label provided, to the bauble, clearly marked with the child's name and class
3. Return the decorated bauble, label and a £2 donation in the envelope provided, to the School Office to complete your entry
4. Competition winners will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.

All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 2nd December to be entered into the competition.

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them during the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd December to take part in lots of fun activities including; crafts, stories and singing. The children will then enjoy some juice and biscuits too.

The children will be travelling to Caldy Manor in their minibus. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

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

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldy Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 29th November 2024**. The staff of Caldy Manor Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

For more information, and to access the consent form, please click on the link below:

[Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Letter](#)

Reception Walk to the Post Office Friday 6th December 2024



The children in Reception Class will shortly be busy writing letters to Father Christmas. Weather permitted the children will be walking to the post box on Friday 6th December in the morning, to send their letters off to the North Pole. If you have any objections and would rather your child did not take part in this activity, please inform Mrs Daniel or the School Office by 9am on Friday 6th December. A first aider will also be accompanying the children on the visit.

Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Tuesday 10th December 2024



We have booked for all the children in Year 3 to Year 6 to see a stage production of Sleeping Beauty at the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester. The cost of the trip will be £19.00 which includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and a snack. The coach will leave school at 9.15am and will return to school in time for lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear the full school winter uniform including blazers but not school hats.

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 £19.00 no later than **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Letter](#)

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)

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
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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.

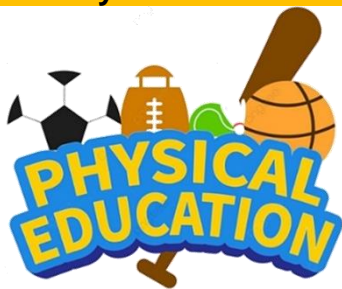
End of the Day Arrangements



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

Snacks which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, fruit winders 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



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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Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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



November

Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th	Odd Sock Day
Friday 15 th	Children in Need Spotacular and Breakfast
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
Monday 25 th	Parents Evening Consultations
	Nursery – Jackie Duffy from 4pm
	Nursery – Mandy Elliott from 4pm
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Evening Consultations
	Nursery – Lucy Hunt from 4pm
	Pre-School – Alison Prandle from 4pm
	Pre-School – Jo Rice from 4pm
	Year 2 – Mrs Callaway from 4pm
	Year 4 – Mrs Cody from 4pm
	Year 5 – Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku
Thursday 28 th	Parents Evening Consultations
	Nursery – Helen Malloy from 4pm
	Pre-School – Julie Bache from 4pm
	Reception – Mrs Daniel from 4pm
	Year 1 – Mrs Parkins from 4pm
	Year 3 – Miss Harrington from 4pm
	Year 6 – Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton from 4pm

December

Monday 2 nd	Last day to hand in baubles for the Christmas Decoration Competition
Tuesday 3 rd	Reception Class visit to Caldly Manor Care Home
Friday 6 th	Reception walk to the Post Box
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip

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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