



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

123

169

136

171

Total House Points for the Year To-date

123

169

136

171

Merit Badges

Reception				SW
Year 1	OP-D			
Year 2	OMac			
Year 3		FC		
Year 4		CS		
Year 5	SG			EB
Year 6			JW EW	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	HW
Year 1	HB
Year 2	AH
Year 3	SA
Year 4	SO
Year 5	ZB
	TD
	CR
	LS
Year 6	GL

Mathletics

Infants

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Golden Table

Rec Y3	SW OS	Y1 Y4 Y6	OP-D AC ZD	Y2 Y5	BMcC AW
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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Safeguarding Booklets

Safeguarding



Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned their children's safeguarding booklet.

If you are still to return your child's booklet, please do so by Monday 18th September. Should you require a further copy please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

It is vitally important that we have the correct and most up to date information for your child.

Year 6 Grammar School Assessment Arrangements Monday 18th September and Friday 22nd September 2023



Entrance examinations for Wirral grammar schools take place on Monday 18th September, and for St Anselm's College on Friday 22nd September.

If your child is sitting in the afternoon, it will be up to parents' discretion if your child attends school in the morning. Similarly, if your child's sitting is in the morning, it will be up to parents if they return to school in the afternoon.

If your child is not sitting an entrance exam on a particular day, it is expected that your child will be in school as normal.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Year 6 11+ Assessment Day Arrangements Letter](#)

Fire and Lockdown Drill



To start the new term, and to make sure that all the children know how to keep themselves safe, we have recently undertaken our statutory Fire and Lockdown drills. We were very proud of the sensible, calm and orderly manner in which all the children participated during these drill procedures.

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 are continuing their InCAS assessments next week which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks.

Mathletics Reception to Year 6



As we have done in previous years and as part of our maths curriculum, children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to access the Mathletics website using their unique code.

We will put a reminder of your child's unique log on details in the form of a sticker, into your child's reading record (infants) or diary (juniors).

If you have any questions regarding Mathletics please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher via the class email.

Earrings in School



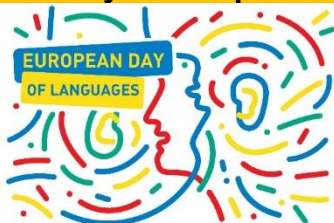
It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

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.

European Day of Languages (Rec – Y6) Monday 25th September



Following a very successful and enjoyable celebration day last year, we are inviting the children to participate in this year's European Day of Languages, on Monday 25th September 2023. By "travelling" between "countries" and completing song and craft activities, we hope the children will foster a love of languages, at any age.

Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 1 Wednesday 27th September



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 5 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Wednesday 27th September
Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 11th October

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. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather. More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 5 Beach School Session Letter](#)

Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 1 Thursday 28th September



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 6 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Thursday 28th September
Thursday 5th October
Thursday 12th October

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. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 6 Beach School Session Letter](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September at 8.50am



We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 29th September. We would be delighted if you could join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am for refreshments and cake with a suggested donation of £2.50. Donations of cakes and biscuits, **NOT** containing nuts, can be dropped off at the school hall on Friday 29th from 8.15am. Children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time with a suggested donation of 50p each.

Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Thursday 2nd November 2023



Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday 2nd November in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Parents/ Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have a photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am and remain with your child.

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

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Letter](#)

Food Facts – Healthier Families



As part of our PHSCEE curriculum, see below links to find out about healthy food swaps and activities you can build into your child's day.

[Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Activities for kids - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Start week commencing 18th September 2023

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
Monday	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Yoga/Dance	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Start week commencing 18th September 2023

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Coding	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Choir	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Creative Writing	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Drama	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Reception to Year 2](#)

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Year to Year 6](#)

Acro Dance Sign Up: [Louise HSOD](#)

Ballet Sign Up: [Louise HSOD](#)

Football Sign Up: [Football First](#)

Multi-Skills Sign Up: [Activity 4 All](#)

Netball Sign Up: [Activity 4 All](#)

Tag Rugby Sign Up: [Activity 4 All](#)

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

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



As we start a new academic year, 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.

Fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK



Mrs Callaway will be taking part in a 10km race on 30th September 2023. We think she is mad, but know that you will support her, along with the whole school community, wishing her good luck, and pray that her knees hold out!

Mrs Callaway is running in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK charity, if you would like to make a donation, please click on the link below for the Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joanna-callaway-run10k>



Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 18th September 2023



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Dinner
Pudding	Lemon Drizzle Cake

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.

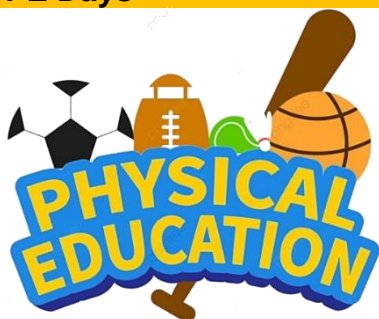
End of the Day Arrangements



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

PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

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

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.

Snack 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.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

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.

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 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:

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, CH48 2HE
Tel: 0151 625 6993



Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk



September

Monday 25 th	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 27 th	Year 5 Beach School Session
Thursday 28 th	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 29 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Tuesday 3 rd	Harvest Celebration
Wednesday 4 th	Year 5 Beach School session
Thursday 5 th	Year 6 Beach School session
Wednesday 11 th	Year 5 Beach School session
Thursday 12 th	Year 6 Beach School session
Friday 13 th	School Closes for Half Term (at the usual time)
Monday 30 th	School reopens
	Flu immunisations

November

Thursday November 2 nd	Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph
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No need
to book
Just come along

New Price

£5
per child
Cash or Card
Payments
Accepted

From September


AVALON

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group

Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am

Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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