



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025





School finishes for Spring break, TODAY
Friday 28th March 2025 at the usual time.
School reopens for children on Tuesday 15th April 2025.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

				
	St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
House Points				
	135	98	123	84
Total House Points for the Year To-date				
	4047	3392	4181	3973
Merit Badges				
Reception	MW			
Year 1	CN			
Year 2		HB		
Year 3	AH			
Year 4		FS		
Year 5		SW		
Year 6			LS	HL

Achievement Certificates



Reception	IMAC
Year 1	TR
Year 2	OC
Year 3	TC
Year 4	SA
	OS
Year 5	CS
	RP
Year 6	AW

Headteachers Awards



Year 3	EJ
Year 4	NFT FPS NP
Year 6	CW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	JAJ
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	AH
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	SW

Reading Star!



Reception	EN
Year 1	RC
Year 2	HN
Year 3	LDC
Year 4	FPS
Year 5	EH
Year 6	ZB

Golden Table

Rec	TJ	Y1	XH	Y2	DK
Y3	CL	Y4	NA	Y5	WMCD
		Y6	SW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Local Artist Workshops



This week, we were treated to a visit from local artist, Mark Swan. Each class from Reception to Year 6 took part in their own bespoke art workshop where they were able to create their own watercolour masterpieces, either on canvas, or on watercolour paper. The theme of the day was 'Living Colour' and how we see colour all around us within nature. Each class was given a specific topic relating to nature, including insects, sea life and ladybirds. The children were very excited to paint and had many questions to ask Mark, including asking how he became so good at Art. Mark gave the children some great advice and said that anybody can draw or paint - it just takes practise!



Junior Running Club Cross Country Race – Arrowe Country Park



A big well done to some members of our Junior Running Club who were able to take part in a cross-country event at Arrowe Park this week. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children completed two laps of the course whilst the Year 3 and Year 4 children ran one lap. Personal bests were beaten, and a fantastic time was had by all. The children

certainly showed great stamina and determination. We look forward to next event soon!

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to World Museum Liverpool



The Infants had a great trip to the Liverpool World Museum where they saw a variety of dinosaur skeleton models and fossils. The Planetarium ended our visit with a super story about a little star and his search for planets.



Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at Grosvenor Museum Chester



Year 3 had a wonderful day exploring the Roman Tour at the Grosvenor Museum this week. The children learnt about Chester's Roman past and its archaeology, including how the Romans lived, what they ate and the life of a Roman soldier.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



**CLASS OF
25**

As in previous years, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to order and purchase leavers' hoodies. This year's hoodie is storm grey in colour with the Avalon School logo embroidered on the front, a large 'Leavers 25.' screen printed on the back and 'Avalon' on the sleeve. The children will be able to wear their hoodies for special events and occasions in the summer term of this academic year.

The prices are £19.00 for child sizes (Age 9-11 or Age 12-13) and £23.70 for adult sizes (X-Small, Small or Medium). Please note adult sizes include VAT. From today a sizing pack is available in the school office for children to try on and choose their size

Please order and pay for hoodies via the Uniformity on-line shop using the link below. Please note, all hoodies will be delivered to the school office and be distributed to the children by Mrs Callaway after the half term in May.

Orders must be placed with Uniformity no later than Friday 25th April. Orders received after this date cannot be guaranteed in time for delivery during the May half term.

[Year 6 School Leavers Hoodies](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime and Before Extra-Curricular Activities 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.

PTA - Gift Amnesty



The PTA are looking for any duplicate/unwanted gifts you can donate for any future raffle prizes. If you can help, please drop off any gifts to the School Office.

We thank you in advance for any future donations.



School Finishes for the Spring Holiday Friday 28th March 2025



School closes for the Spring Holiday at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

Easter Holidays

Monday 31st March to Monday 14th April 2025



School will be closed the Easter Holidays from Monday 31st March until Monday 14th April inclusive.

The children return to school on Tuesday 15th April at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing Easter Holiday.

Summer Term School Fees



The summer term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers in due course. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the summer term, Tuesday 15th April 2025 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for April will be emailed to parents when we return to school in April.

Lunch



Lunch menu for the week commencing 14th April 2025

Short Week

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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Gammon Dinner
Pudding	Yoghurt & Fruit

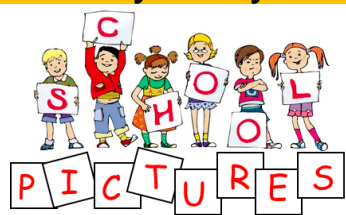
Year 2 Class Assembly Monday 28th April 2025



The children of Year 2 would like to invite you to their Class Assembly on Monday 28th April starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. The theme of the assembly will be "Making Connections". Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Class Photographs Thursday 1st May 2025



Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 1st May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Pre-School Transfer to Reception September 2025



Following on from the "Take a Look" event of Friday 7th March 2025, we would like to write to you about next steps and the arrangements for children transferring from our Pre-School to our Reception class in September 2025.

In allocating places in our Reception class, we always give priority to our current children in the Pre School first. We would therefore like to share our offer for Reception provision with you to assist you with making a fully informed and rounded decision about the next steps for your child's educational journey.

Our current Pre-schoolers have already enjoyed some exploratory visits to the Reception classroom and started to meet the Reception staff team. We would now like to extend this welcome by offering some informal, introductory sessions for parents to meet with Mrs Callaway, Headteacher, Mrs Daniel, our Reception teacher, and to discuss more about what we can offer your child in September 2025.

If you would like to take up this opportunity for an individual appointment, please confirm this with your child's key worker in Pre School and we will be happy to arrange that with you.

We have already had a number of enquiries and statements of interest in next year's Reception class from external parents and we will soon be confirming them as secured places for September 2025.

We shall, therefore, hold provisional places for all of our current Pre-School children until Tuesday 15th April 2025. If you wish to confirm your child(ren)'s place(s) in Reception for September 2025, we would be grateful if you would complete and return the reply slip by the above date.

We ask parents who wish to reserve their child(ren)'s place(s) in Reception class September 2025 to sign and complete the school's registration form and agreement of the school's terms and conditions.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us for further assistance.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Pre-School Transfer to Reception Class Letter](#)

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2025 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions will commence on Wednesday 23rd April and every subsequent Wednesday as listed below. These sessions are for children who are moving up to our Reception class and they will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 23 rd April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 30 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 7 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 14 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 21 st May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 4 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 18 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 25 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above. We have also arranged a **New Reception Parents Meeting on Wednesday 2nd July at 5.30pm** which will include an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with the Reception staff team and receive further information prior to the autumn term. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and we will confirm any further details nearer to the date.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Pre-School to Reception Transition Sessions Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 RHE Parent & Consultation Meeting



Following the annual Parent Survey about our Relationship and Health Education curriculum, we also offered a Parent Consultation meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 27th February. This was an opportunity for parents to view our resources, find out more about how and what we teach in RHE lessons and to ask any questions or discuss any concerns they may have before we commence the curriculum. Unfortunately, the consultation meeting attendance was very low this year. We plan to commence the programme of RHE lessons from week commencing 3rd March. Any parents unable to attend the meeting can access the presentation and video links on our school website via the Key Information/Parent Workshops Section for further support:

[Parent Workshops & Guidance](#)

House T-Shirt Ordering Reception to Year 6



During the spring and summer terms, we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the attached form to the school office as soon as possible.

The coloured t-shirts represent the houses as follows:

Blue – St Andrew	Yellow – St David	Red – St George	Green – St Patrick
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The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 12-13 yrs and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £7.20 (inc. VAT) each which can be paid by cheque or preferably by internet banking. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payments in cash.

Please access the order form on the link below:
[House T Shirt Ordering Letter](#)

Recycle Your Empty Printer Cartridges at School



As part of a recycling initiative, we are asking all parents and carers if they would kindly drop off any used Inkjet and toner cartridges to the blue Inkjet recycling box situated outside the school office.

Inkjet and toner cartridges can take up to 1,000 years to compose, so if we can help recycle them, and raise some money for the school at the same time, this is a win-win situation!

We thank you for your support.



Safeguarding



To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, we kindly remind you that parents and carers should only enter the school buildings when **with a member of staff or you have shared a valid Enhanced DBS check with the school.**

This is a vital part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Safety Reminder!



We kindly remind parents that children should not play on the playground area, outside of school hours, unless closely supervised by an adult. This is especially important during poor weather conditions, such as those we have been experiencing recently.

Whilst we strive to ensure everyone's safety during school hours, we cannot be held liable for your children's safety once they have been collected and are in parents' care.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

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.

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.

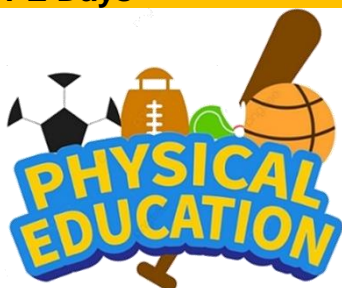
End of the Day Arrangements



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	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday

Healthy Snacks



We know that many parents like to celebrate birthdays and other occasions with special treats. We encourage parents to celebrate with non-food items such as stickers, pencils, themed erasers, or other trinkets, rather than food.

Thank you for your understanding and 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



2024-2025

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18 th & Monday 21 st April 2025
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time

2025-2026

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half-Term	Monday 20 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
Ends	Friday 12 th December 2025 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half-Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026
Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half-Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
Ends	Friday 10 th July 2026 Normal finish time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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April

Monday 31 st March to Monday 14 th April	Easter Break
Monday 14 th	Staff Training Day
Monday 28 th	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 15 th	Children Return to School at the usual time
Wednesday 23 rd	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Friday 25 th	Last day to place order for Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
Wednesday 30 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day

May

Thursday 1 st	Class Photographs
Wednesday 7 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 14 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 21 st	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Monday 12 th to Wednesday 14 th	Year 6 Residential to Petty Pool

June

Wednesday 4 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 11 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 18 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Wednesday 25 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day

July

Wednesday 2 nd	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day New Reception Parents Meeting
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