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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

90

84

83

57

Total House Points for the Year To-date

3338

2980

3227

2567

Merit Badges

Reception				C L
Year 1	E M			
Year 2		C S		
Year 3	S G			
Year 4			S S	
Year 5	A N			
	L E			
Year 6				

Achievement Certificates

Reception	A U, E C, O M, C D, H P, M W, I C, L DeC, C L, E S.
Year 1	N P
Year 2	A C S S
Year 3	N S
Year 4	N S, F McW, O S, T B, Z D, A L.
Year 5	T K
Year 6	

Headteacher Awards

Reception	C L
Year 5	O A-Z E W





Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2	R K
Year 3 & Year 4	A G
Year 5 & Year 6	J G

Golden Table

Rec	CL	Y1	OS	Y2	CP
Y3	ZB	Y4	JM	Y5	CO
		Y6			

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

PTA Soiree

Friday 13th May 2022



CHANGE OF DATE

Venue: Tanskeys Bistro West Kirby

Starts: 7pm.

Bar Closes: 12.30am

Pimms on arrival

Canapes at 8pm

Great raffle prizes

DJ and Dancing

Tickets: £25 per person

Dress code: Smart/Casual

[PTA Summer Soiree Invite](#)

Pre-School and Reception Visit to Ness Gardens



The Pre-School and Reception children had a lovely time at Ness Gardens. They learnt about all of the different plants and wildlife as well as collecting any fallen objects such as pine cones, petals and leaves. We want to say a big thank you to all of the parent helpers who were able to assist on the day.



Year 6 Residential – Tattenhall Centre



The year 6 children returned from their residential trip to Tattenhall Centre after having an exciting adventurous week. They are looking forward to a relaxing weekend, ready for school on Monday. We are sure that they will share lots of stories about their activities when they return. A big thank you to all of the staff involved in making this trip possible!

Issues with Pokémon Cards



Following several comments from parents and dealing with a number of issues during playtimes, unfortunately we have had to make the decision that Pokémon cards should no longer be brought to school.

Some of the issues we have discovered, is that friendships have often been unsettled by these cards. On one hand, one can say that these cards bring people together and create new friendships by trading, but on the other hand, one can also say they separate friendships, by causing arguments when the accusations of stealing occur and bad trades happen, whilst children who don't have them, can also feel neglected from the world of Pokémon games at playtime.

Playtimes are a time for children to be physically active and to enjoy their friendships, therefore we respectfully ask that Pokémon cards should stay at home for the time being.

Class Photographs Tuesday 10th May



Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 10th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Tuesday will be supervised by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff whilst having their photograph taken. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Tuesday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site to supervise while the photograph is taken, in accordance with our Adult:Child ratios.. Refreshments will be available.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs, shortly afterwards.

House T-Shirts Reception to Year 6



During the summer term we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the form to the school office no later than Friday 13th May 2022.

The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 13 and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £6.00 each which can be paid by cheque

or preferably by internet banking, please see the order form for details. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payments in cash.

[House T-Shirts Letter and Payment Form](#)

Race for Life Cancer Research



Mrs McGregor has signed up for this year's 5k Race for Life to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK. The event takes place on Sunday 22nd May in Birkenhead Park and she would greatly appreciate any sponsorship, no matter how much as it all adds up. Please follow the below link that will take you to Mrs McGregor's donation page.

[Mrs McGregor's Donation Page](#)

Sunscreen



As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, we would ask that parents apply sunscreen to their children prior to attending school each morning, especially exposed areas such as face, arms and legs. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please also ensure that children have a refillable water bottle each today to keep them hydrated.

It has been brought to our attention that Nivea Kids Protect and Care Coloured Spray SPF 50+ contains organic almond oil, can we please ask parents to be aware of this when purchasing sunscreen for your child(ren).

Year 2 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 2 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular Transport topic. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Wednesday 11th May – AM

Wednesday 18th May – AM

[Year 2 Beach School Letter](#)

Year 4 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 4 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular living things and habitats topic. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

- Thursday 12th May – AM
- Thursday 19th May – AM
- Tuesday 24th May - AM

[Year 4 Beach School Letter](#)

**Year 1 Class Assembly
Monday 16th May at 9.05am**



The children of Year 1 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 16th May 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

**Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 23rd May at 9.05am**



The children of Year 2 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 23rd May 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Year 6 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 6 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular thin places in relation to our RE topic. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on

that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Wednesday 25th May – AM

Thursday 26th May - AM

[Year 6 Beach School Letter](#)

Year 4 and Year 5 Adventure Day Thursday 26th May



We have reserved places for our Year 4 and 5 children to have an adventure day in Delamere Forest, Cheshire, on **Thursday 26th May 2022**.

We have booked places on the “Go Ape” Tree Top Adventure Course which is a high ropes course through the trees at Delamere Forest. You can find out more here <https://goape.co.uk/locations/delamere/tree-top-adventure>. We are then taking part in a large problem-solving activity called “Baboonzled!”

The aims of the trip are :

- Learning new skills
- Gaining an appreciation of the natural environment
- Exciting activities
- Developing an awareness of the needs of others
- Meeting personal challenges

The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the expert instructors. The cost of the trip is £30. This covers the cost of all travel, insurances and all the activities. We would like all children to attend the trip 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.

[Adventure Day Letter](#)

Reception Class Assembly Monday 20th June at 9.05am



The children of Reception would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 20th June 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Lunch Menu Next Week

Lunch menu for the week commencing 9th May 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chilli & Nachos
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding

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. 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.

**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
Tuesday	Multi-Sport	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
	Tinkercad	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Multi-Sport	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Whole Cast
Thursday	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Invite Only
	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6

Friday	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 & Y6
	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 & Y4
	Chess	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Y3 to Y6

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

Football click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

Drama Club click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

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)

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.

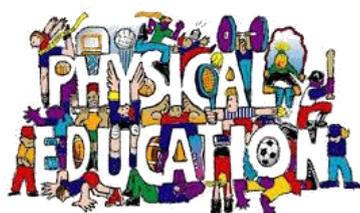
End of the School Day



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	Monday

Pre-Loved Uniform

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 logos, 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

MAY 2022

Tuesday 10 th	Class Photographs
Wednesday 11 th	Year 2 Beach School Session

Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Friday 13 th	PTA Soiree
Monday 16 th	Year 1 Parent Assembly
Wednesday 18 th	Year 2 Beach School Session
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Monday 23 rd	Year 2 Parent Assembly
Tuesday 24 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Wednesday 25 th	Year 6 Beach School Session Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Thursday 26 th	Year 4 and Year 5 Adventure Day Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 27 th	Staff Inset Day – School Closed
Friday 27 th to Monday 6 th June	Half Term Break

June 2022

Monday 6 th	School reopens at normal time
Wednesday 8 th	Challenge Week - Puzzle Day
Thursday 9 th	Challenge Week - Challenge Day
Friday 10 th	Rec – Year 2 Trip to The Boat Museum (TBC)
Thursday 16 th	EYFS Den Making
Monday 20 th	Reception Parent Assembly
Monday 27 th	Oliver Performance – 2pm
Tuesday 28 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 29 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm

July 2022

Friday 8 th	2pm Pre-School Graduation Year 6 Fun Day (TBC)
Monday 11 th	2pm Infant Achievement Celebration
Tuesday 12 th	2pm Junior Achievement Celebration
Wednesday 13 th	1.20pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly School Closes for the Summer

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

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Wellbeing Quote of the Week

*“Remember you’re the one
who can fill the world with
sunshine.”*

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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