



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2023

**School closes for the Half Term break up TODAY
and re-opens on Monday 5th June**

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

187

134

192

156

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

5153

4759

5378

4700

Merit Badges

Reception

DK

Year 1

LDC

Year 2

NFT

Year 3

RK

Year 4

XF

Year 5

LK

HW

Year 6

OAZ

HMc

Achievement Certificates



Reception

IP

Year 1

HP

Year 2

EMac

Year 3

AALO

Year 4

AW

Year 5

FS

Year 6

HE

Headteachers Awards



Reception	BMac
Year 5	HW
Year 6	EP

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	BMac
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	SW
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	RH

Reading Star!



Reception	OC
Year 1	OMac
Year 2	FS
Year 3	CS
Year 4	EB
Year 5	SC
Year 6	HE

Golden Table

Rec	DK	Y1	AU	Y2	M A I O
Y3	SS	Y4	TD	Y5	SC
		Y6	IW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Half Term

Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June



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

Reception & Year 1 Beach School Sessions



The children in Reception and Year 1 had their final beach school sessions this week and have had a wonderful time exploring the beach.



**Reception to Year 6 Rise the Challenge Week
Week Commencing Monday 5th June**



This year's Rise to the Challenge Week will commence Monday 5th June. During the week there are lots of planned activities going ahead with Inter House competitions, quests and challenges. Our PTA have agreed to support our challenge week again this year, very generously.

Puzzle Day - Monday 5th June
Challenge Day – Friday 9th June

Children will need to wear their House T shirts for this week, as well as having their water bottles with them in school.

For more information, please click on the link below:
[Rise To The Challenge Week](#)

Year 6 Healthy Eating Snack Shop Opens for Business Week Commencing Monday 5th June



In Year 6 we have been working on an enterprise project to support Cancer Research UK and Aid Africa.

We will be selling fresh and dried fruit on a daily basis and toast on a Wednesday. The snack shop will be open every morning break. The highest amount of money we will charge your child will be no more than 50p. For example, a piece of fresh fruit will cost 30p and dried fruit such as raisins will be 20p per box. Toast will be 30p per slice or 50p for 2 slices (Wednesday only)

We suggest that you give your child enough money to last them the week in a small purse or wallet and leave them in a container in the class and take it home at the weekend to top it back up with money. Please try to ensure that it is in small change (i.e. 10p pieces and 20p pieces). The Snack Shop will be open every day on the playground at breaktime commencing Monday 5th June.

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements



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

Date	Time
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 below:
[Pre-School Transition of Reception Sept 2023 Arrangements](#)

Year 5 and Year 6 Careers Fair Wednesday 7th June



As part of our PHSCEE curriculum we will be holding a Careers Fair for the children in Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday 7th June. Many parents and our extended family community have offered their time to inspire the children by sharing a variety of interesting career pathways.

A big thank you to all the parents (and extended family) involved in providing the children with such an exciting opportunity.

Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre

Thursday 8th June



As part of their science topic of classification of living things, the children in Year 4 will be visiting Eureka Science & Discovery Centre on Thursday 8th June. The children will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am and will be back in time for the end of the school day. Children should wear their full school uniform including blazers but not hats. Please could the children bring a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money with them. Please complete and return their permission slip by Monday 5th June.

For more details and the permission slip please click on the link below:

[Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th June



Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chicken Korma and Rice
Pudding	Banoffee Cake

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

Year 5 & Year 6 PTA Summer Ceilidh & Pizza Night



The children in Year 5 and Year 6 had a wonderful night Ceilidh dancing and enjoyed some delicious pizza yesterday evening. A BIG thank you to the PTA for organising such a fun event!

Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape

Thursday 22nd June



We have booked places for the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on Thursday 22nd June at the "Go Ape" Tree Top Adventure Course in Delamere Forest. The children will be tackling the high ropes course through the tree followed by the large problem solving activity called "Gorilla Games"

The children will need to wear their school PE kit including their long PE tracksuit bottoms or leggings and should bring with them a small backpack to carry their lunch in. School will provide lunches and snacks for the children.

Please complete and return their permission slip together with the payment by Friday 17th June.

For more details and the permission slip please click on the link below:

[Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape](#)

PTA Race Night Friday 23rd June



Come and enjoy a fun- filled Night at the Races, bring your friends and family along. The cost of the Race Night Ticket is £15.00 each which includes entrance, food and arrival drink. There will be 8 races on the night with 8 horses in each race. You can own a horse for £5 the winning horse from each race wins a prize.

For more information and the ticket order form please see below.

[PTA Race Night Flyer & Ticket Order Form](#)

Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to the Recycling Centre at Gilmoss Monday 26th June



As part of their science topics the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Gill Moss Recycling Centre on Monday 26th June.

More details to forward after half term.

Junior Performance of Aladdin Jr Week Commencing Monday 26th June



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of "Aladdin" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you what they have learned.

The performances will be as follows:

Monday 26th June – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Tuesday 27th June – Evening Performance at 6.30pm

Wednesday 28th June Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Thursday 29th June – Evening Performance at 6.30pm

More details on the performance and how to book tickets will be sent out after half term.

PTA Strawberry Tea Friday 30th June



PTA will again be holding their Strawberry Tea on Friday 30th June.

More details to follow after half term,

House Cup Winners Rewards Trip Monday 3rd July



The winners of this year's House Cup will be going on their reward trip on Monday 3rd July. The winning house will be announced at the end of term. Good luck everyone Keep collecting the house points!

Pre-School Graduation Friday 7th July at 2pm



The Pre-School graduation ceremony will take place on Friday 7th July at 2pm in the School Hall.

More details to follow after half term.

Infant Achievement Celebration (Reception to Year 2) Monday 10th July at 2pm



The Infant Achievement Celebration will take place on Monday 10th July at 2pm in the School Hall.

More details to follow after half term.

Junior Achievement Celebration (Year 3 to Year 6) Tuesday 11th July at 2pm



The Junior Achievement Celebration will take place on Tuesday 11th July at 2pm in the School Hall.

More details to follow after half term.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly Wednesday 12th July at 1.20pm

CLASS OF 2023

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place on Wednesday 12th July at 1.20pm in the School Hall.

More details to follow after half term.

Polite Notice – No Dogs on the School Site



In the interests of health and safety, dogs are not allowed on the school site. We ask that you please respect this request as it is in everyone's interest to keep our school site a safe place for all children, parents, staff and visitors.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

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

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](#)



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 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

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

Friday 26th School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5th Children Return To School
Year 6 Healthy Snack Shop Opens Today
Puzzle Day – House T-Shirts & PE Kit needed

Wednesday 7th Year 5 & Year 6 Careers Fair
Pre-School Transition to Reception Session 1.30pm

Thursday 8th Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre

Friday 9th Challenge Day – House T-Shirts & PE Kit needed

Wednesday 14th Pre-School Transition to Reception Session 1.30pm

Wednesday 21st Pre-School Transition to Reception Session 1.30pm

Thursday 22nd Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape

Friday 23rd PTA Race Night

Monday 26th Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Gilmoor Recycling Centre
Aladdin Performance – Matinee 2pm
Aladdin Performance – Evening 6pm

Tuesday 27th Pre-School Transition to Reception Session 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th Aladdin Performance – Matinee 2pm
Aladdin Performance – Evening 6pm

Thursday 29th PTA Strawberry Tea

Friday 30th

JULY

Monday 3rd House Cup Winners Reward Trip

Wednesday 5th Pre-School Transition to Reception Session 1.30pm

Friday 7th Pre-School Graduation 2pm

Monday 10th Infant (Reception to Year 2) Achievement Celebration 2pm

Tuesday 11th Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Achievement Celebration 2pm

Wednesday 12th School Closes for the Summer Break At The Usual Time

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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