



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

163

137

179

120

Total House Points for the Year To-date

960

791

819

781

Merit Badges

Reception

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Year 1

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Achievement Certificates



Reception

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Year 1

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Year 4

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Year 6

J S

Headteacher Awards

Year 2

F L



Year 3
Year 5
Year 6

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E B
M L

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2

N P

Year 3 & Year 4

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Year 5 & Year 6

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Golden Table

Rec
Y3

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Y6

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Christmas Card Orders



Thank you to the parents who returned their child's Christmas Card order form. The orders have now been sent and any further that we receive into the office, unfortunately we will no longer be able to process as the deadline for orders has passed.

Year 1 & 2 Walk to the West Kirby War Memorial



As part of their topic on WW1 the children of Year 1 & 2 walked to West Kirby War Memorial yesterday.



Also, a massive thank you for all the donations to this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Due to parents evening appointments the following clubs will NOT be on:

Wednesday 17th November – Joseph
Thursday 18th November - Netball
Friday 19th November - Chess

These clubs will be on:

Monday 15th November – Football, Ballet & Jazz Dance
Friday 19th November – Drama

Antibullying week

Monday 15th to Friday 19th November

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021

NEW THEME
ANNOUNCED



ONE
KIND
WORD

The week commencing Monday 15th November is Antibullying week and this year's theme is 'One Kind Word'.

We will also be selling Anti-Bullying Alliance wristbands from the school office for £1 each all proceeds being donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Click on the link for our [Antibullying Week and Odd Sock Day Letter](#)



We will be holding an Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November to promote Anti-Bullying Week. We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1, which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Chester Zoo

Thursday 18th November



An educational visit to Chester Zoo has been booked for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The cost of the trip will be £18.00 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the zoo and an educational workshop. If any children have Zoo passes, these can be used to gain entry to the zoo, which will reduce the cost of the visit to £8.50. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at The Zoo. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Zoo it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 16th November.

For more information see the [Chester Zoo Trip Letter](#)

Children in Need

Friday 19th November



Friday 19th November is “**Children in Need**” day!

This year’s event is partnering with the popular TV show, ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ so we would like the children to come to school in their own clothes, however they should try to add some sparkles and sequins to their outfits in true ‘Strictly’ style! We will be holding some fun activities and games throughout the day under the ‘Strictly’ theme. Children in Need is an excellent cause, and I am sure that our pupils will enjoy themselves in helping us support it. We would kindly ask for a small donation of £2.00 per child in aid of Children in Need.

For our special Children In Need Breakfast - The kitchen will be open for business at 8.00am to 8.25am on the day. For a suggested minimum donation of £5.00, they will be serving breakfast batches with bacon or sausage or cheese on toast and a drink or a Grab-n-Go breakfast of a Danish and a drink.

Click on the link to find out more: [Children in Need](#)

Raffle Tickets



The school council will be going to each classroom on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th to sell raffle tickets for Children in Need. The raffle tickets are 20p each and the children can purchase multiple raffle tickets but there will not be any change available. We kindly ask that the children please have the correct money.

Parents Evening Consultation Meetings 8th November and 15th November 2021



The booking system for parents evening appointments has now closed. If you do require an appointment or to amend your appointment then please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Nursery	Key Worker – Jackie Duffy Key Worker – Mandy Elliott Key Worker – Lucy Hunt	Monday 15 th November 2021 Wednesday 17 th November 2021 Wednesday 17 th November 2021
Pre-School	Key Worker – Julie Bache Key Worker – Jo Rice	Monday 15 th November 2021 Tuesday 16 th November 2021
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Friday 19 th November 2021
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Wednesday 17 th November 2021

[Parents Evening Online Consultations Letter](#)

Adventure Playground Equipment



The adventure playground equipment is currently out of commission. We would kindly ask parents/carers not to allow their children to use the playground equipment at the end of the school day or after collecting from After School Club at this time.

Christmas Decoration Competition



Our Christmas Bauble competition opens on Monday 15th November. Look out for more information next week.

PTA Christmas Fair Friday 3rd December 2021



We do hope that you can join us at this year's PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December 2021.

To make the fair a success we need your help. Please can you donate any of the following:

- Chocolate bars or box of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola
- Bottles (from spirits to shampoo, wine to water) for the Bottle Tombola
- Filled mugs (fill a spare mug from home with goodies such as sweets, toys, stationery, hair accessories etc) for the Mug Tombola
- Prizes for the Raffle

Donations can be brought to the school office from Monday 29th November. Please do not bring donations prior to this date as school has very limited storage space available.

Story House Theatre – Oliver Twist Thursday 9th December



We have booked for all children in Years 3 to Year 6 to go and see a stage production of Oliver Twist at Storyhouse Theatre, Chester On Thursday 9th December.

The cost of the trip will be £16.50 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. We would ask that you send children with their Avalon water bottle and a healthy snack to eat during the interval.

The coach will be leaving at 9:15am and will return to school in time for lunchtime. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform.

For more information, see the [Story House Theatre Letter](#)



We are delighted for Mrs Creedon, as she has shared the news with us that she is expecting a baby.

All being well, Mrs Creedon will be commencing her Maternity Leave following the end of the Spring term and we will update parents on the school's arrangements for covering Mrs Creedon's maternity cover, in due course.

I am sure that you will join us in congratulating Mrs Creedon and wishing her well for her pregnancy and the safe arrival of baby Creedon.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 15th November



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Sweet and Sour Chicken
Pudding	Chocolate Cake

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.

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.

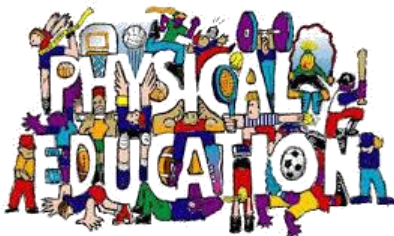
End of the School Day



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 designed PE kit days

Year Group	Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday

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

We would like to draw your attention to an additional staff training day on Friday 27th May 2022. As you are probably aware we usually have two staff training days at the start of the academic year, however we had one training day this September and therefore we have booked the reserved training day on Friday 27th May 2022.

Autumn Term 2021	
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 2022	
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 2022	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 th May 2022
Half-Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 th September 2022
Half-Term	Monday 17th October to Friday 28th October 2022
Ends	Tuesday 13 th December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Half-Term	Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 st March April 2023 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 th April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1st May 2023
Half-Term	Friday 26th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
Ends	Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 15 th	Christmas Bauble competition opens
Thursday 18 th	Reception to Year 2 Chester Zoo Trip
Monday 29 th	Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly (parents invited) 9.10am and 2pm Christmas Bauble completion closes
Tuesday 30 th	LAMDA Exam

December

Thursday 2 nd	2pm Preschool and Nursery Nativity
Friday 3 rd	3.30 – 5.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 7 th	2pm Infant Nativity

Thursday 9th

Juniors to watch Oliver Twist

Infants Christmas party with Freddie Fantastic

Friday 10th

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th

11.30am: Christmas celebration at St. Bridget's Church – Parents invited.

School finishes at 12:30pm for the Christmas break



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

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Wellbeing Quote of the Week



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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