



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

110

104

73

100

Total House Points for the Year To-date

347

311

267

298

Merit Badges

Reception

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Year 2

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Achievement Certificates



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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Individual and Sibling Photographs Thursday 30th September



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 30th September in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also. Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, 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.

All children in Year 5, Netball club and Yoga club, must come into school wearing their Winter uniform and they will then change into their PE kit after their photograph has been taken.

European Language Week Monday 27th September to Monday 4th October



Next week is European language week. In assembly at the beginning of the week. Each class from Reception to Year 6, will find out which European country they have been given to investigate and find out more about.

A special lunch to celebrate European Languages Day will take place on Monday 4th October, following the sharing assembly, with taster samples of food from some of the countries being studied.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation – E-consent Friday 12th November



Wirral NHS will be offering all children from reception to year 6 a flu nasal spray immunisation on Friday 12th November, in school. Parents who wish for their child to have the immunisation must complete an online consent form.

You can now provide electronic-consent (e-Consent) for **all** your child's vaccinations with a click of a button, using your mobile phone, computer, laptop or tablet.

So how does the process work?

- the form is simple and easy to complete
- once you've completed the form click 'submit'
- you'll receive an email to confirm the form has been received securely
- the Trust's Immunisation Team will receive your child's form via a secure portal
- if you've consented, your child will have their vaccine in school.

Each school has a unique code to access the consent, please see your child's school code below.

SCHOOL: Avalon
CODE: WC105122

Grammar School Parent Information Meeting Year 5 Monday 27th September at 5.30pm. In the School Hall



We would like to invite all parents to an information meeting on Monday 27th September 2021 at 5.30pm in the school hall. During the meeting we will be discussing preparation for the Wirral Grammar Schools (West Kirby, Calday and Wirral Grammars) and the schools of special character (Upton Hall and St Anselm's).

Areas to be discussed will be preparation for the assessments, what areas the examinations will assess and the application process both for sitting the assessments and for places at a particular school. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and have a look at some sample papers for the assessments.

Please click on the link for more information [Grammar School Information Meeting](#)

Oxford Reading Buddy



It has been brought to our attention that there have been some problems with logging on and accessing books on the Oxford Reading Buddy website. We have been informed by Oxford Reading Buddy that there are issues with accessing their website using Apple devices (ie iPads, iPhones or Mac computers). They have ensured us that they are working on resolving this problem.

We apologise on their behalf for any inconvenience this has caused.

Mathletics Reception to Year 6



As we have done in previous years and as part of our maths curriculum, children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to access the Mathletics website using their unique code.

Mathletics offers a fun and interactive format to motivate children. Both 'practice in the curriculum' and 'Live Mathletics', used regularly, can consolidate learning. In order for children to benefit the most from the program, it is recommended that children use it for up to 1 hour each week. It is also recommended that this is done in short 20 minute bursts rather than prolonged usage. School staff will be monitoring usage and have the ability to send motivational messages to the children.

Please click on the link for more information: [Mathletics Letter](#)

LAMDA EXAM for all Speech & Drama Club pupils



The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art examination board is internationally acclaimed, it forms one of the largest Theatre Schools in London, and it is recognised for Acting, Public Speaking and Musical Theatre. To enter the examination the children will learn a poem by memory and have a brief discussion about a favourite toy, photograph or book (dependant on grade) with the examiner.

All children will receive written feedback and a certificate from the examination. The aim of the examination is to help improve your child's skills at presenting and performing; therefore, this is an enjoyable experience with a friendly atmosphere. Children will be escorted to the examination room within the school day and the exam will take no longer than 15 minutes. The LAMDA examiner will be complying with The Avalon schools Covid 19 safety measures.

Please click on the link for more information [LAMDA Exam Information](#)

Beach School Session



The Year 3 are having a fabulous time during their sessions at the beach. Their next sessions are as below.

Final Date:
Wednesday 29th

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 Beach School information](#)

Beach School Session



The Year 5 are having an amazing time during their sessions at the beach. Their next sessions are as below.

Final Date:
Friday 1st October

Click on the following link for information on what the children will need to wear and bring with them on the session days:

[Year 5 Beach School Information](#)

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 and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

We have also noticed recently that children are bringing in 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.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 27th September 2021



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet and Sour Chicken
Pudding	Apple Crumble and Custard

Macmillan Coffee Morning 1st October



The School Council would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 1st October 2021 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am where refreshments and cake are on offer for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. We kindly ask that cake or biscuits donations are shop bought (and in their original packaging only). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 1st October 2021 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

Please click on the link for more information [Macmillan Coffee Morning Letter](#)

Click on the link to donate to [Macmillan Just Giving Page](#)

Wet Play Bags (Reception to Year 6)



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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Mindfulness	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Yoga	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	12.35pm to 1pm	Y1 and Y2

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Jazz Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 - Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Wednesday	Coding	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 and Y4
	Joseph performance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 and Y4
	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 and Y6
	Chess	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Y3 to Y6

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link [Ballet and Jazz Dance sign up information](#)

Football click on this link [Football sign up information](#)

Drama click on this link [Drama sign up information](#)

For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below

[Key Stage 1 form](#) (Reception to Year 2)

[Key Stage 2 form](#) (Year 3 to Year 6)

Start of 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 8.50am 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.

Late attendance (after 8.50am). 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.

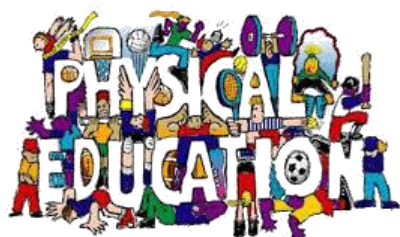
End of the School Day



Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Collection Time	Class	Where to collect your child
At the end of nursery or pre-school session or nursery wraparound	Nursery & Pre School	Main nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Reception	Nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 1	Main school glass entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 2	Nursery entrance doors
3.40pm	Year 3	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 4	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 5	Main school glass entrance
3.40pm	Year 6	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 designated PE kit days

Year Group	Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday

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

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 Caldry 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.

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.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Thank you all for your continued support of Pre Loved Uniform. We are now in a position to take donations. Please note we no longer accept the P.E uniform.

If you can ensure the donations are clean and in good condition and wearable. Please leave donations with the school office.

If you do need any uniform please email uniformpta@gmail.com with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.

Thanks again.

Pre Loved ♥

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 Dates 2021-2022



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

SEPTEMBER

Monday 27 th	European Languages Week
	Grammar School Parents Information Meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 29 th	Year 3 Beach School session
Thursday 30 th	Pupil individual and sibling photographs

OCTOBER

Friday 1 st	Year 5 Beach School session Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 4 th	Mental Wellbeing Week
Friday 15 th	School finishes for half term break at the usual time
Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th	Half term break

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 st	Children return to school at the usual time
Friday 12 th	Flu Immunisation Program – Reception to Year 6
Tuesday 30 th	LAMDA Exam



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

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NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

If you are new to the school or have been part of the Avalon community for a number of years, a very warm welcome from the Avalon PTA. The PTA exists to raise additional funds for extra treats and activities for all our children through a variety of events throughout the year.



We are always looking for new members to join the PTA Committee, especially as from parents of our younger children.

Currently, the PTA is made up of Dr Keri Nixon (Chair and Year 5 parent), Mr John Elliott (Treasurer and Year 4 parent) and Dr Suzy Perry (Secretary and Year 5 parent). In addition, Mrs

Callaway and Mr Ashton attend the meetings to support the PTA's work.

Usually we hold at least one meeting a term to discuss the events we want to put on and look at new ways to raise funds for the School. If you would like to know more about what being on the PTA involves you can contact a committee member or get in touch with Mr Ashton via the school office schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk or martinashton@avalon-school.co.uk

We keep in touch via WhatsApp and email, and ask that we have at least one member from each year group so that information on dates/events etc. can be put on the year's WhatsApp group.

If you are able to offer support to the PTA either through becoming a member of the committee or would be able to help at events as a "Friend of the PTA" then we'd really love to hear from you. Please contact the school office or Mr Ashton via martinashton@avalon-school.co.uk

Thank you very much!

Recent funding

The PTA regularly funds and provides events for the school. These have included the funding of Mathematics. The PTA supports the mathematics programme at school but funding access to



the online mathematics programme for all children from Reception to Year 6.



children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We funded the "Rise To The Challenge" day in May 2021 which saw a huge climbing wall and archery range on the school playgrounds. It was a fantastic day and the

The PTA have also raised funds to allow the School to buy 20 new iPads. The first 10 Apple iPads were purchased at the end of May 2021, and then rolled out during the course of the term to be used by the whole school. The PTA are currently fundraising for the second batch of 10 iPads.



In July 2019, we were thrilled to make a £10,000 donation towards the refurbishment of the EYFS outside play area and the new climbing frame, which has proved a huge success.



Pre-Loved Uniform

Mrs Anne-Marie Scott (Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 parent) runs the PTA's pre loved uniform stock where parents can purchase good quality preloved uniform and the proceeds of which are returned to the PTA.

Details of current stock go up on the Avalon School PTA Facebook page and we also try and get a message out on each year group's WhatsApp. If you do have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com.

In terms of donating to Pre Loved, we can only accept the following items - all of which must be wearable and not threadbare, and clean:

Blazers/Black Raincoats

Caps/Hats/Boaters

Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans

Tunics/Summer Dresses

We are also taking nursery and pre-school uniform

Any donations can be left at the school office or with the nursery staff.

Upcoming events

Hallowe'en movie night

Thursday 14th October. Doors open at 5.15pm
for movie starting at 5.30pm.
more details to follow soon!

❖ Christmas Fair ❖

Friday 3rd December
3.30pm - 5.30pm.
more details to follow soon!

**Starting
Wednesday
15th September**

**Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child**



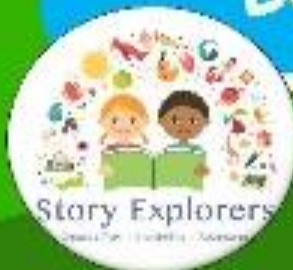
Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



**Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am**



Babies to 5 Years



Guest Session Leaders

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