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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

				
	St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
House Points – This Week				
	143	163	165	168
Total House Points for the Year To-date				
	963	958	1032	948
Merit Badges				
Reception	B S-S			
Year 1	OM			
Year 2				SA
Year 3				FL
Year 4		P S-P		
Year 5		OC	JM	
Year 6			NT	HE

Achievement Certificates

 <p>Well Done</p>	Reception	I W
	Year 1	L D
	Year 2	E M
	Year 3	R K H X
	Year 4	E M H W S W
	Year 5	T M H R I W
	Year 6	P B C O



Year 2	F S
Year 3	S E
Year 4	T D
Year 6	J C

Mathletics Pupil of the Week		
	Infants	N P
	Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	H W
	Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	T K

Golden Table					
Rec	I W	Y1	A H	Y2	F P S
Y3	R K	Y4	P S-P	Y5	J M
		Y6	J G		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Extra-Curricular Clubs Next Week	
	There will be no extra-curricular clubs on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th due to Parent's Evening Meetings.
	Children who attend the postponed Activity for All Clubs will receive a free session during the spring term.
	Should any parents need After School Care please contact the school office book a place.
Clubs will take place on Monday 7 th and Friday 11 th	

Year 5 Class Assembly	
Monday 7th November at 9.05am	
	The children of Year 5 would like to invite you to their class assembly on Monday 7 th November starting at 9.05am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Chester Zoo	
Monday 7th November	
	As part of their science topic on animal, Year 1 and Year 2 will be going to Chester Zoo on Monday 7 th November. The children will be heading off straight after registration and will return in time for normal pick up. School will provide their lunch. Children should wear their winter uniform including blazers but not hats. Please could the children bring with them a waterproof coat and a small rucksack for carry their lunch in. For more information, please click on the link Year 1 & Year 2 Chester Zoo Trip

Cauliflower Christmas Card Design	
DEADLINE for Returning Designs Monday 7th November	
	Due to the current Postal Strikes, the collection date for the Cauliflower Cards is now Monday the 7 th November. If you haven't already handed in your child's design, please do so to the School Office no later than 9am on Monday 7th of November.

So The Child May Learn Foundation Raffle Commencing Monday 7th November



The School Council will be running a raffle in aid of the 'So The Child May Learn' Foundation which supports the education of children in a small village in Nepal.

The winning ticket will receive a super stationery hamper filled with colouring books, colour pens, pencils etc. Tickets cost £1 per strips and will be on save at breaktime and at the end of the day at the School Office. Should your child wish to enter the raffle, money should be brought into school in a named envelope.

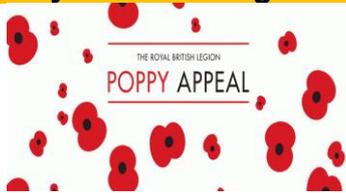
For more information please see [So The Child May Learn Letter](#)

Year 5 11+ Parents Information Meeting



Thank you to those parents who attend the Year 5 11+ Parents Information Meeting this week, we do hope that you found it informative. For any parents unable to attend the meeting and would like further information please contact Mr Ashton or the School Office.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The traditional poppy and the other items are available from the School Office.

Suggested donation for each item are as follows:

Traditional Poppy: 50p

Wristband: £1.00

Snap Band: £1.50

Poppy Reflectors: 50p

Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening Consultation Meetings Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November



Parents Evening Meetings will take place as follows:

Year Group	Day
Reception	Tuesday 8 th & Thursday 10 th November
Year 1	Tuesday 8 th & Thursday 10 th November
Year 2	Tuesday 8 th November
Year 3	Tuesday 8 th November
Year 4	Thursday 10 th November
Year 5	Tuesday 8 th November
Year 6	Thursday 10 th November

The School Cloud booking system has now closed, if you haven't made an appointment and still wish to, please contact the School Office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk.

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

REMINDER: There will be no extra-curricular clubs on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th.

Year 2 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home

Friday 11th November



The children in Year 2 will be visiting the residents of The Old Garden Care Homes on Friday 11th November to take part in the residents Remembrance Day activities. The children will be travelling to the 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. Full school uniform must be worn, including blazers.

For more information please click on the link [Year 2 Visit to Old Garden Letter](#)

Year 1 to Year 6 - Take to the Stage Drama Clubs



We still need a few more children to run this club, if your child is interested, please complete the enrolment form attached to the email sent by the Avalon School and email it directly to josephmannartist@outlook.com. Hopefully, if enough children sign up, club will commence next Friday 11th November until Friday 9th December.

Year Group	Time	Cost
Year 1 & Year 2	3.05pm to 3.30pm	£3.50 per session
Year 3 to Year 6	3.40pm to 4.30pm	£4.75 per session

For more information and sign up sheet, please click on the following links:

[Year 1 and 2 Drama Club Letter](#)

[Year 3 to 6 Drama Club Letter](#)

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day

Monday 14th November



Week commencing Monday 14th November is Anti- Bullying Week, our theme for this year is 'Reach Out'.

As part of our week we will be holding Odd Sock Day on Monday 14th November to promote that we are all different and unique. We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1.00. We will also be selling Anti-Bullying wrist band at £1.00 each from the School Office. All fund raised will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

For more information, please click on the link [Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day Letter](#)

Year 2 Walk to West Kirby War Memorial

Tuesday 15th November



As part of their topic on WW1 the children of Year 2 will be walking to West Kirby War Memorial on Tuesday 15th November, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child has their waterproof coat with them. Should you not wish your child to take part in the walk please inform the office by 9am on Tuesday 15th November.

Nursery & Pre-School Parents Evening Consultation Meetings Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November



Parents evening meeting will take place as follows:

Year Group	Day
Nursery	Thursday 17 th November
Pre-School	Wednesday 16 th November

The School Cloud booking system is open for parents to book appointment and will close at 4pm on Friday 11th November. To book an appointment please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Should you wish to make an appointment after this date or are having problems booking appointments please contact the School Office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

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

Reception to Year 6 Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly Thursday 17th November



We will be holding an assembly on Thursday 17th November at 9.05am in the School Hall where we will share a variety of activities and learning the children have been participating during the week. We would very much like parent to join us so parents can gain a better understanding of how school tackle bullying and promotes prevention through understanding and respect. Parents will also be invite to participate in a PSHCEE lesson in their child's classroom after the assembly.

Children In Need Friday 18th November



Friday 18th November is Children In Need Day. This year's event is embracing all the fun ways in which you can fundraise, and it is called the Great SPOTacular! So, it will be a non-uniform day, however they should try to add wearing something spotty or simply feel SPOTacular! We would ask for a small donation of £2.00 per child in aid of Children In Need. We will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from the school office from Monday 14th November.

For our special Children In Need Breakfast - The kitchen will be open for business at 8.00am to 8.25am on the day. For a suggested minimum donation of £5.00, they will be serving breakfast batches with bacon or sausage or cheese on toast and a drink or a Grab-n-Go breakfast of a Danish and a drink.

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Children In Need Day & Breakfast Ordering](#)

Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition



Our Christmas trees will soon be arriving at school, ready to be decorated! We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.

Look out for more information next week.

PTA Christmas Fair Friday 2nd December



This year's PTA Christmas Fair will be on Friday 2nd December. Look out for more information coming soon.

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Tuesday 6th December at 2pm



The Infants (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert will be held at 2pm on Thursday 6th December, in the school hall. Look out for more information coming soon.

Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity Wednesday 7th December at 2pm



The Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity will be held at 2pm on Thursday 6th December, in the school hall. Look out for more information coming soon.

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December



On Thursday 8th December we will be having our whole school Christmas lunch, as well as Christmas jumper day. Look out for more details coming soon.

Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Trip to Storyhouse, Chester Friday 9th December



We have booked for all children in Years 3 to Year 6 to go and see a stage production of The Snow Queen at Storyhouse Theatre, Chester On Friday 9th December.

The cost of the trip will be £19.50 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and snack. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform.

The coach will be leaving after lunch at for a 2pm performance. The show is scheduled to finish at 4.30pm, so this means they will return to school at 5.30pm. We will confirm timings closer to the event.

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Junior \(Year3 to Year 6\) Theatre Trip](#)

Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church

Tuesday 13th December

Avalon School's
Christmas Celebration



On Tuesday 13th December, the whole school will be attending St Bridget's Church for our Christmas celebration. Look out for more information coming soon.

Christmas Break

Wednesday 14th December to Wednesday 4th January 2023



School will close for the Christmas break at 12.30pm on Tuesday 14th December. School will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



There will be no Extra-curricular clubs next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday due to Parent's Evening. They will resume the week starting 14th of November.

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.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 7th November 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Pasta Bolognaise
Pudding	Chocolate Crispy Cake

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.

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.

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.

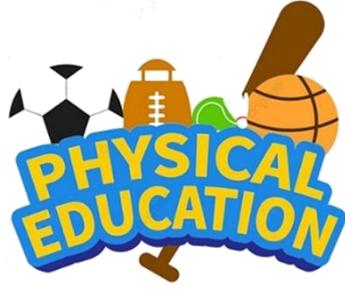
End of the Day Arrangements



Children's collection arrangements will be 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 designated 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



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 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



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

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November

Monday 7 th	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
Tuesday 8 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Chester Zoo Reception Visit From Local Police
Thursday 10 th	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5
Friday 11 th	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th	Remembrance Day Assembly Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 th	Parents Evening Meetings – Pre-School
Thursday 17 th	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly – Parents Welcome! Parents Evening Meetins - Nursery
Friday 18 th	Children in Need Day

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
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Break

January 2023

Wednesday 4 th	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 5 th	Children Return to School

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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