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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!









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Total House Points for the Year To-date

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## **Merit Badges**

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Year 6 R H

## **Achievement Certificates**



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Year 1	ΗР
Year 2	FC
Year 3	LM
Year 4	ΤD
Year 5	ΤВ
	SS
	FΜ
Year 6	ΕW

**Mathletics** 



## **Pupil of the Week!**

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## **NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS**

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

WORLD'S BIGGEST
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MORNING

Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. So far, we have raised a fantastic

£283.10

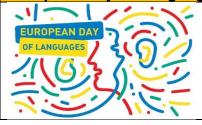




You can still donate by following the link to Avalon School's Just Giving coffee morning donation page:

Macmillan Cancer Support (justgiving.com)

## **European Day of Languages**



The children all enjoyed trying different foods during European Day. They tried different foods such as Italian Tiramisu, German Potato Soup, French Croissants, Spanish Omelette and UK Flapjack.

The children enjoyed learning about all the different European countries in a special assembly.



## Year 5 Beach School Sessions Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 5 children to the beach at Cubbins Green on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Year 5 topics this term. 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.

Please click on the link below for further information. Year 5 Beach School Sessions - Autumn Term

## Year 5 Bikeability Course Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Making cycling viable, safer and better



The Year 5 children who have booked a place on our Bikeability course next week will be receiving a letter confirming their place and informing on which day they will be undertaking the course. The children will complete both Level 1 and Level 2 in one day.

If you have not booked your child onto the course and would like to consider this, there may be a possibility of the further day in November. Please inform the school office by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Year 6 Beach School Sessions Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October



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 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Year 6 topics this term. 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.

Please click on the link below for further information. Year 6 Beach School Sessions - Autumn Term

## Year 1 & Year 2 Autumn Walks Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October



Year 1 and Year 2 are hoping to go for an autumn walk (weather permitting) on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October to support the children's learning and their new topic 'Autumn'. This will involve Year 1 and Year 2 hunting for various autumn objects and spotting signs of autumn in Caldy Woods (located just behind school).

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let your child's teacher or the school office know by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with a raincoat (in a plastic bag).

## Young Minds Hello Yellow Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Hello Yellow event in support of the Young Minds Charity.

Young Minds are passionate about looking after young people's mental health and getting the early help when they need it. The Hello Yellow campaign is to help children to understand that they are not alone with their mental health.

We are asking children to come to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October in their usual school uniform plus an item of yellow, this could be a yellow t-shirt, trousers, socks, hair bands etc for a suggested donation of £2.00 per child in support of the charity.

## PTA Movie night

Thursday 13th October at 5.30pm



On Thursday 13th October we will be holiday a Halloween Movie Night for all children from Reception to Year 6. The film will be Transylvania 4 and children can enjoy a popcorn snack and drink, plus entry to the raffle for a ticket price of £5. More details from the PTA to follow!

## Harvest Celebration – SAVED THE DATE Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am



On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.05am we will be holding our Harvest celebration, with the theme of 'Gratitude'. As part our celebrations we would kindly ask for a small donation of non-perishable food which will be given to the Wirral Foodbank to help support families in need in our local area. Please could be ask that donations are only brought into school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October as we have limited storage space. Refreshments will be available.

We do hope that you can join us.

## **Nursery & Pre-School Informal Parent Information Meetings**



Thank you to all that were able to attend the Parent Information Meetings yesterday.

For those parents that were unable to attend and would like any further information please contact your child's Keyworker.

## **Earrings in School**



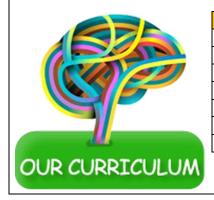
It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could remind children to remove earrings and any other jewellery before coming to school.

We understand that a number of children have only recently had their ears pierced and although it is not ideal, in this instance could we ask parents/carers to ensure that earrings are covered each morning with plasters.

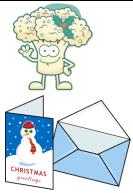
Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

### **Parent Information & Curriculum Overviews**



Curriculum Overview	Parent Information Guide
Reception Class	Reception Parent Guide
Year 1 Class	Infants Parent Guide (Y1-Y2)
Year 2 Class	Juniors Parent Guide (Y3-Y6)
Year 3 Class	
Year 4 Class	
Year 5 Class	
Year 6 Class	

# Cauliflower Cards CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October ORDER DEADLINE – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November



The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception will be completing their cards in school time. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be bringing home today the artwork sheet for them to create their Christmas card designs. Design and artwork guidelines/instruction are included on the artwork sheet.

Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 1**<sup>st</sup> **November**.

To place an order, type the following link into your browser <a href="https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk">https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk</a>

\*PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below\*

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

## https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

When placing an order, you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design

sheet:



Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Friday 14**<sup>th</sup> **October** so all artwork can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. **If your child's artwork sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.** 

## Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



Wirral NHS will be offering all children from Reception to Year 6 a flu nasal spray immunisation on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, in school. Parents who wish for their child to have the immunisation must complete an online consent form.

To consent to your child having the nasal spray flu vaccine please complete the easy-to-use e-consent form via the link below, using the code for your child's school.

Link to E-consent form

School Avalon

Code WC105122

For more information about the nasal spray flu vaccine please read the online leaflet: <u>Protecting your child against flu</u>. This leaflet includes information about the small number of children for whom the nasal spray vaccine is not appropriate for. Further information can also be found on the <u>NHS website</u>.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

## LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Start week commencing 12th September 2022

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2

### **UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS**

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Start week commencing 12th September 2022

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Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Coding	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6

	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Tag Rugby	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Library	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Choir	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Reception to Year 2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Year to Year 6

Acro Dance Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Ballet Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Football Sign Up: Football First

Multi-Skills Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Netball Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Tag Rugby Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

### **Avaion School Water Bottles**



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email <a href="mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk">schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk</a>. New water bottles are charged at £2.50 each.

## **Wet Play Bags**



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email <a href="mailto:school.co.uk">school.co.uk</a>. New wet play bags are charged at £3.00 each.

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

#### Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022





Click on the following link for our Lunch Menus

Favourite Meal of the Week		
Main Pasta Carbonara		
Pudding	Banoffee Cake	

## **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 8.45am 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.

## **Arriving Late to School**



Late attendance (after 8.45am). 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 Day Arrangements**

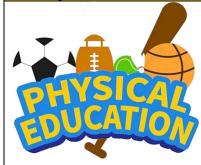


Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Year Group	<b>Collection Time</b>	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door

Year 5	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 6	3.40pm	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 has now turned much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days.

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Monday

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks**



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.

Snack which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Parking & Driving Around School**



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember <u>not to park on the zig-zag lines</u> 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 <u>extra careful and aware of pedestrians</u> 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.

## **Uniform Supplier**

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below: http://www.uniformityschools.com/

## **Pre-Loved Uniform**



If you have any requests for uniform, please email on <a href="mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com">uniformpta@gmail.com</a>. Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, please can you make sure that all items donated are wearable and not threadbare, and clean. Also, we can **only** accept the following Avalon specific uniform, given the introduction of the new sports kit:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank you.

## **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 2022-2023**



Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Half-Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Half-Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023

Half-Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Ends	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



## 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 <u>icallaway@avalon-school.co.uk</u>



### October

Black History Month

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>
Year 5 Beach School Sessions
Year 5 Bikeability Course
Year 1 & Year 2 Autumn Walk
Young Minds Hello Yellow Event
Year 6 Beach School Sessions

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Harvest Celebration PTA Movie Night

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Beach School Sessions

Deadline for Christmas Card Designs to be returned School closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Half Term Break

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Children return to school

### November

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>
Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>
Year 3 & Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue
Monday 7<sup>th</sup>
Year 5 Class Assembly (parents welcome)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday Parents Evening Meetings

10<sup>th</sup>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week

## **December**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Infant Christmas Concert
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nursery & Pre-School Nativity

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to Theatre

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church
School Closes at 12.30pm for Christmas

