



**School finishes for Half Term TODAY Friday 31st March.
School reopens for children on Tuesday 18th April 2023**

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

190	158	187	165
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Total House Points for the Year To-Date

4167	3882	4415	3866
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Merit Badges – This Week

Reception			OC
Year 1		CD	
Year 2			SA
Year 3	EH		
Year 4			HL
Year 5		OS	TB
Year 6			EK

Achievement Certificates – This Week



Reception	IP
Year 1	IC
Year 2	NF-T
Year 3	SMc
Year 4	HW
Year 5	OC
	ME
	NS
	JW
Year 6	HE

Headteachers Awards – This Week

Year 4	CS
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Year 5	AL
Year 6	PB
	EA

Mathletics Pupil of the Week – This Week



Infants	IW
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	HW
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	AG

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	DK	Y1	HP	Y2	OS
Y3	CS	Y4	HL	Y5	HR
		Y6	CO		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

School Council Sponsored Event in Aid of Jackson’s Animal Rescue



Congratulations to GMc in Pre-School for winning the Easter raffle in aid of Jackson Animal Rescue. George wasn't in Pre-School today, so daddy popped in to collect his prize.

Second prize went to FL in Year 3.

Thank you for your donations and support.



Thank you to everyone who have already brought their sponsor money in. Please could all sponsor money be returned to the school by Friday 21st April 2023. We will let you know how much we have raised as soon as possible.

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

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements



In preparation for September 2023 and the transition to Reception class, we wanted to let you know that we will shortly be commencing our introduction and transition sessions for moving up to the main school.

The dates for these sessions are listed below and children who are moving up to our Reception class will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 26 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 3 rd May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 10 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 17 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 24 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 7 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 14 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 21 st June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 28 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 5 th July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above.

For more information, please click on the link for the [Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements letter](#)

Year 6 Residential to Condover Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements



We can now confirm that we will be leaving school for our Condover residential trip at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd May. The children should arrive at school by 8.45am as usual. School will provide the children with a packed lunch to enjoy when we arrive together with snacks and fruit for our time at Condover.

On the Friday, we will have lunch at Condover before leaving at 12.30pm for our journey back to school; we should arrive back at around 2.30pm, depending on traffic. The children may be collected from school at this time but may also stay in school until the usual finishing time of 3.40pm, if more convenient.

For more information about arrangements for collecting your child, please click on the link for [Year 6 Residential to Condover Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements](#)

Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Details



As in previous years, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to order and purchase leavers' hoodies. This year's hoodie is storm grey in colour with the Avalon School logo embroidered on the front and a large "Leavers 23" screen printed on the back. We have brought forward the ordering process to enable the children to wear their hoodies for special events and occasions in the last half term of this academic year, such as Challenge Day and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly.

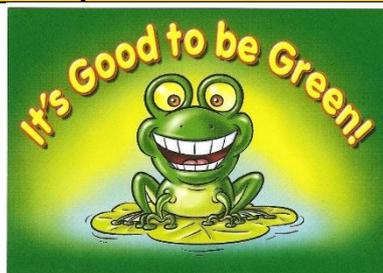
For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Details](#)

Imagine If... Performing Arts Concert



Well done to all the children who took part in our Spring Concert. A wonderful show of talent! Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended.

Reception to Year 6 Good Behaviour Breakfast at Hickory's



The children thoroughly enjoyed their Good Behaviour Breakfast at Hickory's. Hickory's very kindly put on a lovely and yummy spread of maple pancakes and squash, which went down a treat.

Year 4 Teaching Arrangements: Summer Term 2023



Miss Robertson will resume her full-time teaching post as Year 4 Form Teacher and Science teacher following the Easter Break.

Mrs Jones will deliver computing lessons for all children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

For more details, please click on the link for [Year 4 Staffing Arrangements for Summer Term Letter](#)

PTA Race Night Survey



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 17th April 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Fish and Chips
Pudding	Flapjack

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

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.

May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May



School will be closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday.

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](#)

Bank Holiday – Coronation Weekend

Monday 8th May



School will be closed on Monday 8th May for the Bank Holiday.

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!

Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle

Tuesday 16th May



Pre-School and 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



More information regarding extracurricular clubs to start next term 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



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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APRIL

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

MAY

Monday 1st Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th Year 6 Residential at Conover Hall
Monday 8th Coronation Weekend Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 9th Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 15th Class Photographs
Tuesday 16th Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle
Monday 22nd Reception Class Assembly
Friday 26th School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5th Children Return To School

HAPPY EASTER



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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