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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

273

209

225

206

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2363

2098

2461

2187

Merit Badges

Reception

D K

Year 1

M W

Year 2

F C

Year 3

S S

Year 4

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Year 5

E K

G L

Year 6

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J C

Achievement Certificates



Reception

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Year 1

C D

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Year 3

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Headteachers Awards



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| Year 1 | A U |
| Year 4 | P S-P |
| Year 5 | E K |

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

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| Infants | E C |
| Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) | E B |
| Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) | R H |

Golden Table

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| Rec | B S-S | Y1 | C D | Y2 | N P |
| Y3 | C S | Y4 | N L | Y5 | E K |
| | | Y6 | E K | | |

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

ISI Educational Quality Inspection Results Excellent In All Areas



Following our ISI Education Quality Inspection conducted in November 2022, the final report has now been published.

We are delighted to announce that Avalon School has achieved the top rating of '**Excellent**' in all 16 categories of Educational Quality, and met all regulatory standards required for Focused Compliance.



We want to thank all staff, pupils, governors, and parents involved in the inspection for their commitment, loyalty, and outstanding efforts. The inspectors cited many aspects of evidence in order to award is this level of excellence in education. These resonate greatly with our school values and motto, 'Reaching further, together.'

We have amazing pupils, wonderful staff and an important and valued partnership with parents and stakeholders that allows us to create a happy, safe, and successful environment for everyone.

A heartfelt thank you to you all.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Avalon School - Inspection Report \(avalon-school.co.uk\)](https://avalon-school.co.uk)

Scores on the Doors



Well done to our fantastic Catering Team for retaining a fabulous 5-star rating, following their inspection by the Environmental Health Inspector on Wednesday.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School



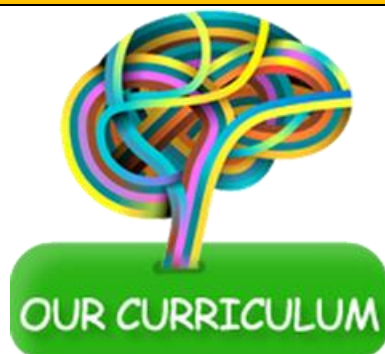
Please may we remind parents and carers that mobile phones are not permitted in school for safeguarding purposes.

The only exception is when a child is permitted to walk on their own, to and from school and you feel that they should have one for contact in an emergency. If permission is given by school, and children do bring their phones in, it must be switched off and handed into the school office.

Similarly, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any that have the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Safeguarding – Mobile Phones and Smartwatches in School letter](#)

Curriculum Overviews



The Spring Term 2023 Curriculum Overviews have now been emailed out to Parents and Carers. Please click on the links below for each individual year group:

[Reception Class](#)

[Year 1 Class](#)

[Year 2 Class](#)

[Year 3 Class](#)

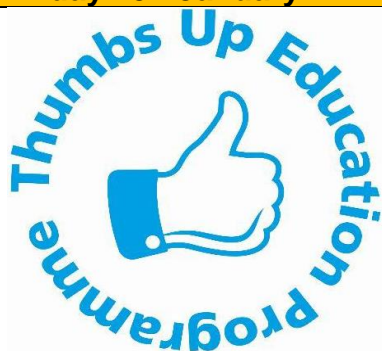
[Year 4 Class](#)

[Year 5 Class](#)

[Year 6 Class](#)

If you require a paper copy, please email or pop into the School Office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.

Year 6 - Thumbs Up Education Programme Friday 13th January



The Year 6 children have taken part in a bespoke "Thumbs Up" Education essential life skills session on Friday 13th January. The session supported learning about Acceptance, Inclusion and Tolerance, and followed on from Year 5's sessions last year. Well done Year 6 for engaging so well with the programme!



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](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 16th January 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

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| Main | Sweet & Sour Chicken |
| Pudding | Flapjack |

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Starting Week Commencing 16th January 2023



All Extra-Curricular Clubs start week commencing Monday 16th January.

Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Start week commencing 16th January 2023

| Day | Club | Time | Year Group |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Monday | Ballet | 2.30pm to 3pm | Pre-School |
| | Ballet | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Tuesday | Chess | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| | Go Sports | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Wednesday | Construction Club | 3.05pm to 3.40pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Thursday | Football | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Rec – Y2 |
| Friday | Drama | 3.05pm to 3.35pm | Y1 & Y2 |

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Start week commencing 16th January 2023

| Day | Club | Time | Year Group |
|---------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Monday | Acro Dance | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Tuesday | Jujitsu | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |

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| | Chess | 3.40pm to 4.50pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Wednesday | Aladdin Rehearsal | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | STEM | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| Thursday | Football | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Verbal Reasoning | 3.40pm to 4.30pm | Y5 |
| Friday | Drama | 3.40pm to 4.40pm | Y3 – Y6 |
| | Sign Language Club | Lunchtime | Y3 – Y6 |

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

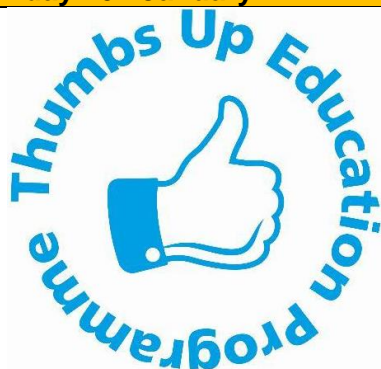
UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Year 3 to Year 6](#)

Please note that children attending sports clubs should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

Year 5 - Thumbs Up Education Programme Friday 20th January



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

- 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 20th January 2023.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Thumbs Up Education Programme](#)

Year 6 World War 2 Project Class Assembly Monday 30th January at 3.45pm

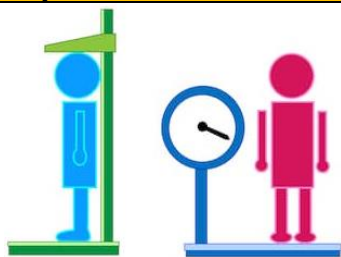


The children of Year 6 would like to invite you to their World War 2 Style, Afternoon Tea, class assembly on Monday 30th January starting at 3.45pm in the School Hall.

The afternoon will consist of refreshments, poetry, songs and speeches, all inspired by their World War 2 topic, and we expect the event to last around 45 minutes. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 World War 2 Project Class Assembly](#)

Reception - Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school in the coming weeks to offer audio/vision screening and undertake the heights and weights of the reception children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

If you wish for your child to not take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the link for [NHS Wirral Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights for Reception](#).

Nursery And Pre-School Visit to the Floral Pavilion Friday 3rd February



A visit to the Floral Pavilion to see The Smartest Giant In Town has been booked for all the 3-and 4-year-old children in Nursery and Pre-School on Friday 3rd February.

The coach, which is fitted with seatbelts, will set off from school at 12.15pm and will return to school in time for normal pick up. School uniform must be worn. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

If your child will be attending the trip and they are not usually in Nursery or Pre-School on Fridays, please may you make sure they are at school by 12pm and that they have eaten lunch beforehand.

For more information, please click on the link for [Nursery And Pre-School Visit to the Floral Pavilion](#)

M&M Theatre Visits School – Alice in Wonderland Friday 7th February



M&M Theatre will be coming into School to perform "Alice in Wonderland" for the children on Friday the 7th of February.

Look out for more information coming soon!



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 |

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



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.

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 or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Dates 2022-2023



2022-2023

Spring Term

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|--------------------|--|
| 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

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| 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 |

2023-2024

Autumn Term

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| Staff Training Days | Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September 2023 |
| Term Starts | Wednesday 6 th September 2023 |
| Half-Term | Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October 2023 |
| Ends | Wednesday 13 th December 2023 |

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| | 12 noon finish |
| Spring Term | |
| Staff Training Day | Monday 8 th January 2024 |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 9 th January 2024 |
| Half-Term | Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024 |
| Ends | Thursday 28 th March 2024 Normal finish time |
| Summer Term | |
| Staff Training Day | Monday 15 th April 2024 |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 16 th April 2024 |
| May Day | Monday 6th May 2024 |
| Half-Term | Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 |
| Ends | Friday 12 th July 2024 Normal finish time |



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
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JANUARY

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| Wednesday 4 th | Staff INSET Training Day |
| Thursday 5 th | Children Return to School |
| Friday 6 th | Year 5 Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 Course |
| Friday 13 th | Year 6 Bespoke Thumbs Up Session |
| Friday 20 th | Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1 |
| Friday 27 th | Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2 |
| Monday 30 th | Year 6 World Wra 2 Style Class Assembly – Parents Welcome! |

FEBRUARY

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

No need
to book
Just come along

Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child



Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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