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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

286

240

230

221

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2657

2335

2704

2400

Merit Badges

Reception

B M

Year 1

A U

Year 2

F P

Year 3

Year 4

C S

Year 5

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Year 6

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Achievement Certificates



Reception

B M

Year 1

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Year 5

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Year 6

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P B

Headteachers Awards



Year 1	C L
Year 2	E M
Year 4	Pi S-P
Year 5	O C
Year 6	L E
	J G

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	N P
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	A W
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	L J

Golden Table

Rec	H B	Y1	L G-R	Y2	F S
Y3	C P	Y4	Z B	Y5	J W
		Y6	C R		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

School Council Parking Safety Poster

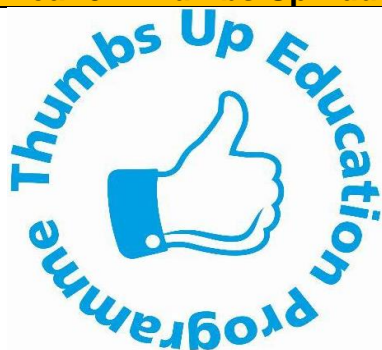


The winning designs from our Parking Safety Poster Competition are now proudly on display on our front gates. Well done to everyone involved, you are helping to keep everyone safe!!



Keep an eye out for the fantastic posters as you are entering and leaving school.

Year 5 - Thumbs Up Education Programme



The Year 5 children have taken part in their first "Thumbs Up" Education essential life skills session today. The session supported learning about Getting to Know Each Other. Well done Year 5, how amazing it was to see you all so enthusiastically taking part in the programme!



The topic for next Weeks session on the 27th will be 'Understanding Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour'.

VACANCY AT AVALON - Lunchtime Welfare Assistant



We are looking for a Lunchtime Welfare Assistant to join our team. Click on the link for more details [Lunchtime Welfare Assistant Application Pack & Details](#)



**Avalon School
Recruiting Now!**

Lunchtime Welfare Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic person with a caring and positive attitude to join our dedicated Lunchtime Welfare team

The hours will be Monday to Friday
11.45am to 1.15pm, term time only.

VACANCY AT AVALON - Early Years Wraparound Assistant



We are looking for a Early Years Wraparound Assistant to join our team. Click on the link for more details [Early Years Wraparound Assistant Application Pack & Details](#)



**Avalon School
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Early Year Wraparound Assistant

We are looking for an experienced nursery practitioner (Level 2 or 3) to work within our EYFS department

The hours will be Monday to Friday
3.15pm to 6.00pm, term time only.

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](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 23rd January 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chicken Korma and Rice
Pudding	Banoffee Cake

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

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



The children of Year 6 would like to invite their parents and carers 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, we expect the event to last around 1 hour. 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](#)

Animal Rescue Assembly Monday 30th January at 9.45am



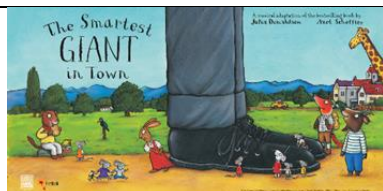
On the morning of Monday the 30th of January at 9.45am we will be holding a special Animal Rescue Assembly for the children.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Nursery & Pre-School Visit to the Floral Pavilion – The Smartest Giant In Town 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.

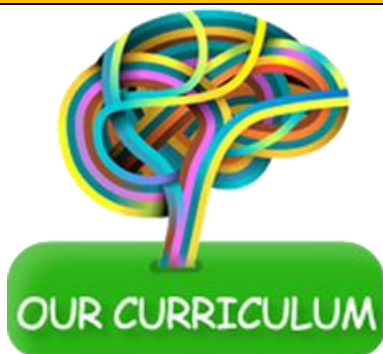


They will be setting off from school at 12.15pm and will return to school in time for normal pick up. School uniform must be worn. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

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](#)

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.

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](#)

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



M&M Theatre will be coming into School to perform “Alice in Wonderland” for the children on Tuesday 7th February.

Look out for more information coming soon!



SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents Wednesday 8th February



On Wednesday the 8th of February, the school will be holding a SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Artist Workshops with Mark Swan Friday 10th February



As part of our Children's Mental Health Week in School, we have invited an artist called Mark Swan to come in and work with the children on water colour techniques. Research has shown that art has multiple positive effects on children's wellbeing, such as increased confidence and self esteem.

Look out for more information coming soon!

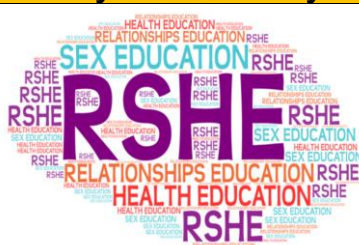
Year 2 Class Assembly Monday 13th February



The children of Year 2 would like to invite parents and carers to their Class Assembly on Monday 13th February.

Look out for more information coming soon!

RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting Monday 13th February



On Monday 13th February, we will be holding a RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Wednesday 15th February



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them on Wednesday 15th February.

Look out for more information coming soon!

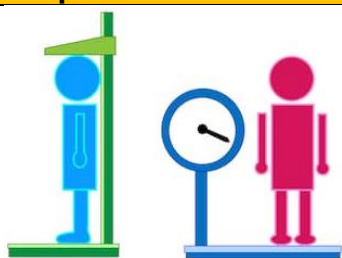
Phonics Parent Workshop Thursday 16th February



On Thursday the 16th of February, the school will be hosting a Phonics Parent Workshop at 5.30pm

Look out for more information coming soon!

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 Stay & Play Sessions Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th & Thursday 2nd March



We would like to invite our Nursery and Pre-School class parents to 'Stay & Play' sessions on:

Day	Time
Monday 27 th	1.30pm to 3pm
Tuesday 28 th	9am to 10.30am
Thursday 2 nd	9am to 3.30pm

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Each session will be available either in the morning or afternoon. The Nursery & Pre-School staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

The letter will be sent home to parents next week.

Reception Stay & Play Sessions Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Friday 3rd March



We would like to invite our Reception class parents to 'Stay & Play' sessions on:

Day	Time
Monday 27 th	1.30pm to 3pm
Tuesday 28 th	9am to 10.30am
Friday 3 rd	1.30pm to 3pm

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Each session will be available either in the morning or afternoon. Reception staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

The letter will be sent home to parents next week

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS
(Reception to Year 2)
Started week commencing 16th January 2023

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School Rec – Y2
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	
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)

Started 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
	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](#)

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	
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IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks

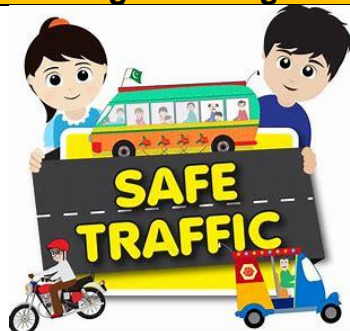


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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 Caldry 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. 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

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

2023-2024

Autumn Term

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 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,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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JANUARY

Friday 27th Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2
Monday 30th Animal Rescue Assembly
Year 6 World Wra 2 Style Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!

FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3
Pre-School Visit to The Floral Pavilion -The Smartest Gaint in Town
Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 6th SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session fro Parents
Wednesday 8th M&M Theatre Visits School to perform Alice in Wonderland
Tuesday 7th Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 4
Friday 10th Artist Workshop - Mark Swan
Pre School & Nursery Parents – Welcome morning – 'Take A Look' in main school (9-11am)
Monday 13th Year 2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
Wednesday 15th RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting
Thursday 16th Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor
Friday 17th Phonics Parent Workshop
Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 5
Monday 20th to Friday 24th School Closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 27th Half Term Break
Children Return to School
Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 1
Reception Stay and Play Session 1
Tuesday 28th Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 2
Reception Stay and Play Session 2

MARCH

Thursday 2nd WORLD BOOK DAY
Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 3
Friday 3rd Reception Stay and Play Session 3

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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