



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

School closes for Half Term Today Friday 14th October and reopens to children on Monday 31st October at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

230

219

266

217

Total House Points for the Year To-date

829

795

867

780

Merit Badges

Reception	IW			
Year 1		EC		
Year 2			FPS	
Year 3		AC		
Year 4		PS-P		
Year 5		MW		HW
Year 6		JC		EP

Achievement Certificates



Reception	DK
Year 1	OM
Year 2	FS
Year 3	SE
	SS
Year 4	AM
	CS
Year 5	GL
Year 6	HMcW
	OA-Z
	OS

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Infants	NP
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	SMcW
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	FMcW

Headteacher Awards



Year 2	AK
Year 4	AW
Year 4	XF

Golden Table

Rec	DK	Y1	ES	Y2	EM
Y3	AAO	Y4	NS	Y5	AL
		Y6	JC		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Half Term Break

Monday 17th to Friday 29th October



School closes for the Half Term break today, Friday 14th October and reopens to children on Monday 31st October at the usual time. We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.



Young Minds Hello Yellow Day

Monday 10th October

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Young Minds Hello Yellow Day Fundraiser. We have raised a fantastic:

£194.00

★ *Thank You!* ★
FOR YOUR DONATION

Halloween Movie Night



Thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween Movie Night, the children had a fantastic time watching Hotel Transylvania 4: Transformania.

Harvest Celebration



Thank you for your food donations for our Harvest Celebration. The donations will be donated to the Wirral Foodbank to help support families in need in our local area.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Photographs Orders



The photograph proofs were sent home with the children last week. The last possible time to place an order through the School Office was **Friday 14th October by 9am.**

If you have not yet been able to place an order, please contact the photograph company directly to purchase on 0151 608 8900.

Year 6 Beach School Sessions



The Year 6 children had a fresh and crisp trip to the beach this week. The children started off by doing some observational drawings and investigating the presence of animal and plant life on the beach and in the water.



Then, after a demonstration by Angela, the task of making paddle boats began. The children worked hard to produce boats which they then loved testing out.

Cauliflower Christmas Card Design & Orders DEADLINE FOR ORDERS TUESDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER



Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 1st November**. To place an order, type the following link into your browser <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

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:

	* PARENTS ORDER CODE *		* SCHOOL DETAILS *	
	School Code	Unique Code	Avalon School	
	2666	H6T9JX		

The children's card design sheet was to be returned to school by **Friday 14th October** so that all artworks could be sent on to the Cauliflower Group to produce your order.

If your child's design sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation

Wednesday 2nd November



Wirral NHS will be offering all children from Reception to Year 6 a flu nasal spray immunisation on Wednesday 2nd 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: [Protecting your child against flu](#). 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 [NHS website](#).

Year 5 11+ Parents Information Meeting

Thursday 3rd November 6pm.



We are holding an 11+ Parents' Information for the parents of our Year 5 children on Thursday 3rd November at 6pm. As the evening is to provide parents/carers with up to date information on the 11+ process, parents are requested to make their own childcare arrangements on this occasion.

On arrival at school, may we ask that you go to the school hall and sign in, the meeting will start at 6 pm promptly.

During this meeting we will provide details about how we prepare the children for the Wirral 11+ examinations, plus the assessment arrangements for both Upton Hall School FCJ and St Anselm's College. There will be time at the end of the meeting for any general questions.

We do hope that you will be able to attend.

For more information see the [Year 5 11+ Parent Information Letter](#).

Reception Class Visit to Caldly Manor Care Home

Friday 4th November



The residents of Caldly Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them in the morning of Friday 4th of November to take part in lots of fun activities based around the theme of bonfire night. The children will either be travelling to Caldly Manor in their minibus or in an Avalon staff members own car. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldly Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Thursday the 3rd of November. The staff of Caldly Manor Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

For more information see the [Reception Class Visit to Caldly Manor Care Home Letter](#).

Year 1 & Year 2 Drama Club Friday 4th November until Friday 9th December



Club commences on Friday 4th November until Friday 9th December from 3.05pm to 3.30pm
If you would like you child to attend Drama Club please complete the enrolment form attached to the email sent by the Avalon School and email it directly to josephmannartist@outlook.com.

Prices are £3.50 per session or in a block of 6 sessions they will cost £21.00
For more information see the [Year 1 and 2 Drama Club Letter](#).

Year 3 to Year 6 Drama Club Friday 4th November until Friday 9th December



Club commences on Friday 4th November until Friday 9th December Friday's from 3.40pm to 4.30pm.
If you would like you child to attend Drama Club please complete the enrolment form attached to the email sent by the Avalon School and email it directly to josephmannartist@outlook.com.

Prices are £4.75 per session or in a block of 6 sessions they will cost £28.50
For more information see the [Year 3 to 6 Drama Club Letter](#).

Collection for Ukraine Week Commencing 7th November



As we approach the colder months we will doing another collection for Ukraine as the winters can be harsh and temperature can drop to -40°C. We will be collecting items such as nappies, toiletries, blankets, child and adult sized coats, jumpers, hats, scarves etc.

We will send out more details of when the collection will take place when we return after the half term break.

Parents Evening Consultation Meetings Reception to Year 6 – Week Commencing 7th November 2022

Nurser and Pre-School – Week Commencing 14th November 2022



Parent Evening Consultation 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.

We will again be using the School Cloud website for parents to set appointments with teachers/key workers and manage bookings online. School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

We do, however, recognise that not everyone may be able to access the online system to make appointments; in this instance, please contact the school office who will be able to make appointments for you.

Consultation meeting will be set to 10 minutes slots however if you have any concerns that require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office to discuss.

Appointment can be made from Friday 14th October from 9am and will close at 4pm on Friday 4th November for Reception to Year 6, and 4pm on Friday 11th November for Nursery and Pre-School. 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.

For further information see the [Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting Letter](#)

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Lucy Hunt Mandy Elliott	From 4pm on Thursday 17 th November 2022
Pre-School	Alison Prandle Jo Rice Julie Bache	From 4pm on Wednesday 16 th November 2022
Reception	Miss Harrington	From 4pm on Tuesday 8 th November 2022 From 4pm on Thursday 10 th November 2022
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	From 4pm on Tuesday 8 th November 2022 From 5pm on Thursday 10 th November 2022
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	From 4pm on Tuesday 8 th November 2022
Year 3	Mrs Hamer	From 4pm on Tuesday 8 th November 2022

	Year 4	Miss McFerran	From 4pm on Thursday 10 th November 2022
	Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	From 4pm on Tuesday 8 th November 2022
	Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	From 4pm on Thursday 10 th November 2022

Chester Zoo Monday 7th November



An educational visit to Chester Zoo has been booked for all children in Year 1 and Year 2.

The cost of the trip will be £22.50 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the zoo and an educational workshop. If any children have Zoo passes, these can be used to gain entry to the zoo, which will reduce the cost of the visit to £12.50. 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 Zoo. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the Zoo it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Thursday 3rd November.

For more information see the [Chester Zoo Trip Letter](#)

Year 2 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home Friday 11th November



The residents of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 2 Class children to visit them in the morning of Friday 11th of November to take part in the residents Remembrance Day activities. The children will either be travelling to The Old Garden Care Home in their minibus. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats.

To enable your child to attend the trip to The Old Garden Care Home it is important that the consent form that is linked below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Thursday the 10th of November. The staff of The Old Garden Care Home would like permission to take photos of the residential with the children.

For more information see the [Year 2 Visit to Old Garden Letter](#).

Job Vacancy – St Bridget’s Church

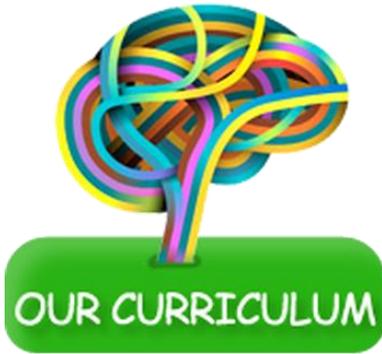


Exciting opportunity!

St Bridget's Church is seeking to appoint a part time Children and Families Worker. 20hrs a week worked flexibly. For more information follow the links below:

For a copy of the application form please follow the link [Support Worker Application Form](#) and for the job description [Support Worker Job Description](#)

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	

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.

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

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.

Avalon School Water Bottles



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. 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 schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. 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 31st October 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Meatballs
Pudding	Cake and Custard

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

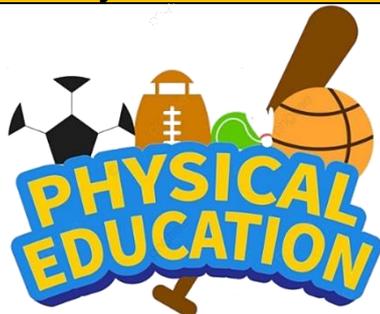


Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Year Group	Collection Time	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 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.

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 uniformpta@gmail.com. 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 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 12th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



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

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Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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



October

Friday 14 th	Black History Month
Monday 17 th to Friday 28 th	School closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 31 st	Half Term Break
	Children return to school

November

Tuesday 1 st	Deadline for Christmas Card Orders
Wednesday 2 nd	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Thursday 3 rd	Year 3 & Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue
Monday 7 th	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
Tuesday 8 th November	Reception Visit From Local Police
Tuesday 8 th to Thursday 10 th	Parents Evening Meetings
Friday 11 th	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week

December

Friday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6 th	Infant Christmas Concert – Parents Welcome!
Wednesday 7 th	Nursery & Pre-School Nativity – Parents Welcomes!
Thursday 8 th	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th	Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to Theatre
	Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Tuesday 13 th	Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!
	School Closes at 12.30pm for Christmas

No need
to book
Just come along

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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