



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

111

115

92

86

#### Total House Points for the Year To-date

2000

1892

2048

2061

#### Merit Badges

Reception	EM			
Year 1		AC		
Year 2	CS			
Year 3	ME			
Year 4			CO	
Year 5		SB		TZ
Year 6			EP	SP

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	FC
Year 1	SS
Year 2	NS
Year 3	FS
Year 4	DB
Year 5	RC
	GF
	ML
Year 6	AD
	SJ
	IP
	AR

## Headteacher's Award



Year 2 LO

Year 6 IP

## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 AW

Year 3 & Year 4 AG

Year 5 & Year 6 TW

## Certificates



EW



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## Golden Table

Rec  
Y3

FPS  
OS

Y1  
Y4  
Y6

EU  
HE  
IMcK

Y2  
Y5

HL  
RC

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Welcome Back



Welcome back to school after the Easter break, we hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing break, filled with lots of fun family time and of course, chocolate!

As the country starts to come out of lockdown, we are hoping to pack more and more into this summer term. Keep up-to-date with our newsletter.

### RSE Policy Review and Parent Survey



Mrs Callaway emailed a letter to parents this week in connection with school's approach to delivering the RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) curriculum. With this in mind we have been reviewing our RSE provision which will be taught during the next half term (week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021) to ensure that it is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special education needs and disabilities

Follow the link to read and find out more about the school's current RSE policy and curriculum content for each year group [Avalon RSE Policy](#)

As part of our review process, we would like to consult with parents, to inform our decisions on when and how certain curriculum content is covered in school. Based on the feedback from our consultation survey, we will make any necessary adjustments to our current RSE policy and curriculum content and inform parents of any changes.

Parents will be invited to a virtual parents information meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (4-5pm) to find out more about what the children will learn, view materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child at home.

To participate in the consultation survey please click on the link below: [RSE Parent Survey - April 2021](#)

The survey will close on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mrs Callaway's full letter can be found by clicking on the following link: [RSE Letter](#)

### 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

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.

### Speech & Drama Club Summer Term



Speech & Drama Club will commence next week on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April during the school day (breaktime and lunchtime) as follows:

Year 1 during morning breaktime  
Year 3 during morning breaktime  
Year 4 during lunchtime  
Year 5 during morning breaktime

The Speech & Drama fee letter has been sent home to those parents who have requested a place for their child. Please make payment directly to Ravanne Hamer using the bank details on the letter. Thank you.

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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk))

Unfortunately, we are unable to run Speech & Drama for Year 2 and Year 6 as there was not enough interest to make the sessions viable. Hopefully, we will be able to run the club for all year groups in the Autumn Term.

## Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



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

### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chicken Goujons, Chips and Beans
Pudding	Chocolate Cake

## 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.

## Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 3 children to the beach at Cubbins Green which will form part of a cross curricular element their humanities topic this term, "The Romans". The children will also be learning about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their experience.

The sessions will take place on the following days:

Session 1 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Session 2 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Session 3 – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## May Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> May at 18:30  
[www.wirralgrammarboys.com](http://www.wirralgrammarboys.com)

**Calday Grange Grammar School:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 18:30  
[www.calday.co.uk](http://www.calday.co.uk)

**West Kirby Grammar School:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 18:30  
[www.wkgs.org](http://www.wkgs.org)

**Wirral Grammar School for Girls:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 18:30  
[www.wirralgirls.co.uk](http://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 **31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**. Forms will be available at the beginning of Mat 2021 from Wirral Borough Council.

## Class Photographs Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May



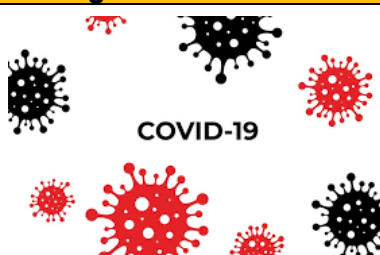
Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the morning. More details will be shared with parents in due course.

## May Half Term Break Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June



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

## Arrangements for the Summer Term 2021



The Department for Education updated its operational guidance for Schools on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Caldy 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 Caldy Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldy 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 Caldy 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

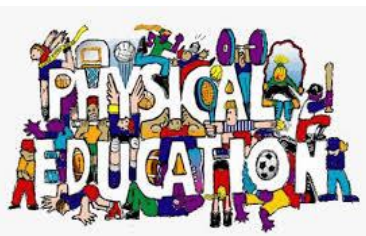


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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 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 designated PE kit days.

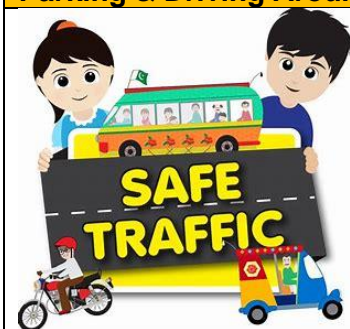
Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

### Breaktime Healthy Snacks



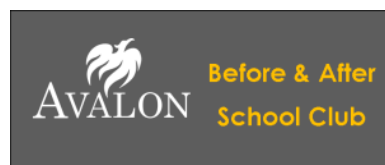
We have noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps and other sugary snacks. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for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

<a href="#">Nursery &amp; Pre-School</a>	<a href="#">Reception</a>	<a href="#">Year 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 2</a>	<a href="#">Year 3</a>	<a href="#">Year 4</a>
<a href="#">Year 5</a>	<a href="#">Year 6</a>	<a href="#">Before &amp; After School</a>

## 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

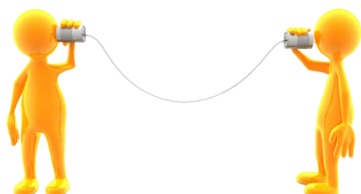
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

## 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	<a href="mailto:EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk">EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Reception	<a href="mailto:Reception@avalon-school.co.uk">Reception@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:Year1@avalon-school.co.uk">Year1@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:Year2@avalon-school.co.uk">Year2@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 3 & Year 4	<a href="mailto:Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk">Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 5 & Year 6	<a href="mailto:Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk">Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk</a>

## 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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time

### Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
Half-Term	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>
Ends	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Half-Term	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
Ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</b>
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Normal Finish Time



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### APRIL 2021

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	RSE Parent Consultation Survey Closes Today

#### MAY 2021

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 11	Class Photographs
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Summer Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term Break

#### JUNE 2021

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children Return to School
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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