



**School finishes for Christmas break on
Tuesday 13th December at 12 noon.**

School reopens for children on Thursday 5th January 2023.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



House Points – This Week

214	225	213	210
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Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1890	1695	1927	1786
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Merit Badges

Reception				H N
Year 1	A H			
Year 2	M A O	F S		
Year 3	S E			
Year 4		T D		
Year 5	M E		S S	
Year 6		R H	N T	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	O C
Year 1	F D
Year 2	
Year 3	C S
Year 4	H L I S W S G
Year 5	G L O S
Year 6	I W J C

Headteachers Awards



Year 1	C L
Year 4	X F
	A W
Year 5	O C
	A G
	H R
	T B
	G L

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	S D'A
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	C D
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	H R

Golden Table

Golden Table Invites will be given out on Monday

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Pre-School Visit to Caldy Care Home



The Pre-School children visited Caldy Manor Care Home this week and had a wonderful time creating Christmas crafts and enjoying story time with the residents.

Author Darron Rodgers reads to Nursery, Pre-School, Year 1 and 2 Thursday 1st December



On Thursday the 1st of December, author Darron Rodgers came to read 'Go Santa, Go' to Nursery, Pre-School, Year 1 and 2. The children had a fantastic time listening and engaging with the story.

Christmas Bauble Competition Winners



We have had some truly amazing, decorated bauble entries in our Christmas bauble competition this year. It was very difficult to choose between the many different designs. Well done everyone!

The winners are:

Nursery & Pre-School	Reception	Years 1	Year 2
HB	AS	FD	NP
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
EU	S D'A	HW	EW

Look how fantastic the baubles look on our Christmas tree!



The children may bring home their baubles on **Friday 10th December**

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

PTA Christmas Raffle Winners



WOW! You have been fabulous in your support of this year's PTA Christmas Raffle. Mrs Callaway made the draw this afternoon and the winners are:

Raffle Prize	Winner
Royal Bengal Gift Voucher & Prosecco	Mr & Mrs W
2 Bottles of Flavoured Gin	Mr & Mrs M
Tropic Sleep Collection	Miss F
Bottle of Brut & Chocolates	Mr & Mrs B
2 Bottles of Red Wine	Mrs W
Tropic Lip Trio	Mrs P
3 Bottles of Spirits	Dr & Mrs S
Bottle of Cava	Mr & Mrs C
Body Soap Festival Toiletry Set	Miss T

Espresso Set & Chocolate Panettone	Mr M
Bottle of Gin & Chocolates	Mrs F
Bottle of Gin & Chocolates	Mr A
Chocolate Hamper	Mr P
Riverside Bowl Voucher & Chocolates	Dr P
Story Books & Rosie Reindeer Chocolates	Mrs D'A
3 Bottles of Red Wine	Mr & Mrs S
Stationery & Sweets	Mr & Mrs T
2 Bottles of Red Wine	Mrs M
Bottle of Whiskey & Chocolates	Mr D
Paddington Bear Books & Chocolates	Mr C
Books & Chocolates	Mrs W
Santa Cups	Mrs L
Toiletry Sets	Miss T
Toiletry Set & Chocolates	Mrs G
Toiletry Sets	Mrs L
Bath Bombs & Yankee Candle	Mrs U
Mixed Toiletries	Mrs K S
Christmas Bauble Maker & Stompeez	Mrs D

The winners of this year's PTA Christmas Raffle will be contacted by email or telephone. Winner should contact the school office to arrange collection of their prizes.

The PTA would like to thank you all for your continuing support and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2022.

Christmas Fair 2022



The children had a wonderful time at our Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December. Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated prizes for the fair and a big thank you to our PTA who organised the event and of course, to Father Christmas for his very special visit!



★ *Thank You!* ★
★ FOR YOUR DONATION ★

Taking to the Stage!



Scarlett D' in Year 4 and M E in Year 5 are taking to the stage this Christmas season at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton in their production of Cinderella.



Everyone at Avalon School sends our best wishes to them both and as they say in the theatre, 'break a leg' girls!

Chess Club in the Spring Term

DEADLINE TO LODGE INTEREST – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER



We are hoping to run a Chess Club in the spring term as follows:

Year 1 & Year 2 – Tuesdays 3.05pm to 3.40pm at £2.50 per session (total of 10 sessions - £25.00 for the term)

Year 3 to Year 6 – Tuesday 3.40pm to 4.50pm at £4.50 per session (total of 10 sessions - £45.00 for the term)

Year 5 VR club will move to a Thursday to allow the Year 5 children to attend should the wish to.

At the moment we are just gauging interest in Chess Club, if there is sufficient interest, places will be allocated and bank details will be provide for payment.

To lodge interest in the Chess Club please complete the [google doc form](#) by today Friday 2nd December

For more details, please click on the link [Potential Chess Club for Spring Term](#)

Lunch Menu Week commencing 5th December

Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th December 2022



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

School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER



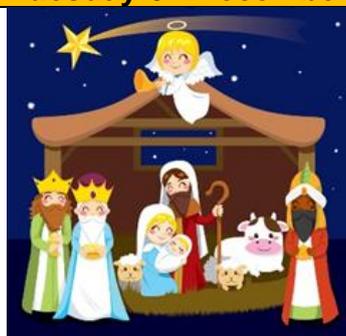
The School Council have launched their 'Safe Parking' poster competition!

This follows discussion in their recent meeting about the parking situation outside school during drop off and pick up times. The aim of the poster is to promote safe and responsible parking outside school.

Entries must be returned by Tuesday 6th December.

For more details please click on the link [School Council Safe Parking Poster Competition](#)

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



We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Tuesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

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

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



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Wednesday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

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

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



We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday 8th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

We thank you for your support.

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](#)

Nursery, Pre-School, Reception Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party Friday 9th December



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Friday 9th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team, a visit from Santa himself and the amazing entertainer Dozy Dave.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For Nursery and Pre-School children who don't normally attend on a Friday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to Nursery/Pre-School at 1.30pm and collected at 3.15pm.

For more details, please click on the link [Infants Christmas party](#)

Charles Thompson Mission Appeal Donation Day Tuesday 13th December



The Charles Thompson Mission supports many local families throughout the year and this Christmas we are hoping that with your help we can support their Christmas Appeals and bring a little cheer to families that may be struggling this Christmas. If you would like to help Avalon School support this very worthwhile cause, we would kindly ask that you send any donations into school on Tuesday 13th December.

See below the list of items that can be donated:

Food items
Box of chocolates Small selection box Fancy biscuits Sweets
Toys
0-3 Years Musical toys, puzzles, books, bath toys, education toys
3-5 Years Dolls and action figures, cars, books, puzzles, colouring sets
5-9 Years Educational toys, art and crafts, books, action figures, puzzles
9-12 Years Games and toys, hair and beauty, books, creative and science toys
13-16 Years Gadgets, books, make-up and toiletries, teenage puzzles

Please note that we cannot accept donations prior to Tuesday 13th December for storage reasons. All gifts should be left unwrapped.

Thank you for your support.

Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church Tuesday 13th December



On Tuesday 13th December, the whole school will be attending St Bridget's Church for our Christmas celebration at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue with their normal routine at school.

We would be most grateful if you provide a small new unwrapped toy, gift or sweets for the service which will be donated to the Charles Thompson Mission who will distribute them to local families in need this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

The After School Club service will not be available on this day, due to the early school closure at 12 Noon.

For more details, click on the link [Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church](#)

**Christmas Break
Wednesday 14th December to Wednesday 4th January 2023**



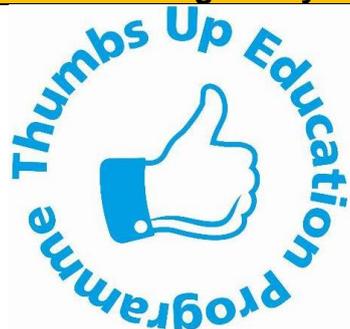
School will close for the Christmas break at 12 noon on Tuesday 13th December. School will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023.

**Spring Term 2023
Thursday 5th January 2023**



The children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023 ready for another very busy term.

**Year 5 Thumbs Up Programme
Commencing Friday 13th January**



The Year 5 children will be taking part in the “Thumbs Up” Education essential life skills programme. The sessions are delivered over 6 weeks of one-hour sessions. Each session will focus on supporting and developing essential life skills including:

The sessions include:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Understanding Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour
- The Importance of You
- Mind Over Matter
- Living with Happiness and Positivity.

The sessions will commence on Friday 13th January 2023. Look out for more information coming soon!

Extra-Curricular Clubs



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS FINISH ON
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

**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
Friday	Drama	3.05pm to 3.30pm	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
Friday	Drama	3.35pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Reception to Year 2](#)

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Year to Year 6](#)

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.

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



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.

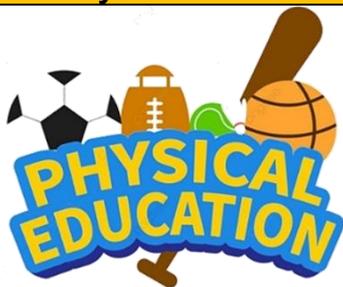
End of the Day Arrangements



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.

Snacks 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



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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DECEMBER

Tuesday 6 th	Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert at 2pm
Wednesday 7 th	School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition – Deadline for entries
Thursday 8 th	Nursery & Pre-School Nativity at 2pm
Friday 9 th	Whole Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
	Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Parties
	Year 3 to Year 6 Theatre Trip – Snow Queen at Storyhouse Chester
	Extra Curricular Clubs Finish
Tuesday 13 th	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church
	School Closes for Christmas at 12 noon
Wednesday 14 th December to Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Christmas Break

Merry Christmas

JANUARY

Wednesday 4 th	Staff INSET Training Day
Thursday 5 th	Children Return to School
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1
Friday 20 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2
Friday 27 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3

FEBRUARY

Friday 3 rd	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1
Friday 10 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2
Friday 17 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3



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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