



# AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022



**School finishes for Christmas break  
TODAY Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon.**

**School reopens for children on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Merry Christmas & Thank You!



The staff and children would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Thank you for all the generous gifts received. We hope you have a restful break, and we will see you all again in January.

### Whole School Christmas Celebration



Due to the poor weather conditions and the risk factors involved, this year the Christmas Celebration Service was hosted at school instead of St Bridget's Church. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend - we hope you enjoyed watching the children in the Celebration Service

Also, a BIG thank you for all your support for the Charles Thompson Mission Christmas Appeal in donating gifts, which were collected from school this morning following our celebration service.

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

If you were unable to send in a donation but would still like to support the Mission in their work supporting local families that may be struggling this Christmas, click on the link below to their just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/charlesthompsons-mission>

**NO After School Care  
TODAY Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**



After School Care

**As school finishes at 12 noon, After School Care facility will not be available today.**

**Important Information From UKHSA Regarding Scarlet Fever And Strep A**



Please see the following advice and guidance for parents from the UK Health Security Agency:

[Letter to Parent from UKHSA with important information regarding Scarlet Fever and Strep A](#)

**Christmas Break  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



School will close for the Christmas break at 12 noon TODAY, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. School will reopen to the children on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

We hope you have a peaceful Christmas filled with festive family fun! See you all in 2023!



**Spring Term School Fees (Reception to Year 6)**



The spring term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers over the Christmas break. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the spring term, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for January will be emailed to parents when we return to school in January.

**Spring Term 2023  
Commences Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



The children return for the spring term on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 ready for another very busy term.

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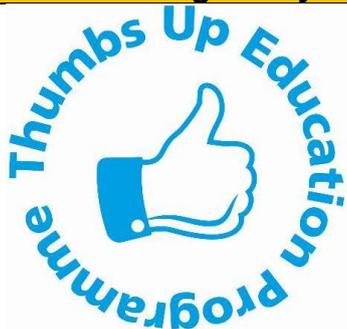
## Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Catch-Up Session Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023



The children who missed out on completing their Bikeability course in October due to bad weather will be completing their Level 1 and 2 course on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

The children involved will need to bring their bike and helmet to school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The children should wear their full school PE kit together with their outdoor school coat, hat, and gloves.

## Year 5 Thumbs Up Programme Commencing Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Look out for more information coming soon!

## Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023



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

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



**Details of the Extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term 2023 will be shared with parents in due course.**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## 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.

## Pre-Loved Uniform



If you have any requests for uniform, please email on [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

## 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Term Dates 2022-2023



### 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	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
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	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
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	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
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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Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)



## DECEMBER

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> School Closed for the Christmas Break at 12 noon  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Break  
December to Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Merry  
Christmas**

## JANUARY

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Staff INSET Training Day  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Children Return to School  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 Course  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!

## FEBRUARY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 4  
Pre-School Visit to The Floral Pavilion -The Smartest Gaint in Town  
M&M Theatre Visits School  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 5  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 6  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> School Closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Half Term Break  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Children Return to School  
Reception Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!



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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