



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 14th December 2021



School finishes at 12.30pm on Tuesday 14th December and reopens on Wednesday 5th January at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1441

1257

1322

1206

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Merry Christmas and Thank you!



The staff and children would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year!



Thank you for all the generous gifts received. Have a restful break and we will see you all again in January.

Christmas Break

Wednesday 15th December to Tuesday 4th January 2022



School Closes for the Christmas holidays TODAY and re-opens to the children on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the usual time. Before School care provision will be available as usual from 7.45am.

Spring Term 2022 Commences Wednesday 5th January 2022



The children return for the spring term on Wednesday 5th January 2022. We will keep you updated with any new COVID-19 restrictions and guidance in time for the start of the new term.

Spring Term School Fees Reception to Year 6



The spring term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers this week. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the spring term, Wednesday 5th January 2022 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you. Nursery and Pre-School invoices for January will be emailed to parents when we return to school in January.

School Christmas Lunch



Despite having to cancel the Christmas lunch last Friday, our amazing Catering Team pulled it out of the bag yet again as all the children and staff enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday. Three cheers for our fantastic Catering Team! Hip-Hip



Whole School Celebration at St Bridgets



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Christmas service today at St Bridgets. We hope you enjoyed watching the children in the Celebration Service.

Also a BIG thank you for all your support for the Charles Missions Christmas Appeal in donating gifts which were collected from St Bridget's Church following our celebration service.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

If you were unable to send in a donation but would still like to support the Mission in their work supporting local families that may be struggling this Christmas, click on the link below to their just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/charlesthompsons-mission>

Spring Term 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
Wednesday	French	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2

	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Dance	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	12.35pm to 1pm	Y1 & 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
	Tinkercard	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Joseph Performance	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 & Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 & Y4
	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 & 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](#)

Football click on this link [Football Sign Up](#)

Drama Club click on this link [Speech & Drama Sign Up](#)

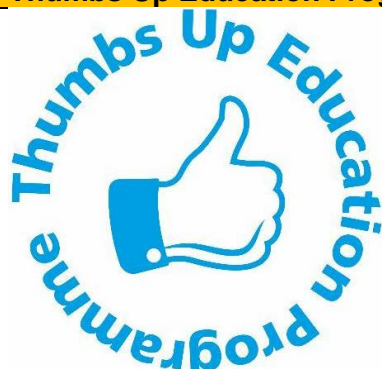
For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below:

[Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form](#) (Reception to Year 2)

[Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form](#) (Year 3 to Year 6)

Year 5

Thumbs Up Education Programme



The Year 5 children will be taking part in the “Thumbs Up” Education essential life skills programme. The sessions are delivered over 6 weeks of one hour sessions. Each session will focus on supporting and developing essential life skills including:

The sessions include:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Understanding Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour
- The Importance of You
- Mind Over Matter
- Living with Happiness and Positivity.

The sessions will commence on Friday 7th January 2022.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th January 2022



Wednesday 5th January

Beef Burgers, Crispy Cubes and Beans

Tuna Pasta Salad

Yogurt and Fruit

Thursday 6th January

Pasta Bolognese with Salad

Beans on Toast

Vanilla Sponge Cake

Friday 7th January

Battered Cod, Chips and Peas

Selection of Sandwiches

Rice pudding

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snack



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.

Arriving Late to School



For safeguarding purposes, can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be late for school, that you bring your child to the school office so we can ensure that your child has been signed in.

Start of the 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.

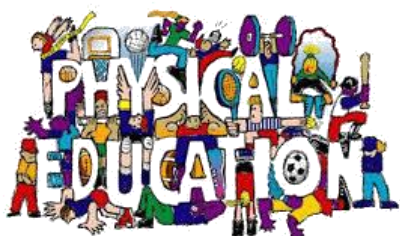
End of the School Day



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	
	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 Caldy 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.

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 ❤️

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:

<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Click on the following link for a list of required uniform items:

[Uniform List - Nursery to Year 6](#)

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 & 2022-2023



Academic 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 – 12:30pm 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	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
	Ends	Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 5 th	Children Return to School Before & After School open as usual
Friday 7 th	Year 5 1 st Thumbs Up Session
Friday 14 th	Year 5 2 nd Thumbs Up Session
Tuesday 18 th	Nasal Flu Vaccine for any children who miss the 1 st round
Friday 21 st	Year 5 3 rd Thumbs Up Session
Friday 28 th	Year 5 4 th Thumbs Up Session
February 2022	
Friday 4 th	Year 5 5 th Thumbs Up Session
Monday 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week commences
Friday 11 th	Year 5 6 th Thumbs Up Session
Tuesday 15 th	M&M Theatre at School – Jungle Book
Friday 18 th	School Close for Half Term
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th	Half Term Break
Monday 28 th	Children Return to School Before & After School open as usual



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

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Wellbeing Quote of the Week



**Last Session for this term is
Wednesday 1st December 2021**



Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



**Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am**



**Returning in the Spring Term
on Wednesday
5th January 2022**

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