



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th February 2022

School finishes TODAY Friday 18th February and reopens on Monday 28th February at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

112

108

144

89

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2423

2089

2227

1848

Merit Badges

Reception

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Achievement Certificates

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Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 N P
Year 3 & Year 4 S W
Year 5 & Year 6 M L

Golden Table

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Y3	E P	Y4	F McW	Y5	D B
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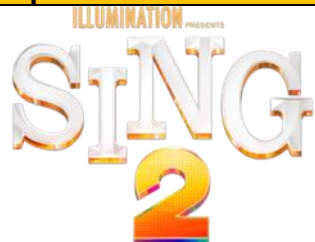
NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Half Term Break



School closes for the Half Term break today, Friday 18th February and reopens to children on Monday 28th February at the usual time. We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Reception to Year 2 Cinema Trip



After very careful consideration we postponed the trip to the cinema to see Sing 2 for the children in Reception to Year 2 due to the amber weather warning for very strong winds. The trip will be rearranged for after the half term break. Instead for a for a treat the children watched the film Sing in the hall.

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. Please be mindful when parking and avoid parking across residents driveways.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Reception Class Visit to West Kirby Library Wednesday 2nd March 2022



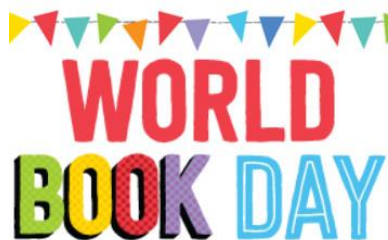
As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we have arranged for the Reception Class to visit West Kirby Library on Wednesday 2nd March in the afternoon. We will be leaving school after lunch and will return in time for the usual collection time at the end of the day.

During their visit, the children will enjoy a story time session, learn about the library and they will be able to borrow some books.

To enable your child to attend the visit to West Kirby Library it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 1st March.

[Reception Visit the Library Letter](#)

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 2022



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again which, this year, is on Thursday 3rd March.

This term our whole school themes have been looking at equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and we are adopting this theme on World Book Day. As there is so much diversity in the animal kingdom, we would like to invite the children to dress up as an animal from their favourite book. The children may also like to bring their book to school to talk about their chosen character.

The children will receive a £1.00 book token which can be used to get £1.00 off any full priced book or swapped for a special edition World Book Day £1.00 book.

We are also hoping to host a book fair, have some Author visits and run an exciting whole school competition, as part of our World Book Day celebrations – more details will follow nearer to the day.

[World Book Day 2022 Letter](#)

Dress To Express Day



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Dress to Express Day. We have raised a fantastic

£200.00

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

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.

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 3 Class Assembly Letter](#)

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.

Appointments 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	Monday 21 st March from 4.00pm to 5.50pm Thursday 24 th March from 4.00pm to 5.40pm

[Parents Evening Consultation Letter and Guide](#)

Year 6 Residential – Tattenhall Centre Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th May 2022



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to the Tattenhall Centre in Cheshire in May 2022. As you will no doubt be aware, we have not been able to run residentials for the previous two years and although the current guidance is for trips to be able to run, if there is any change in guidance in the upcoming weeks then we may need to review our preparations.

All the staff at the centre are suitably qualified to instruct the various activities and all specialist equipment is provided by the centre. The total cost of the visit will be £330 and this will include the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities and the use of the facilities. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

We ask that a deposit of £110 is payable to the school office by **Monday 28th February 2022** and that the balance of £220 is paid either in full by **25th April 2022** or instalments of:

Monday 28 February	£110 Deposit
Monday 28 March	£110
Monday 25 April	£110

[Year 6 Residential Trip Letter](#)

Transfer from Pre-School to Reception September 2022



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](#)

United Education Holiday Club



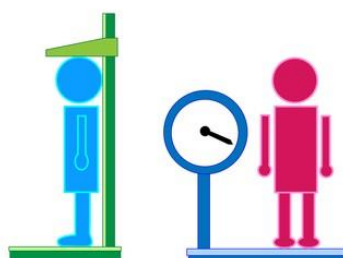
We are very excited to announce that in partnership with United Education we will be running a holiday club start this easter break. More information will be sent to parents shortly.

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.

Reception Class Height and Weight Screening



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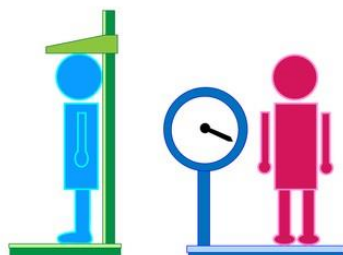
There are main advantages to moving to electronic forms:

- 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
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[Reception Class Height and Weight Letter](#)

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[Year 6 Height and Weight 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 28th February 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet & Sour Chicken
Pudding	Valentines Chocolate Cake

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.

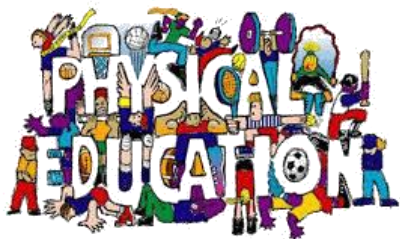
Late attendance (after 8.50am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

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



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

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

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 21 st to Friday 25 th	Half Term Break
Monday 28 th	Children Return to School Before & After School open as usual
March 2022	
Wednesday 2 nd	Reception Class visiting West Kirby library
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day
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 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Trip to The World Museum
May 2022	
Monday 2 nd	May Day – School closed
Tuesday 3 rd – Friday 9 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – Tattenhall Centre
Friday 27 th – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term Break
June 2022	
Monday 6 th	Children return to school
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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Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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

Wellbeing Quote of the Week



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

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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