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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

185	181	169	143
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Total House Points for the Year To-date

2134	1884	1980	1671
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Merit Badges

Reception			C D
Year 1	E M		
Year 2	S S-S		F L
Year 3			H L
Year 4	H R		
Year 5		D B	C O
Year 6		E W	S S

Achievement Certificates



Reception	M W
Year 1	A K
Year 2	H X
Year 3	A M
Year 4	Z D
	N S
Year 5	D B
	T K
	P B
	L E
	E A
Year 6	I T
	T Z

Headteacher Awards



Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 5

E S
E M
R P
E P
J G
E W

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2 R K
Year 3 & Year 4 H R
Year 5 & Year 6 T K

Golden Table

Rec	A H	Y1	A K	Y2	L M
Y3	A M	Y4	M E	Y5	E W
		Y6	S B		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Outdoor Play Equipment



We were saddened to discover that children had dismantled the den and were playing in the sand after dismissal (despite the cover being put back on at lunch).

Please could we ask parents to not allow their child(ren) to play on the rubberised area of the playground at the end of the school day.

Avalon Schools Special Visitor – Nathan Young



On Friday 28th February Avalon School had a special visitor, a very inspirational young man call Nathan Young who came to speak to the children about his accomplishments in life and as a young deaf swimmer. Nathan was diagnosed with bilateral sensory neural hearing loss at a very young age and wore hearing aids until at the age of 15, when he underwent an operation to have cochlear implants fitted for both ears.

The children enjoyed learning about how Nathan has overcome so many everyday challenges that hearing people often take for granted. Children from each class were given the opportunity to ask Nathan specific questions and to learn that perseverance and resilience are key qualities for success!

To read more about Nathans's visit to Avalon, click the link: [Nathan Young News Item](#)

Pollution Patrol!



Eco Club took our morning assembly on Monday 31st January to discuss the importance of not littering. In meetings, they have been talking about ways we could combat littering and look after our school environment even more. Eco club began by finding some facts about what litter does, especially plastic litter in our oceans. Did you know there is a patch of litter in the Pacific Ocean called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch that is three times the size of France! Also, we dump 5-12 million tonnes (5-12 billion kilograms) of litter in the oceans each year!

Eco Club were really shocked with these facts and decided we need to start in school, so made the announcement to all the children in

school to remember to put all of their rubbish in the bin and not leave it around the school grounds. A super assembly Pollution Patrol!

To read more about our Eco Club, click the link: [Eco Club news item](#)

LAMDA Exam



Huge congratulations to all the Speech and Drama pupils who completed the LAMDA Examinations in November. The results were outstanding! 14 pupils entered the examination which involved memorising poetry and prose and a discussion with the examiner. All the children received glowing reports and every child passed, including a high number of merits and distinction grades too. We are very proud of them!



Parents Evening Face-to-Face Consultations Nursery & Pre-School Week Commencing 14th March 2022 Reception to Year 6 Weeks Commencing 21st and 28th March 2022



Following the easing of the COVID regulations we will be holding this terms parent consultation meetings in school. Meetings will be held in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to see their child's work.

Appointment can be made from **Friday 4th February from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Friday 11th March** for Nursery and Pre-School, and **4pm on Friday 18th March** for Reception to Year 6. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter).

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy	Wednesday 16 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
	Lucy Hunt	Wednesday 16 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
	Mandy Elliott	Thursday 17 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
Pre-School	Julie Bache	Monday 14 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
	Jo Rice	Tuesday 15 th March from 2.30pm to 5.00pm
Reception	Miss Hardy	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

		Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	Tuesday 22 nd March from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 3	Mrs Creedon	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 4	Miss Robertson	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Tuesday 22 nd March from 4.00pm to 6.40pm Wednesday 23 rd March from 4.00pm to 6.50pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Wednesday 30 th March 4.00pm to 5.50pm Thursday 31 st March 4.00pm to 5.40pm

[Parents Evening Consultation Letter and Guide](#)

Transfer from Pre-School to Reception September 2022

Starting School



Our Nursery and Pre-School is a place where children have a memorable and positive start to their educational journey. We believe it is these early years and the primary school years, from the age of 4 to 11, when the educational foundations are laid for everything that follows.

Very young children are curious and enthusiastic; they are learning to learn. Our aim is to harness these qualities in an active, stimulating, happy and secure environment. We nurture children into confident, well prepared and highly motivated learners who will go on to achieve the best for themselves. At the same time, we help them to develop with good manners, self-discipline, honesty and consideration for others, working and playing in a positive and rewarding way. The friendly, secure family atmosphere at Avalon encourages children to become independent learners and caring members of our school community.

You may now be thinking about the next steps for your child into primary school and as a member of our Pre-school class, we would like to offer your child a priority place for Reception in September 2022.

Mrs Callaway would be delighted to show you around the main school so that you can experience for yourself the happy and caring atmosphere that underpins all we do – please call or email Mrs Evans, PA to the Headteacher, annevans@avalon-school.co.uk in our school office, to arrange a visit or talk to your child's key worker.

[Transfer from Pre-School to Reception Letter](#)

Monday 7th February 2022



The children of Year 4 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 7th February 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall.

Due to limited space and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents, we will utilise the following measures:

- Windows and doors will be open during the event to ventilate and improve the air flow in the school hall whilst the event takes place. (You may wish to wear some additional layers of clothing, as the temperature in the Hall may be lower than usual)
- We kindly ask parents / carers to wear a face mask in the school hall communal area (unless exempt). We will make sure that we have some available, should anyone forget to bring one.
- We advise parents and carers to take a rapid lateral flow test prior to attending the event. You can order tests [online](#) or visit a pharmacy. If your test is positive, you should isolate immediately and follow the latest government guidance.
- Please make use of the hand sanitiser on entry and exit from the school hall.
- Entry and exit to the school hall will be via the double doors at the side of the hall, which should be accessed via the Astro turfed playground.
- Doors will open for parents to be seated at 8.50am.
- To limit movement during the gathering, refreshments will not be made available on this occasion.

Should the local COVID case rates and risk levels increase nearer to the date of the event, or Government guidance alter, we reserve the right to put other COVID protective measures or contingencies in place for the safety of everyone involved, or to postpone the event until further notice. The arrangements noted in the Class Assembly letter to parents are, therefore, subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers ahead of the assembly.

[Year 4 Class Assembly Letter](#)

Dress to Express Day Friday 11th February 2022



It is children's mental health week on Monday 7th to Friday 11th February 2022 and has the theme 'Growing Together'. Following a recent meeting the School Council have organised for their next funding event to support a charity called Place2Be.

Since 2015, the Place2Be charity has supported more than 5300 pupils through one-to-one counselling. The School Council was shocked to learn that 50% of people with lifetime mental health problems first experienced symptoms by the age of 14. The School Council have talked about how the pandemic has affected their own mental wellbeing, such as not being able to see friend or take part in their usual out of school activities and clubs.

On Friday 11th February 2022, all pupils and staff are invited to join our 'Dress to Express' day. Children and staff may come to school dressed in their favourite outfit or colour for a suggested donation of £2.00 each. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers.

Year 6 children will need to bring PE kit and trainers into school with them on this day.

[Dress to Express Day Letter](#)

PSHCE, Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum



As a part of your child's educational experience at Avalon School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic (PSHCE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools were required to comply with the updated requirements by Summer 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

As part of our ongoing curriculum updates, we have been reviewing our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision, which will be taught during the next half term, (week commencing 28th February) is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

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

Parents will be invited to a virtual parent information meeting on Thursday 10th February (Rec- Y4 at 4.30pm// Y5&6 at 5.15pm via Zoom) to find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child at home.

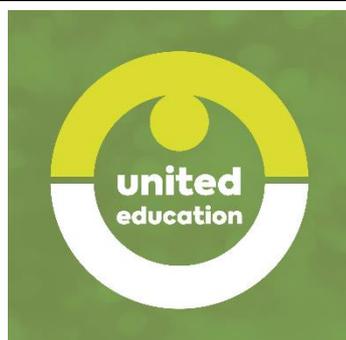
To participate in the consultation survey please click on the link below:

[RSE PARENT SURVEY JANUARY 2022](#)

The survey will close by end of Monday 7TH February 2022

[PSHCE, Relationships and Sex Education Letter](#)

United Education Holiday Club



We are very excited to announced that in partnership with United Education we will be running a holiday club start this easter break. More information will be sent to parents shortly.

The booking system for the easter break is now open, please click on the link below to book a place.

<https://booknow.united-education.co.uk/project/26199>

Enter the code "PUPIL 10" to take advantage of a 10% discount off the daily rate.

Year 5 Class Assembly Monday 14th February 2022



The children of Year 5 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 14th February 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall.

Should the local COVID case rates and risk levels increase nearer to the date of the event, or Government guidance change, we reserve the right to put other COVID protective measures and contingencies in place for the safety of everyone involved, or to postpone the event until further notice. The above arrangements are, therefore, subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers ahead of the assembly.

[Year 5 Class Assembly Letter](#)

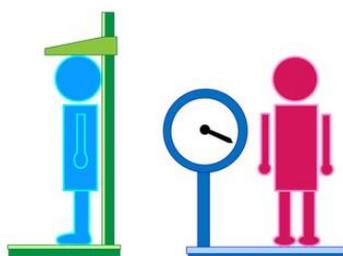
Baby News



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

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

Reception Class Height and Weight Screening



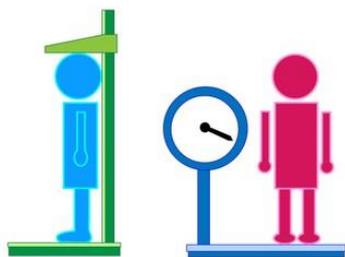
Following the successful introduction of the immunisation e-consent process Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust are delighted to continue this approach regarding the **OPT OUT** consent for the NCMP and School Age Screening service.

There are main advantages to moving to electronic forms:

- the process of giving consent will be much easier and quicker for parents, carers and schools
- reduced risk of forms going missing/not reaching parents
- the process is completely safe, secure and convenient, saving both paper and time
- the school will no longer be required to process paper consent forms on behalf of Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. All information will be captured directly by the Trust in electronic form.

[Reception Class Height and Weight Letter](#)

Year 6 Class Height and Weight Screening



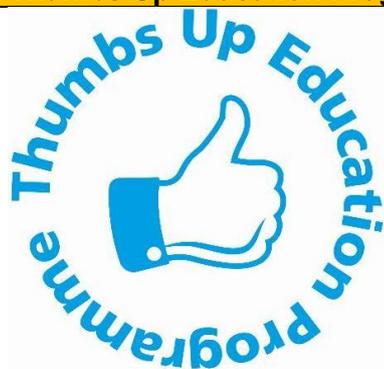
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[Year 6 Height and Weight Letter](#)

**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 hourly 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.

**Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 7th March 2022**



The children of Year 3 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 7th March 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall.

[Year 3 Class Assembly Letter](#)

**Spring Term
Extra-Curricular Clubs**



Extra-curricular 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	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	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
Wednesday	Joseph Performance	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - 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)

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 7th February 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pasta and Meatballs
Pudding	Waffleberry Pie

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

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

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

Click on the following link for a list fo 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 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

February 2022

Monday 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week commences Year 4 Class Assembly
Tuesday 8 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 th	Relationships & Sex Education – Parent Workshops 4.30pm: Rec-Y4 5.15pm: Y5-6

Thursday 10 th	RSE Parent Consultation Meeting
Friday 11 th	Year 5 6 th Thumbs Up Session Dress to Express Day
Monday 14 th	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 15 th	M&M Theatre at School – Jungle Book
Friday 18 th	School Closed 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
March 2022	
Monday 7 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 18 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 28 th	Whole School Performing Arts Concert at 2pm
Tuesday 29 th	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm
Wednesday 30 th	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm
Thursday 31 st	Year 5 & 6 – Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – 5.45pm
June 2022	
Monday 27 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 2pm
Tuesday 28 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm
Wednesday 29 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm
Thursday 30 th	Junior Production of 'Oliver' – starts at 6pm



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

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Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk

Wellbeing Quote of the Week

**You are the artist of your
own life. Don't hand the
paintbrush to anyone
else**

No need to book
Come along and join in the fun!

Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child


AVALON

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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