



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

106

146

144

103

#### Total House Points for the Year To-Date

428

519

468

431

#### Merit Badges

Reception

HW

Year 1

HB

Year 2

LDC

Year 3

OS

Year 4

WMcD

Year 5

PS-P

HL

Year 6

ME

OS

### Achievement Certificates



Reception

JM

Year 1

BMcC

Year 2

TC

L G-R

Year 3

FS

Year 4

FL

Year 5

CR

CS

Year 6

NS

## Headteachers Awards



Year 2	LG-R
Year 3	NP
Year 4	RP
Year 6	TB
	OS

## Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	SMcW
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	AG

## Reading Star!



Reception	OQ
Year 1	DK
Year 2	ES
Year 3	EMcK
Year 4	AC
Year 5	EB
Year 6	FMcW

## Golden Table

Rec	RC	Y1	BMcC	Y2	AH
Y3	FPS	Y4	WMcD	Y5	CR
		Y6	OS		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. So far, we have raised a fantastic

**£332.00**

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION



## Reception to Year 6 European Day of Languages



The children did so well with their travels on Monday! It was lovely to see them get immersed in learning about the different cultures and traditions from around Europe, even having a little taste of some native foods too!



## Reception Autumn Walk Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October



Reception are hoping to go for an Autumn walk (weather permitting) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 to support the children's learning and their new topic 'Autumn'. This will involve Reception hunting for various Autumn objects and spotting signs of Autumn in Caldy Woods (located just behind school).

Please ensure the children have their school waterproof coat and wellies for their walk.

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

[Reception Autumn Walk Letter](#)

## Harvest Celebration Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.05am



We will be holding our harvest celebration on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the theme of "Gratitude". As part of our celebrations, we would kindly ask for small food donations which will be given to Wirral Foodbank to help families in our local area.

Please could we ask that donations are brought into school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October due to limited storage space. Refreshments will be available.

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

[Harvest Celebration Letter](#)

## Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 2 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October



Year 5 had a great time at the beach this week learning how to use a compass and plotting North, South, East and West.

Next sessions are:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October



Year 6 enjoyed their time at the beach this week and made the most of the dry weather! Next sessions are:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## World Smile Day

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October



As part of World Smile Day, the children will be having a special assembly lead by Mrs Gibson who will be helping the children to understand the importance of looking after their teeth and gums.

## Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pizza, Croquet Potatoes and Salad
Pudding	Banoffee Cake

## GOOS LUCK MRS CALLAWAY

### Fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK



Wishing Mrs Callaway the best of luck tomorrow as she completes the 10km run in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. You have all our support!

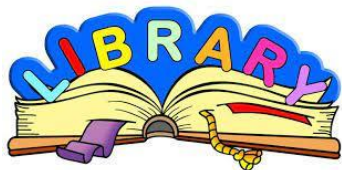


If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link below for the Just Giving page.

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

## Reception Visit to West Kirby Library

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October



Reception are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This visit will involve an introduction to the Library with a tour, stories and craft activities.

Please ensure the children have the appropriate footwear and their waterproof coats for their walk to the library.

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

[Reception to West Kirby Library Letter](#)

## Young Minds Hello Yellow Event

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October



Young Minds are passionate about looking after children and young people's mental health and getting the early help when they need it. The Hello Yellow campaign is to help children to understand that they are not alone with their mental health.

This year everyone across the school will be working on yellow paper all day with lessons focusing on the importance of mental health and wellbeing.

If you would like to make a donation to the Young Minds Charity, we have set up a just giving page which can be accessed by following the link below:

[www.justgiving.com/page/avalon-school-1695710945078](http://www.justgiving.com/page/avalon-school-1695710945078)

## Popcorn Sale in Aid of Mary's Meals UK

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October



As a follow on to our Harvest Celebration, Year 6 will be selling popcorn during break time in aid of the charity Mary's Meals UK. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served at cost of £1.



## Halloween Spooktacular

Reception to Year 6 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm



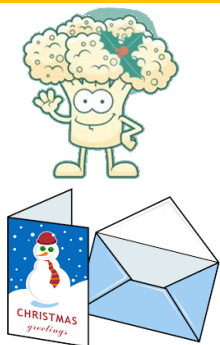
The PTA are holding their Halloween Spooktacular event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm in the school for children in Reception to Year 6. The children have brought home a flyer detailing this exciting event.

There will also be a pumpkin carving/design competition that the children may enter. Completed pumpkins should be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and taken to the school Hall. Entry fee for the pumpkin competition is £2 per entry.

## Cauliflower Cards

CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

ORDER DEADLINE – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be completing their cards in school time. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be bringing the artwork home this week to create their Christmas card designs. Design and artwork guidelines/instruction are included on the artwork sheet.

Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

To place an order, type the following link into your browser  
<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>


<b>*PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below*</b>	
<b>1 Place Your Order Online</b>	
To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:	
<b><a href="https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk">https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk</a></b>	
You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.	

When placing an order, you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

	<b>*PARENTS ORDER CODE*</b>		<b>* SCHOOL DETAILS *</b>
	School Code	Unique Code	
	<b>2666</b>	<b>H6T9JX</b>	
<b>Avalon School</b>			

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** so all artwork can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order.

**If your child's artwork sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.**

## Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October



Flu immunisations will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for children in Reception to Year 6. Please click on the links below for further details on the vaccination programme run by Wirral NHS.

[Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation Programme Letter](#)  
[Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation Programme Leaflet](#)

If you would like your child to have the vaccination, please ensure that you complete the online consent form **no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

Link to consent form: [www.wchcimms.co.uk](http://www.wchcimms.co.uk) or use the QR code.

School code: WC105122

Should you have any queries please contact the Wirral Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.



## Year 5 Parents' Information Meeting

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 5pm



We are holding an 11+ Parents' Information for the parents of our Year 5 children on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 5pm. As the evening is to provide parents/carers with up-to-date information on the 11+ process, parents are requested to make their own childcare arrangements on this occasion.

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

[Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting Letter](#)

## Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

## Scooters and Bicycles



It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bicycles and scooters in the morning. However please could we ask that bicycles and scooters are not left on the school ground during the day for safety reasons.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

## 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.

## 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

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

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

### LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	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
	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)

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
	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Coding	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Choir	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Creative Writing	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5



Friday	Drama	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

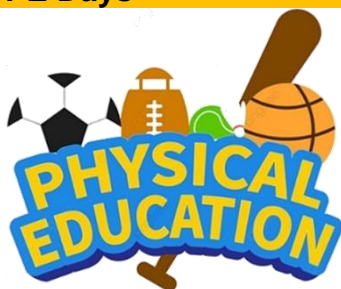
## End of the Day Arrangements



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

## 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 designated PE kit days

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

## 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 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Term Dates 2023-2024



Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Term Starts	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half-Term	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half-Term	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024</b>
Ends	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>
Ends	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Normal Finish Time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)



## October

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Autumn Walk
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Celebration
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Session
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Smile Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to West Kirby Library
	Young Minds Hello Yellow Event
	Year 6 sale of popcorn in aid of Mary's Meals UK
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Session
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cauliflower Cards Artwork Returned to School
	School Closes for Half Term (at the usual time)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Break
October	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Children Return to School
	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations

## November

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cauliflower Cards Order Deadline
	Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs



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

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE  
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[www.avalon-school.co.uk](http://www.avalon-school.co.uk)