



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

128

127

132

132

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

3691

3414

3919

3426

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception

I P

Year 1

H P

Year 2

M A O

Year 3

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Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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Achievement Certificates – This Week



Reception

D K

Year 1

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Year 2

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Year 3

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Year 4

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Year 5

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J W

H R

H W

Year 6

H M

D B

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Headteachers Awards – This Week



Year 1
Year 6

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Mathletics Pupil of the Week – This Week

Mathletics

Infants H N
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) S W
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) I W

Golden Table – This Week

Rec
Y3

Y1
Y4
Y6

**Will be given out
on Monday**

Y2
Y5

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

SNOW DAY!

The children had some snow time fun this morning, snowman building, making snow angels and of course, throwing snowballs.



STEAM Week Display in School Hall



This week has been STEAM Week where the children have been focusing on cross-curricular science, technology, engineering, art and maths. It has been a very exciting week and the children were eager to show off their learning to their parents in our STEAM Week Gallery after school today.



Year 6 Parents Meeting for Condover Residential



Thank you to the parents/carers of the children in Year 6 who attended the meeting for Condover Residential on Tuesday the 7th. We hope you found the meeting informative. Information shared with parents at the meeting will be sent home with the children of parents who were unable to attend.

Weekly Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 13th March 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chilli and Rice
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding

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

Year 4 Class Assembly – The Rainforest Monday 13th March



The children of Year 4 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 13th March, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

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

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 4 Class Assembly Letter](#).

Pre-School Walk to Post Box Week commencing 13th March



The children in Pre-School class have been busy making special cards. Weather permitting the children will be making a visit to the nearest post box, during next week. A first aider will also be accompanying the children on the visit. If you have any objections and would rather your child did not take part in this activity, please inform Pre-School staff or the School Office by 9am on Friday 10th March 2023. A first aider will also be accompanying the children on the visit.

For more information, please click on the link for the [Pre-School Walk to Post Box Letter](#).

Year 3 and 4 Philharmonic Trip Wednesday 15th March



As part of their music curriculum we have arranged for the children in Year 3 and Year 4 to visit the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic on Wednesday 15th March to enjoy the Sensational Symphonic Time Machine concert.

The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9.30am. The children will return in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 3 and Year 4 to visit the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Letter](#).

Reception - Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening Wednesday 15th March



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on the morning of Wednesday 15th March to offer an audio/vision screening.

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 [Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening letter](#)

Year 5 and 6 Philharmonic Trip Thursday 16th March



As part of their music curriculum we have arranged for the children in Year 5 and Year 6 to visit the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic on Thursday 16th March to enjoy the Sensational Symphonic Time Machine concert.

After a slightly earlier lunch, the coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 12.30pm. The children will return in time for normal pick up at 3.40pm (traffic dependant).

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 5 and Year 6 to visit the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Letter](#).

Rearranged - Reception Visit to Morrisons West Kirby Thursday 16th March



Due to the bad weather, the Reception class trip to Morrisons Supermarket has been re-arranged to Thursday 16th March.

For more information, please click on the link for the [Reception Visit to Morrisons West Kirby Letter](#)

Red Nose Day Friday 17th March



Red Nose Day 2023 is on Friday 17th March, to raise money, we will be having a non-uniform day and ask that one item of clothing to be red or nose related. We will also have lots of other fun activities for the children to join in with throughout the day.

As we would like children to wear something red or red nose related, we would ask for a suggested donation of £2.00 for non-uniform which will go towards the total money raised. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers. Any class that usually have PE on a Friday should bring their PE kit into school to change into prior to their lesson.

We will again be selling red noses (100% plastic free) from the school office at £2.50 each from Monday 13th March. Children wishing to purchase a Red Nose should bring their money in a named envelope to the school office.



For more information, please click on the link for [Red Nose Day Letter](#)

Year 1 Class Assembly Monday 20th March



The children of Year 1 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 20th March, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

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

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 1 Class Assembly Letter](#)

Imagine If.... Performing Arts Concert Monday 27th March at 2pm



You are cordially invited to our 'Imagine If' Performing Arts Concert to be held in the School Hall on Monday 27th March 2023 at 2pm. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved.

Please come along to enjoy an entertaining afternoon of songs, poems, instrumentalists, and performances.

Parent Evening Meetings

Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 27th March



**APPOINTMENT BOOKING
SYSTEM IS NOW OPEN!**

We will again be using School Cloud, as our platform for parent's evenings. From parent and teacher feedback we know that it is a more convenient system which enabling parents to set appointments with teachers and manage bookings online.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dated and should be booked accordingly:



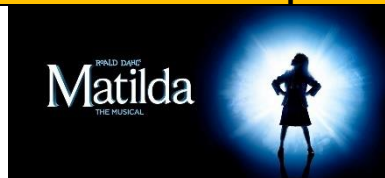
Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery & Pre-School	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Jo Rice Alison Prandle Julie Bache	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Reception	Miss Harrington	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March From 5.30pm on Thursday 30 th March
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 3	Mrs Creedon	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 4	Mrs Jones	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	From 3pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March

To logon to School Cloud, please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Appointment can be made from Friday 3rd March at 9am until Friday 24th March at 4pm. Should you require assistance with making a book or wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Evans annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

PTA Spring Movie Night

23rd March from 5pm - 7.15pm



On the 23rd of March the PTA will be holding a Movie Night for children from Reception to Year 6. The film will be Matilda the Musical and the children can enjoy a popcorn snack and drink, plus entry to the raffle for a ticket price of £5. Please pay on the door.

See Flyer Below.

Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden Thursday 30th March



The residents of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 3 children to visit them On Thursday the 30th of March to take part in Easter themed 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 3 Visit to Old Garden Letter](#)

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](#)



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](#)



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](#)

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
	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)

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	First Aid	12pm – 12.30pm	Y3 - Y6
	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

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

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
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th 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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MARCH

Monday 13th

Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 15 th	Philharmonic Trip / Toddler Group
Thursday 16 th	Philharmonic Trip
Friday 17 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd	PTA Spring Movie Night
Monday 27 th	Imagine If.... – Performing Arts Concert
Tuesday 28 th	Parents Evening – Nursery and Pre-School, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Evening – Nursery and Pre-School
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden
	Parents Evening – Nursery and Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 6.

You're invited to join our

SPRING MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH

5:00 PM - 7:15 PM

(INCLUDES POPCORN, WATER & 10 RAFFLE TICKETS)

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS, COMFY CLOTHES OR ONESIES

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED

MOVIE:

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Tickets £5
(pay on the door)

Reception to Year 6

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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