



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

186

182

191

154

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

3877

3596

4110

3580

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception	B S-S		
Year 1	O M		
Year 2		N P	
Year 3	E U		
Year 4			E M
Year 5		S St	A A O
Year 6	E W		H M

Achievement Certificates – This Week



Reception	HN
Year 1	AU
Year 2	SA
	FS
Year 3	FL
Year 4	P S-P
Year 5	
Year 6	JC
	AN
	OS
	NT

Headteachers Awards – This Week

Year 4	A M
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Year 6

J G
D B

Mathletics Pupil of the Week – This Week

Mathletics

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

Golden Table – Last Week

Rec	H N	Y1	C L	Y2	M A O
Y3	F L	Y4	Z B	Y5	N S
		Y6	E P		

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	O C	Y1	W	Y2	F P-S
Y3	S	Y4	N S	Y5	T B
	S-S	Y6	H M		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Comic Relief Red Nose Day



The children all looked wonderful in their red clothes for Red Nose Day. The children had a great day, enjoying different activities throughout the day!



We are still counting but so far, we have raised an amazing **£636.00** from donations and sales of red noses.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Year 4 Class Assembly - The Rainforest



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Year 4 Class Assembly this week. We hope you enjoyed watching the children display and talk about all their hard work on Rainforests. Well done Year 4!

PTA Race Night Survery



The PTA are hoping to hold a Race Night as a fundraising event and would like to gauge whether or not parents would be interested in attending such an event. With this in mind the PTA would be most grateful if parents could spend just a few minutes by completing a Google form survey including preferences of where to hold the event, e.g. the school hall or commercial venue etc.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Please click on the link below to access the survey: [PTA Parent Survey for Race Night event 2023](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 20th March 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Red Nose Special Pizza
Pudding	Cupcakes

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

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](#)

Rearranged Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Tuesday 21st March



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them on Tuesday 21st of March to take part in lots of fun activities based around the theme of Spring.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. As the children will be traveling there via minibus or in an Avalon staff members own car, we would be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

For more details, please click on the link for [Re-arranged Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor](#)

Year 5 and 6 Football Match VS Pensby Primary School Wednesday 22nd March



A team of children from year 5 and 6 will be representing Avalon School at the football match against Pensby Primary on Wednesday 22nd March at 3.45pm. Thank you to the parents/carers offering lifts to the children taking part. Good Luck Team Avalon!

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

You are cordially invited to our
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.

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:

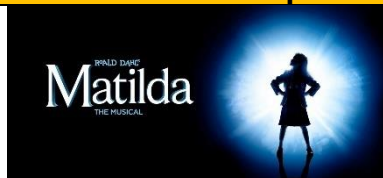
Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery & Pre-School	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Jo Rice Alison Prandle Julie Bache	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March From 4pm on Thursday 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](#)

School Council Sponsored Event 'Scurry & Hibernate' in Aid of Jackson's Animal Rescue Friday 31st March 2023



Following a recent School Council meeting and an assembly by a representative of the Jackson's Animal Rescue, the School Council have decided to run a 'Scurry & Hibernate' sponsored event on Friday 31st March in school to raise money for the rescue centre.

To raise money for the rescue centre the children will be seeing how many times they can scurry and hibernate within a given time limit. Children should come into school in their PE kit on the day.

The School Council will also be selling raffle tickets at £1.00 a strip for the chance to win a beautifully handknitted hedgehog and some chocolate Easter treats.

For more information, please click on the link for [Jackson's Animal Rescue Donation Letter](#)

Spring Break Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April



School will close at the normal time on Friday 31st March and re-open to children on Tuesday 18th April, as there is a staff training day on Monday the 17th.

Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th May 2023



The final instalment of £125 for the Year 6 Residential to Condover is due for payment by Monday 10th April. We would be most grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall](#)

Year 3 Class Assembly Tuesday 9th May



The children of Year 3 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Tuesday 9th May, 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.

Class Photographs Monday 15th May



We will be having class photographs taken on Monday 15th May. Please ensure that all children attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers. The photograph will be available to purchase, details will be set out in due course.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle Tuesday 16th May



Reception Class will be visiting Chirk Castle on Tuesday 16th May.

Look out for more information coming soon.

Reception Class Assembly Monday 22nd May



The children of Reception would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 22nd May, 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.

Half Term Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June



School will close at the normal time on Friday 26th May and re-open to children on Monday 5th June

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 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



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 12th 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 20 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 21 st	Reception going to Caldý Manor Care Home
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5 and 6 Football Match VS Pensby Primary School
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.
Friday 31 st March	School Council Sponsored Event 'Scurry & Hibernate' in Aid of Jackson's Animal Rescue Children Break Up for Half Term

APRIL

Monday 17 th	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 18 th	Children return to school

MAY

Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 6 at Condover Hall
Tuesday 9 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 15 th	Class Photographs
Tuesday 16 th	Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle
Monday 22 nd	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 26 th	School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5 th	Children return To School
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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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