



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

64

60

52

75

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2869

2664

2899

2867

Merit Badges

Reception		FS		
Year 1				SMc
Year 2			LO	
Year 3			HK	
Year 4		DB		
Year 5	RW		EB	
Year 6				EMc JW

Achievement Certificates



Reception	EM
Year 1	AC
Year 2	AF
Year 3	FMc
Year 4	LE
Year 5	
Year 6	SH FW

Headteacher's Award



Year 4 HE
EP
Year 6 SP

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2 EU
Year 3 & Year 4 GR
Year 5 & Year 6 NJ

Certificates



IW



MMc
RP
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JG
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Golden Table

Rec
Y3

Y1
Y4
Y6
Golden Table will return next week

Y2
Y5

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Reception to Year 6 Rise to the Challenge Day



Well what a buzz of excitement there was around the school on Monday for our Rise to the Challenge Day.

A day of exhilarating inter-house competition, we had courageous climbing, awesome archery, speedy spike ball and taxing team building. All of the children had an amazing day generously funded by our wonderful PTA.

The House Cup was jointly won by St George and St Patrick.



For more photo of our exciting day please click on the link – [Rise to the Challenge Day.](#)

Year 3 to Year 6 Enterprise Week



The children in Year 3 to Year 6 this week have been developing their knowledge and understanding of different types of job during our Enterprise Week. They have learnt about how to manage money, how to spend money on design and making products culminating in our Avalon Marketplace today. Each class has created their stall to sell their products.

The children have been competing for:

- Most profit raised award
- Best teamwork award
- Most innovative product award
- Most eco friendly award

Winners will be announced next week!



Our young entrepreneurs have enjoyed an exciting week filled with lots of fun and life-long learning skills.

Take a look at the class webpage for more information:

[Year 3 – Pattern Plant Pots](#)

[Year 4 – Dreamy Door Decorations](#)

[Year 5 – Jars of Happiness & Sokz](#)

[Year 6 – Reuse & Recycle](#)

Important Reminder Break Time 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.

We have also 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. These snacks are not appropriate to brought into school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Click on the link for the letter sent to parents from Mrs Callaway regarding [Food Allergies Etc.](#)

Waiting to Collect



Please could we kindly remind parents to wait outside school along the sandstone wall to ensure the pavement is not blocked for other uses.

It is particularly important for COVID reasons (particularly given that local case numbers are rising) that parents are advised not to gather around the school gates area to chat once they have collected or dropped off their child/ren, but it is also imperative that we are very mindful of safety of all road and pavement users in our local community. Please also remember face masks, unless exempt.

Many thanks as always for your support and understanding.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 21st June 2021.



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chicken Goujons & Crispy Cubes
Pudding	Vanilla Sponge Cake

Transition from Pre School to Reception



Parents have been sent a letter and email about our transition sessions for Pre School to Reception this term.

Please contact the school office if you have any further queries or concerns and we will be happy to assist you.

New Reception Parent Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th June at 5.30pm. Please email the school office to confirm attendance.

New PE Kit Launched on Uniformity Website Monday 28th July



As you may be aware some of our current PE kit items have been discontinued. Over the past few months, we have been working closely with our uniform supplier, Uniformity to find suitable alternatives.

We are delighted to inform you that we are now ready to launch our new PE kit which will be available to order online from Monday 28th June 2021.

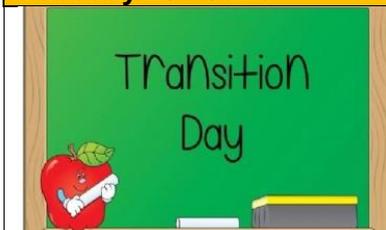
<https://www.uniformityschools.com/collections/avalon-school>

Please note that there may be a slightly longer delivery time than usual on the new PE items for the next couple of weeks until all stocks are received at Uniformity.

To help with the transition from one kit to another the current PE kit can continue to be worn by the children for the next academic year 2021-2022. We would hope that all children will have the new kit in readiness of the following academic year 2022-2023.

Uniformity will be selling off the limited stock of the current PE kit at a 50% discounted rate should you wish to take advantage of this.

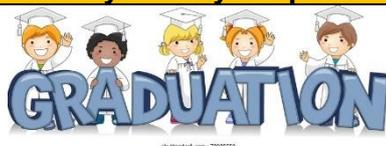
Whole School Transition Afternoon Tuesday 29th June



The children will be spending the afternoon with their new form teacher in preparation for September 2021. Children will stay within their class bubbles at all times.

Form teacher and staffing details for September 2021 will be shared with parents very soon.

Pre-School Graduation Monday 5th July at 2pm



The children in Pre-School will be graduating from Pre-School on Monday 5th July at 2pm. Please note this is a ticketed event – tickets will be sent home next week.

Due to current government guidance and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally we will be strictly limiting attendance to 2 persons per family with no concessions. Children will remain in class bubbles at all times. Parents will have designated seating areas which will be strictly in class bubbles and no mixing of bubbles will be permitted.

Parents will be expected to wear a mask at all times while attending the event, unless you are exempt, and asked to make use of the hand sanitiser on entering the school site. Parents should arrive at 1.50pm for a prompt 2pm start. Children who do not usually attend Pre-School on a Monday should arrive at 1.50pm also.

Children will need to leave with their parents immediately following the event. The children will be dismissed to parents by their key workers.

The graduation ceremony will take place outdoors on the playground, weather dependant. We will, of course, endeavour to inform parents approximately 24 hours prior to the ceremony should we need to cancel the event due to bad weather. Should we need to cancel we will move the ceremony into the school hall; unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents into the school building, we will however record the ceremony and share it with parents online.

Infant Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration (Reception to Year 2) Tuesday 6th July at 2pm



The Infant Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children in Reception to Year 2 will take place on Tuesday 6th July at 2pm. Please note this is a ticketed event – tickets will be sent home next week.

Due to current government guidance and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally we will be strictly limiting attendance to 2 persons per family with no concessions. Children will remain in class bubbles at all times. Parents will have designated seating areas which will be strictly in class bubbles and no mixing of bubbles will be permitted.

Parents will be expected to wear a mask at all times while attending the event, unless you are exempt, and asked to make use of the hand sanitiser on entering the school site.

Reception class parents should arrive at 1.45pm
Year 1 class parents should arrive at 1.50pm

Year 2 class parents should arrive at 1.55pm

Please ensure you arrive at the correct time for your child's class.

Children will need to leave with their parents / carers, immediately following the event. The children will be dismissed to parents by their class teacher in their bubbles.

The Achievement awards event will take place outdoors on the playground, weather dependant. We will, of course, endeavour to inform parents approximately 24 hours prior to the ceremony should we need to cancel the event due to bad weather. Should we need to cancel, we will move the ceremony into the school hall; unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents into the school building, we will however record the ceremony and share it with parents online.

Year 3 & Year 4 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration **Wednesday 7th July at 2pm**



The Year 3 and Year 4 Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children will take place on Wednesday 7th July at 2pm. Please note this is a ticketed event – tickets will be sent home next week.

Due to current government guidance and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally we will be strictly limiting attendance to 2 persons per family with no concessions. Children will remain in class bubbles at all times. Parents will have designated seating areas which will be strictly in class bubbles and no mixing of bubbles will be permitted.

Parents will be expected to wear a mask at all times while attending the event, unless you are exempt, and asked to make use of the hand sanitiser on entering the school site.

Year 3 class parents should arrive at 1.50pm

Year 4 class parents should arrive at 1.55pm

Please ensure you arrive at the correct time for your child's class.

Children will need to leave with their parents immediately following the event. The children will be dismissed to parents by their class teacher.

The Achievement awards event will take place outdoors on the playground, weather dependant. We will, of course, endeavour to inform parents approximately 24 hours prior to the ceremony should we need to cancel the event due to bad weather. Should we need to cancel we will move the ceremony into the school hall; unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents into the school building, we will however record the ceremony and share it with parents online.

Year 5 & Year 6 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration and **Year 6 Leavers Celebration** **Monday 12th July at 2pm**



The Year 5 and Year 6 Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children will take place on Monday 12th July at 2pm. Please note this is a ticketed event – tickets will be sent home next week.

Due to current government guidance and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally we will be strictly limiting attendance to 2 persons per family with no concessions. Children will remain in class bubbles at all times. Parents will have designated seating areas which will be strictly in class bubbles and no mixing of bubbles will be permitted.

Parents will be expected to wear a mask at all times while attending the event, unless you are exempt, and asked to make use of the hand sanitiser on entering the school site.

Year 5 class parents should arrive at 1.50pm
Year 6 class parents should arrive at 1.55pm

Please ensure you arrive at the correct time for your child's class

Children will need to leave with their parents immediately following the event. The children will be dismissed to parents by their class teacher.

The Achievement awards and Leavers' event will take place outdoors on the playground, weather dependant. We will, of course, endeavour to inform parents approximately 24 hours prior to the ceremony should we need to cancel the event due to bad weather. Should we need to cancel we will move the ceremony into the school hall; unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents into the school building, we will however record the ceremony and share it with parents online.

Year 6 Fun Day Tuesday 13th July

The word 'FUNDAY' is written in large, colorful, block letters. Each letter is a different color: F (blue), U (green), N (red), D (orange), A (purple), Y (yellow).

The Year 6 will have their leavers fun day on Tuesday 13th July. More details to follow shortly.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

Please following the link to a letter from [Uniformity](#) regarding summer orders.

PTA Committee Needs You

A graphic with the text 'PTA school' in large letters. Surrounding it are smaller words: 'children', 'communication', 'committee', 'fundraising', 'pupils', 'staff', 'parents', 'rewarding', 'events', 'organisation', 'ideas', 'teachers'.

We need you!

We want to make sure that the PTA Committee has representatives from all classes - Nursery through to Year 6. Whilst the past year has meant we have been unable to hold face to face meetings, we do try to meet once a term to organise events and help to raise funds to support the School. As you will be aware, our current aim is to raise money to buy 10 more iPads for the School. If you are interested in joining us, please email the School Office (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

Click on the link below for our latest newsletter: [PTA Newsletter](#)

Pre-Loved Uniform

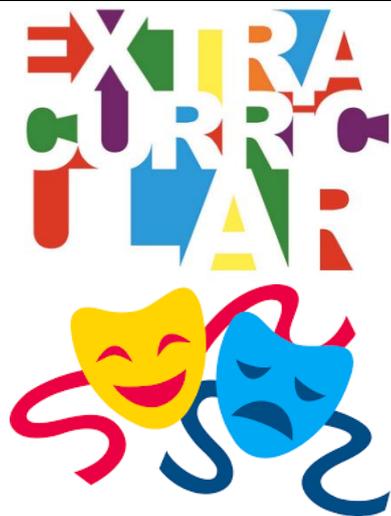


Thank you for your continuing support of Pre-Loved, which has meant we have raised **over £250** during the year. If you have any requests for uniform, please email on uniformpta@gmail.com or leave a comment under a post on the Facebook page. We are now in a position to accept donations, but please can 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

Black PE Sweatshirts/Shorts/Skorts/Joggers
 Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
 Yellow PE Polo Shirts
 Tunics/Summer Dresses
 Please leave with the School Office - thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:

Day	Club	Time
Monday	Reception Multi-Skills	3pm-3.30pm
	Year 3 Dodgeball	3.40pm-4.40pm
Wednesday	Year 1 Multi-Skills	3pm-3.30pm
	Year 4 Multi-Skills	3.40pm-4.40pm
Thursday	Year 5 VR Club	3.40pm-4.30pm
Friday	Year 1 Speech & Drama	Breaktime
	Year 3 Speech & Drama	Breaktime
	Year 4 Speech & Drama	Lunchtime
	Year 5 Speech & Drama	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. Children may also bring to school a sun hat to wear at break times. Thank you for your co-operation.

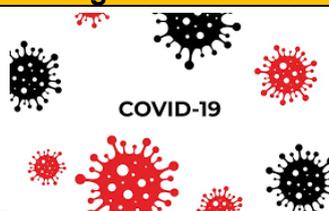
Please also ensure that children have a refillable water bottle each today to keep them hydrated.

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.

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. (7.45am- 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm)
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school site, unless by prior arrangement by appointment.

Please note, 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 Caldly 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 Caldly Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldly 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 Caldly 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

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

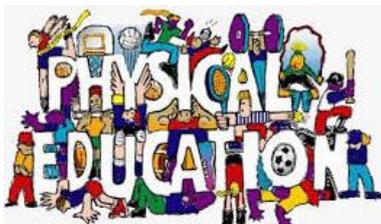


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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.

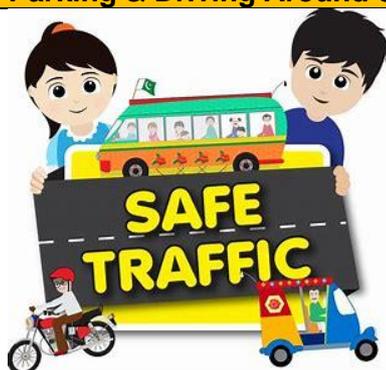
PE Days



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 skorts. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days.

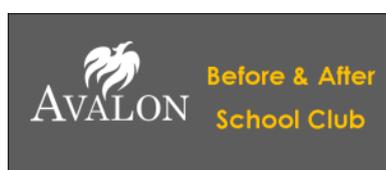
Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

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 6pm from 7th June. 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**

assistances, 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 logos, 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

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 2 nd May 2022
	Half-Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022
	Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2021

Tuesday 29th Whole School Transition Afternoon
New Reception Class Parent Information Meeting at 5.30pm

JULY 2021

Monday 5th Pre-School Graduation at 2pm
Tuesday 6th Infant Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration at 2pm
End of Year Reports sent home to parents
Wednesday 7th Year 3 & Year 4 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration at 2pm
Monday 12th Year 5 & Year 6 Achievement Awards & Year 6 Leavers Celebration at 2pm
Tuesday 13th Year 6 Fun Day

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



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