



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023



School is closed on Monday 8th May for King Charles's Coronation Bank Holiday

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

141

134

138

115

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

4598

4305

4844

4244

Merit Badges

Reception	IW			
Year 1		ES		
Year 2	OS			
Year 3	SE			
Year 4		PS-P		
Year 5			SS	TM
Year 6		Away at Condover		

Achievement Certificates



Reception	HB
Year 1	LG-R
Year 2	SA
Year 3	EH
Year 4	TD
	NS
Year 5	SC
	GL
	FS
Year 6	Away at Condover

Headteachers Awards



Year 3

SO
SS-S

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	MW
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	SW
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	ZD

Reading Star!



Reception	HN
Year 1	AU
Year 2	EM
Year 3	LM
Year 4	EM
Year 5	EK
Year 6	Away at Condoover

Golden Table

Rec
Y3

Y1
M4
Y6

Returns Next Week

Y2
Y5

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Bank Holiday – Coronation Weekend Monday 8th May



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

As part of our coronation celebrations the children enjoyed a very special 'street party' style lunch today prepared by our amazing catering team, including a fantastic coronation cake. The children had a fun afternoon of games and celebration activities. As a memento of this special event all children and staff received a commemorative pin badge.



Year 6 Residential



The Year 6 children have had a fabulous time at Condover this week. We look forward to hearing all about their adventurous activities. Thank you to all the staff who have been involved in making this trip a memorable event for the Year 6 children.



Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions continue as follows:

Date	Time
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 3 Class Assembly Thursday 11th May



The children of Year 3 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Thursday 11th May, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

Please note the change of date and we apologise for an inconvenience caused.

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

Re-arranged Year 3 Trip to The Old Garden Residential Home

Thursday 11th May



Following the Year 3 assembly the children will be heading off to visit the residents of The Old Garden Residential Home to share in some fun activities. This trip has been re-arranged as they were unable to visit in March. The children will be travelling to and from The Old Garden by minibus and will be back in time for lunch. The Year 3 children have a very busy morning ahead of them!

Reception Beach School

Summer Term



The Reception children had a super time at the beach this week. Their next sessions are:

Thursday 11th May
Thursday 25th May (amended date)

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

For more details please click on the link below:
[Reception Beach School Sessions - Summer Term](#)

Year 1 Beach School

Summer Term



The Year 1 children had a wonderful time at the beach this week. Their next sessions are:

Friday 12th May
Tuesday 23rd May (amended date)

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

For more details please click on the link below:
[Year 1 Beach School Sessions - Summer Term](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 8th May



Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Coronation Street Party Lunch
Pudding	Coronation Crown Biscuits

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

Health & Safety Reminder – Unsupervised Children



Please could we ask that parents do not leave their children unsupervised on the school site after they have been dismissed by their class teacher. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times, for safety reasons. Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter.

Year 6 BikeRight Level 1 & Level 2 Course

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 18th May

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY



The Year 6 children have the opportunity to undertake the BikeRight Level 1 and Level 2 course week commencing 15th May. The children will be in groups of 5 or 6; completely both Level 1 and Level 2 on the same day, therefore they will only need to bring their bike into school for one day. Parents will be informed which day their child has been allocated once the booking process is complete.

Please follow the link below for more information about the course and to provide consent for your child to participate. **The online consent form MUST be completed no later than Wednesday 10th May 2023.**

[Course Details & Booking](#)

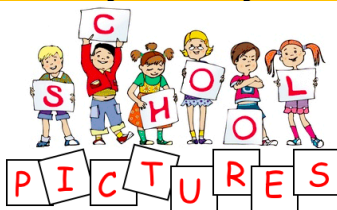
Children will not be allowed to take part in the course if the consent form has not been completed.

For more details please click on the link below:

[Year 6 BikeRight Level 1 & Level 2 Course](#)

Class Photographs

Monday 15th May



Class photographs will be taken on Monday 15th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Monday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Monday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

Year 6 children who will be undertaking the Bikeability course on the Monday should come to school in their usual summer school uniform and bring with them their PE kit to get changed into after their photo is taken.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

House T-Shirt

DEADLINE for Orders – Monday 15th May



During the summer term we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the attached form to the school office no later than Monday 15th May 2023

The coloured t-shirts represent the houses as follows:

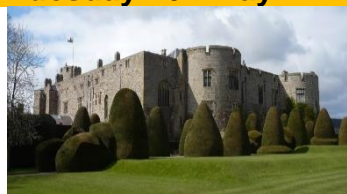
Blue – St Andrew	Yellow – St David	Red – St George	Green – St Patrick
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The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 13 and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £6.00 each which can be paid by cheque or preferably by internet banking, please see attached order form for details. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payments in cash.

For the order form please click on the link below
ADD THE LINK HERE

Pre-School & Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle

Tuesday 16th May



As part of their topic on castle and fairy tales the Pre-School and Reception class children are going to Chirk Castle On Tuesday 16th May. The children will be leaving promptly at 9am and returning to school for around 3pm (depending on traffic). The children should wear their usual school uniform including waterproof coats and sensible footwear. School will provide a packed lunch for the children.

For more details for Reception parents please click on the link below:
[Reception Trip to Chirk Castle](#)

For more details for Pre-School parents please click on the link below:
[Pre-School Trip to Chirk Castle](#)

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.

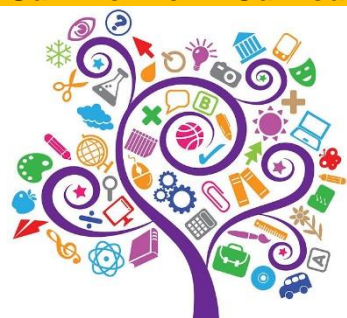
Half Term

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

Reception to Year 6 Summer Term Curriculum Overviews



The summer term curriculum overviews for the children in Reception to Year 6 have been emailed out to parents and carers today. Copies of the overviews can also be accessed via the school website clicking on the link below.

[Reception to Year 6 Summer Term Curriculum Overviews](#)

Should any parents/carers require a paper copy please contact the school office.

No Nut Policy



As you may be aware, we have children in Avalon School who have severe allergies to nuts. For health and safety reasons it is therefore very important that nuts of any kind are not brought onto the school site. Please could we ask that breaktime snacks are kept to fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support.

Reception to Year 6 PE Days



The PE days for the children in Reception to Year 6 are as follows:

Year Group	Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

Children should come to school in their full Avalon School PE kit on their PE day. A copy of the school PE kit can be found by clicking on the link below.

[School Uniform List](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term



The extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Ballet	Pre-School	2.30-3.00pm
	Ballet	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Tuesday	Go Sports	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Wednesday	Construction	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.40pm
	Cookery	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.45pm
Thursday	Football	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Friday	Drama	Y1 – Y2	3.05-3.35pm

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Acro Dane	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm
Tuesday	Cricket/Rounders	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm

	STEM	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm
Wednesday	Aladdin Rehearsals	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm
Thursday	Football	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm
	Verbal Reasoning	Y5	3.40-4.30pm
Friday	Drama	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm

There are still places available on some clubs, please contact the club leader or Mr Ashton to check availability.

More information on the clubs can be found by clicking on the link below:
[Summer Clubs List](#)

[Drama KS1 Sign Up](#) / [Drama KS2 Sign Up](#)

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](#)

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.

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.

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

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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MAY

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 6 Residential at Condoval Hall
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 1 Beach School Session
Thursday 4 th	Reception Beach School Session
Monday 8 th	Coronation Weekend Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 10 th	Deadline for Booking Year 6 BikeRight
Thursday 11 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
	Year 3 Re-arranged Trip to The Old Garden
Friday 12 th	Reception Beach School Session
Monday 15 th	Year 1 Beach School Session
	Group 1 Year 6 BikeRight
	Class Photographs
Tuesday 16 th	Deadline for Ordering House T-Shirt
	Group 2 Year 6 BikeRight
Wednesday 17 th	Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle
Thursday 18 th	Group 3 Year 6 BikeRight
Monday 22 nd	Group 4 Year 6 BikeRight
Tuesday 23 rd	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 25 th	Year 1 Beach School Session
Friday 26 th	Reception Beach School Session
	School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5 th	Children Return To School
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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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