



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th June 2022

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

121

185

152

124

Total House Points for the Year To-date

4246

4537

4297

3466

Merit Badges

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

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Achievement Certificates

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

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Headteacher Awards

Year 3

Year 4

A M

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Year 6 J P

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 E H
Year 3 & Year 4 O C
Year 5 & Year 6 B B

Golden Table

Rec	C L	Y1	F P-S	Y2	S E
Y3	A W	Y4	M W	Y5	L J
		Y6	J P		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

School Uniform



Could we please ask that full school uniform is worn every day, including blazers, jumpers and school ties, unless it is your child's PE day. We have noticed that other items are being worn with PE kits, such as bright blue PE socks, Blue / Green / Pink trainers. Trainers and PE socks should be plain black.

We appreciate that it's at the end of the year and children may have grown out of shoes and uniform etc, but if this is the case, could parents please notify us in school so that we are aware.

Ice Cream Competition

Winning Entry



Winner of the artisan ice cream competition is J G!
Jacob's winning flavour is 'Pineapple Delight' which has a lovely tropical mix of pineapple and mango chunks. Yummy!

You will be able to taste Jacob's winning ice cream at our PTA Strawberry Tea on 1st July, along with four other popular flavours, very democratically chosen by our school community!

Extra Curricular Clubs



See the below changes for extra-curricular clubs. **Clubs in red are cancelled next week**, and **clubs in green are still available**.

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)

Year 1 Beach School Sessions

Tuesday 28th June



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 1 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular Famous People by the Sea 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 require a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

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

Tuesday 28th June – AM

[Year 1 Beach School Letter](#)

Reception Beach School Sessions Monday 27th & Wednesday 29th June



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Reception children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular The Great Outdoors 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 require a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

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Monday 27th June – AM

Wednesday 29th June – AM

[Reception Beach School Letter](#)

Water Wednesday 29th June 2022



Our School Eco-Council have been working hard all year on a number of different strategies to help make Avalon School a more eco-friendly environment including numerous litter picks around the school site, working with the Catering Team in reducing waste by using reusable cups instead of juice cartons at breaktime and collecting all of the paper recycling from classrooms.

We will be holding a 'Water Week' commencing Monday 27th June with a school assembly where the Eco Council will encourage the school community to think about how we can all do our part to save water.

As part of the 'Water Week', Wednesday 29th June will be 'Water Wednesday'. The day will be a non-uniform day, but we would ask the children to wear something **blue** for a suggested donation of £2.00. All money raised will be used to purchase new push-taps for the children's toilets to help reduce water use and wastage.

[Eco Council Water Wednesday Letter](#)

The Main Characters of Oliver!

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June

The main
characters of



As we move towards the final stages of our preparations for the Junior production of 'Oliver' we would like to confirm the evening performance arrangements with you.

To allow for costume changes, make up and sound checks on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we would ask that the children with main character parts remain in school before each performance. Your child will be provided with a buffet meal and refreshments before the performance. Each evening performance will commence at 6pm and the doors open from 5.45pm.

Performance length is around 1hr 10mins, so parents should collect their children at approximately 7.30pm from the Nursery entrance doors.

The Cast of Oliver!

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June



As we move towards the final stages of our preparations for our Junior production of 'Oliver' we would like to confirm the evening performance arrangements with you.

We would ask that your child arrives at school for 5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening to allow for costume changes, make up and sound checks. Children will also need to bring a water bottle with them. Each evening performance will commence at 6pm and the doors open from 5.45pm.

Performance length is around 1hr 10mins, so parents should collect their children at approximately 7.30pm from the Nursery entrance doors.

Oliver JR Performances

Matinee – Monday 27th June at 2pm

Evenings – Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of "Oliver" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you, what they have learned.

The evening performances on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June will begin at 6pm (doors open at 5.45pm) and will last for just over one hour. There will also be a matinee performance on Monday 27th June, commencing at 2pm (doors open 1:45pm). This may be more suitable for younger children to enjoy the production. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard area outside the hall before the performances commence.

Tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Any tickets for Avalon children, past or present are free. There will be no limit to the number of tickets that people can purchase. You may, of course, purchase tickets for any of the performances. To purchase tickets please complete and return the attached order form to the school office. Payment options are detailed on the order form. Unfortunately owing to restrictions on the performance licence we will not be able to produce a DVD of the whole show.

[Oliver Performances Letter & Order Form](#)

Reception Class September 2022

Thursday 30th June and 7th July



On behalf of the staff, governors and children, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to Avalon School. We look forward to your child starting with us in the Reception class in September.

During the summer term we will be supporting your child with the transition from Pre School to Reception through several special sessions. The dates for these sessions are listed below. Your child will have the opportunity to meet the Reception staff and spend time together as a class, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday 30th June at 1.30pm – 3pm

Thursday 7th July at 1.30pm – 3pm

We have also arranged a **New Reception Parents Meeting on Tuesday 5th July at 5.30pm** which will include an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with the Reception staff team and receive further information prior to the autumn term. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and we will confirm any further details nearer to the date.

[Reception Class Transition Letter](#)

PTA Strawberry Tea Friday 1st July at 3pm



The PTA will be holding their Strawberry Tea on Friday 1st July 2022 from 3pm to 5pm. Entrance to the fair is £5.00 per adult which includes strawberries and cream, and children are free. There will be lots of exciting stalls and events including bubble football, Year 6 stocks, donkey rides and many more plus an ice cream stand with ice cream specially made for Avalon School.

The PTA will also be running a summer raffle and raffle tickets will be sent home with the children next week. The money and ticket stubs (please retain ticket part) together with any unsold tickets should be returned to school no later than Tuesday 28th June 2022.

The PTA are always grateful for your support which helps raise money that directly benefits all children at Avalon School. Recently the PTA have helped fund many different activities including Mathletics, Challenge Day, and the purchase of iPads.

Extra-curricular clubs will not be taking place, however After School Care is available as usual should you wish to book a place for your child.

The PTA are running a 'create an Avalon ice cream flavour' competition as part of this year's Strawberry Tea. All children may enter the competition by colouring in the attached ice cream poster, naming the flavour created and then explaining what flavour it is. Entries must be returned to the school office by **Friday 17th June** together with a competition entrance fee of 50p which will be donated to the Avalon PTA funds.

[Ice Cream Competition information](#)

Year 3 Trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium Tuesday 5th July 2022



As part of the children's topic about habitats we have arranged an educational visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium for the Year 3 children on Tuesday 5th July.

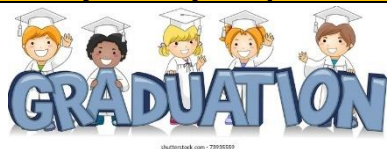
The cost of the trip will be £26.50 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the aquarium. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the aquarium. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats and a waterproof jacket if the weather is wet. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the museum it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 28th June 2022.

[Blue Planet Aquarium Letter](#)

Pre-School Graduation
Friday 8th July at 2pm



The children and staff of Pre-School would like to invite you to their Pre-School Graduation on Friday 8th July at 2pm. Refreshments will be available.

We kindly ask that the Pre-School graduates leave with their parents/carers immediately following the event to enable a safe dismissal and collection arrangements to continue as normal, for the remaining classes in school. Pre-School children will be dismissed to parents/carers by their key workers.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Infant and Juniors Achievement Awards
Monday 11th July at 2pm – Infants
Tuesday 12th July at 2pm - Juniors



As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to share with you, our preparations for celebrating the children's achievements and successes during this academic year.

Infant Achievement Awards & Summer Concert will take place on Monday 11th July at 2pm in the school hall.

Junior Achievement Awards presentations will take place on Tuesday 12th July at 2pm in the school hall.

We extend this invitation to parents and carers, with refreshments available at each presentation event. Parents / carers may collect their children after the event has finished.

We hope that you will join with us in such special and memorable occasions to celebrate and recognise all of our children's achievements and successes this year.

[Infant & Juniors Achievement Awards Letter](#)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 13th July at 1.20pm



The children and staff of Year 6 would like to invite you to their leaver's assembly on Wednesday 13th July at 1.20pm. Refreshments will be available.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

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 day 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).

Lunch Menu Next Week

Lunch menu for the week commencing 27th June 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Creamy chicken and rice
Pudding	Waffle Berry Pie

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.

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.

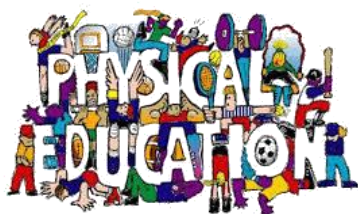
End of the School Day



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



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

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

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

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

June 2022

Monday 27 th	Oliver Performance – 2pm Reception Beach School Session
Tuesday 28 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm Year 1 Beach School Session
Wednesday 29 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm Reception Beach School Session Water Wednesday
Thursday 30 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm Reception Class Transitions 1.30pm-3pm
Thursday 30 th	Main School Transition Afternoon 1-3pm

July 2022

Friday 1 st July	3pm: PTA Summer Strawberry Tea
Tuesday 5 th	5.30pm: New Reception Parents' Information Meeting Year 3 Visit to The Blue Planet Aquarium
Thursday 7 th	Reception Class Transitions 1.30pm-3pm
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:**

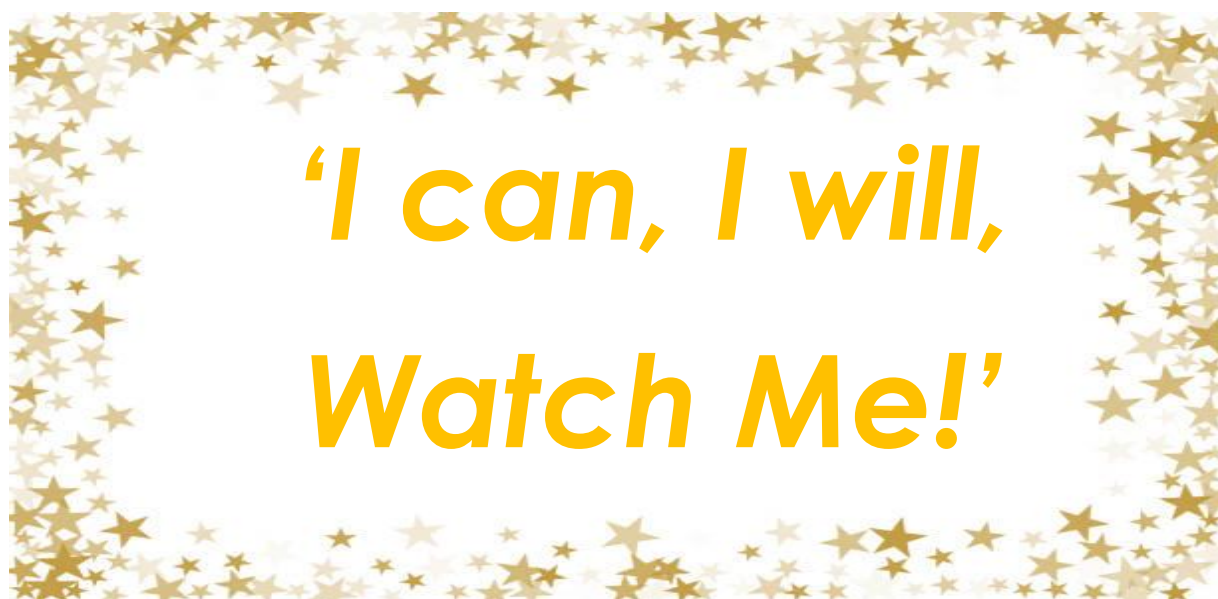


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Quote of the Week



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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