



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

106

88

94

94

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2250

2105

2292

2283

Merit Badges

Reception	LL			
Year 1	EH			
Year 2				HL
Year 3			SS	
Year 4				TP
Year 5	CMcG	JS		
Year 6		AD	NN	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	FPS
Year 1	SE
Year 2	TD
Year 3	OC
Year 4	JG
Year 5	GF
	AR
Year 6	SH
	IMcK

Headteacher's Award



Year 1	AC
Year 2	AF
Year 5	JP

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2	AW
Year 3 & Year 4	IW
Year 5 & Year 6	NJ

Certificates



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AG
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Golden Table

Rec	CF	Y1	RP	Y2	TD
Y3	HK	Y4	CO	Y5	AR
		Y6	AR		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

RSE Parent Information Meetings



Thank you for those parents/carers who were able to attend the parent information meetings and the feedback given.

The next step in our RSE Parent consultation process is for us to consider all the feedback from the Parent Survey, along with any submissions raised in the Virtual meetings. Any following amendments to our RSE policy and curriculum content will then be communicated to all parents accordingly.

We are appreciative of all feedback and very much want to work in partnership with our parents' views on such an important aspect of our curriculum.

In the meantime, for any parents who were unable to attend the meetings, the current policy, curriculum content and video resources are available to access on the school website (see link below). Should any parent have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[Parent Information RSE Webpage](#)

Class Photographs Tuesday 11th May



Class group photographs will be taken on Tuesday 11th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers (Reception to Year 6).

PLEASE NOTE: As Tuesday is Year 3's usual PE day we would request that the children come to school in the full summer school uniform and bring their PE kits into school to change into prior to their lesson. Thank you.

Children will remain within their class bubbles at all times. All appropriate PPE and sanitisation will be used during the photography sessions, as per our protective measures for COVID-19.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Tuesday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Due to the on-going pandemic, unfortunately if your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, we will be unable to invite parents/carers in the school to take part in the group photograph. If you would like to book an additional session for this day, please speak to your child's keyworker to check availability. Additional sessions will be charged at the usual rate.

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

Reception Class Mini Beast Hunt in Devonshire Field Wednesday 12th May



As part of the Reception Class new topic "Mini Beasts" the children will be going on a walk to Devonshire Field (weather dependant) on the hunt for mini beasts on Wednesday 12th May in the morning.

Children should wear their school uniform including blazers together with a suitable waterproof coat and sensible shoes or wellingtons.

All children will be taking part in this exciting activity, however, should you wish you child not to participate please email the school office (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk) no later than 9am on Wednesday 12th May.

Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Sessions Wednesday 12th May & Wednesday 26th May



The Year 3 children had a fantastic afternoon at the beach this week on their first session of outdoor learning as part of their cross-curricular topic on "The Romans". They will be going to the beach again on the following dates:

Session 2 – Wednesday 12th May

Session 3 – Wednesday 26th May

Click on the following link for information on what the children will need to wear and bring with them on the session days: [Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Sessions](#)

Wirral Grammar Schools Virtual Open Days for Year 5 Pupils



Parents of children in Year 5 who are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools in September 2022 may attend the virtual open events as listed below:

Wirral Grammar School for Boys: Monday 10th May at 18:30
www.wirralgrammarboys.com

Calday Grange Grammar School: Tuesday 11th May 18:30
www.calday.co.uk

West Kirby Grammar School: Wednesday 12th May 18:30
www.wkgs.org

Wirral Grammar School for Girls: Thursday 13th May 18:30
www.wirralgirls.co.uk

Parents who wish their child to take the 11+ assessment in September 2021 (for admission in September 2022) must return the Assessment Request Form to Wirral Local Authority by **31st May 2021**. Forms will be available at the beginning of May 2021 from Wirral Borough Council.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 10th May 2021.



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli, Rice & Nachos
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

Wirral Children's NHS Vision & Hearing Screening – Reception Class Children Monday 17th May



Wirral Children's NHS staff will be coming into school on the afternoon of Monday 17th May to complete the vision and hearing screening of the Reception class children. NHS consent forms will be sent home in due course prior to the screening

Science Week Reception to Year 6

Week Commencing Monday 24th May



During the week beginning Monday 24th May, Avalon will be celebrating Science Week.

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in their own exciting scientific enquiries throughout the week, leading up to a Science Fair on Friday afternoon, all linked to the topic of 'Innovation for the Future'.

Within the topic 'Innovation for the Future' the children will be focusing on the following areas:

- Reception – Growth and Change
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Food
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Clothes
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Energy

To begin with, the children will discover what the words 'innovation' and 'invention' mean. They will be provided with a Special Inventor's Box that will encase clues and ideas on what their enquiry will be based on.

Continuing on through the week, from their own discussion and research, they will create an enquiry question to investigate linked to their focus above and using the range of resources available. Each class will be given time to conduct their investigation, creating an example of their product to test out.

Finally, they will use their new scientific understanding and skills to produce a presentation on their findings and conclusions, that will be displayed for the whole school in our Avalon Science Fair.

We are sure that the children will bring energy and enthusiasm to each part of this exciting week and conclude with a sense of achievement and new scientific knowledge.

May Half Term Break

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June



We will be closed for our May Half Term Break on Friday 28th May and reopening to the children on Monday 7th June at the usual time.

Please NO Fidget Toys



We are aware that a number of children are bringing "fidget toys" from home into school. A small number of children can benefit from these as they can be a support to children with specific needs. However, as they have become more widespread, they have caused some issues within classes so we would ask that children **do not bring them into school** unless they have been specifically provided for children by school staff.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curriculum clubs commence as follows:

Day	Club	Time
Monday	Reception Multi-Skills Year 3 Dodgeball	3pm-3.30pm 3.40pm-4.40pm
Wednesday	Year 1 Multi-Skills Year 4 Multi-Skills	3pm-3.30pm 3.40pm-4.40pm
Thursday	Year 5 VR Club	3.40pm-4.30pm
Friday	Year 1 Speech & Drama Year 3 Speech & Drama Year 4 Speech & Drama Year 5 Speech & Drama	Breaktime Breaktime Lunchtime Breaktime

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to run any other clubs this term. Hopefully, we will be able to offer more varied extra-curricular activities in the new academic year.

If any children from the above year groups would still like to join Speech & Drama, please contact the school office (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

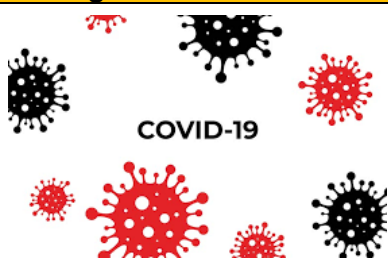
Sunscreen



As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, we would ask that parents apply sunscreen to their children prior to attending school each morning, especially exposed areas such as face, arms, and legs. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please also ensure that children have a refillable water bottle each today to keep them hydrated.

Arrangements for the Summer Term 2021



The Department for Education updated its operational guidance for Schools on 26th March. Arrangements at Avalon for the summer term will continue to follow the DfE guidance.

- Drop Off and Collection arrangements will continue to be staggered in the same way as they have been during the Spring Term, until further notice.
- Children will wear their Summer Uniform as normal, with the exception of PE days, when they should come to school in their PE kits to avoid changing in school.
- Children will continue to be in distinct 'bubble groups' wherever possible, to reduce the risk of transmission.
- School will continue to follow the system of controls as advised by Public Health England
- Educational day visits may resume following 12th April, subject to stringent risk assessment, however residential visits are not currently permissible.
- Wraparound & Before & After School Club (Childcare) will continue to run with same timings as in the Spring term. (8am-8.30am and 3pm to 5.30pm)
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school site, unless by prior arrangement by appointment.

Further details will be confirmed to parents prior to the start of term (Updated Parent Handbook) all arrangements are subject to change.

Safer Road Watch Team



The Safer Road Watch Team has been in touch with School regarding their concerns over the speed of car along Caldý Road and the safety implications involved. We have been asked to make our whole school community aware that a group of vetted volunteers will shortly be issued with handheld speed radar guns and will be operating speed checks along Caldý Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldý Road, something that we have been campaigning for too.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times



Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you.

Drop off and pick up from the main entrance on Caldý Road.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Pick-up Time
Nursery	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Pre School	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Reception	8.55am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:55am	3:00pm
Year 2	8.50am	3:10pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.30pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.35am	3.40pm
Year 6	8.30am	3.45pm

Reception Class Places September 2021



There are still Reception class places available for Pre-School children. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

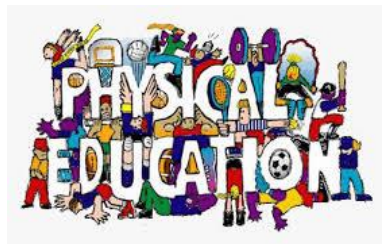


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

Please could we ask that all parents and carers ensure that they do follow the staggered timings (as above) to help us manage drop off and collection of all children in the safest way possible.

**This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.

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. As the weather is still chilly, we would request that the children wear either their school joggers or a pair on plain black jogger/leggings rather than shorts or skirts. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designated PE kit days.

Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

Breaktime Healthy Snacks



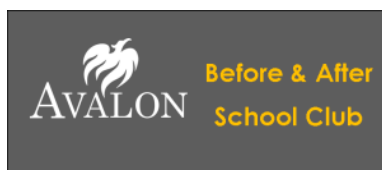
We have noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Before & After School Childcare Provision



Before School Club is available from 8am for all eligible children attending school during the partial closure. After School Club is available from 3pm (infants) / 3.30pm (Juniors) until 5.30pm. Late collections for any children (including Nursery and Pre-School Wraparound) will incur an additional charge.

The routines and procedures for dropping off at Before School Club and collecting from After School Club will continue as the autumn term arrangements. **On arrival, please press the buzzer at the gate for assistance, your child(ren) will then be brought down to meet you at the gate.**

Class Website Pages

Class Web Pages



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children are doing in school:

Nursery & Pre-School	Reception	Year 1
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Year 5	Year 6	Before & After School

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

Water Bottle



So that children can stay hydrated throughout the day and for health and safety reasons please ensure that your child brings to school each day a named refillable water bottle. Avalon School water bottles are available from the school for £2.00 each. If you would like to purchase a water bottle, please email the school office, schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk.

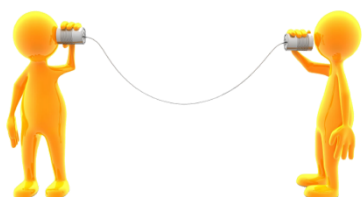
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

Face Coverings



Can we please remind parents/carers that, in accordance with current government guidance and Wirral Local Authority Director of Public Health, we would kindly ask that face coverings are worn when collecting and dropping off your children at school, unless special exemptions apply.

Lines of Communication



We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **Please note that teaching staff will endeavour to respond to emails by the next school day, however teaching staff will not respond to emails during weekends or holiday periods. For all other non-academic queries and concerns, please email the school office: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

	Year Group	Email Address
	Nursery & Pre-School	EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk
	Reception	Reception@avalon-school.co.uk
	Year 1	Year1@avalon-school.co.uk
	Year 2	Year2@avalon-school.co.uk
	Year 3 & Year 4	Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk
	Year 5 & Year 6	Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform



All the current stock of Pre-Loved Uniform is now listed on the Avalon PTA Facebook. If there is anything specific you need, please leave a comment on the page, or drop an email to uniformpta@gmail.com and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. So far this term **we have raised over £200** for the PTA which is great! Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more uniform donations at the moment, but we will review this in the New Year.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below <http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

We are aware of some PE items and the girl's pinafore are being discontinuing. Please be assured that we are working closely with our suppliers to find some suitable alternatives. We will keep parents updated and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



Year 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 th April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half-Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Ends	Tuesday 13 th July 2021 – Normal Finish Time

Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Half-Term	Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Ends	Tuesday 14 th December 2021 –

		12 noon Finish
	Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	
Half-Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022	
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022 – Normal Finish Time	
	Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022	
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022	
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022	
Half-Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022	
Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
MAY 2021	
Tuesday 11 th	Class Photographs
Wednesday 12 th	Reception Mini Beasts Hunt in Devonshire Field
	Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session
Monday 17 th	Reception Class Vision & Hearing Screening
Week Commencing Monday 24 th May	Reception to Year 6 Science Week
Wednesday 26 th	Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session
Friday 28 th	School Closes for the Summer Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Half Term Break
JUNE 2021	
Monday 7 th	Children Return to School



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

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