



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

School closes for Half Term Friday 13th October and reopens to children on Monday 30th October at the usual time.

Please click on the links below for further news and useful information

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

130

150

116

114

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

603

702

635

594

Merit Badges

Reception	LT		
Year 1		IP	
Year 2	EC		
Year 3	FS		SA
Year 4		SS	
Year 5		AW	
Year 6	HR FS		

Achievement Certificates



Reception	RC
Year 1	HN
Year 2	IC HP
Year 3	OS
Year 4	EH
Year 5	NL HW
Year 6	JM

Headteachers Awards



Reception	OQ HT AS
Year 1	IP
Year 2	EC LDeC
Year 3	FS
Year 4	S MCW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	NP
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	HW

Reading Star!



Reception	SW
Year 1	OC
Year 2	LDeC
Year 3	FC
Year 4	HX
Year 5	EM
Year 6	MW

Golden Table

Rec	V R-F	Y1	OC	Y2	HP
Y3	NP	Y4	RP	Y5	HL
		Y6	GL		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Harvest Celebration



Thank you for your food donations for our harvest celebration. The donations have been gifted to the Wirral Foodbank to help support families in need in our local area. Some of our wonderful Year 6 children help the volunteers from the foodbank load all our donations on to the van.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Macmillan Coffee Morning



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

£416.10 *Thank You!*
FOR YOUR DONATION

Reception Autumn Walk



The Reception children had a fantastic autumn walk in Caldly Woods this week. The children spotted signs of Autumn including; blackberries, sycamore seeds, conkers, beautifully coloured leaves and even a squirrel! For more photos see the Reception Class website page.



World Smile Day



As part of World Smile Day, we had a special visitor at our assembly this morning. Dr Gibson explained to the children the importance of making sure they look after their teeth and gums every day so that they have a happy healthy smile.

MRS CALLAWAY Fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK



Congratulations to Mrs Callaway on completing the 10km run last Saturday and achieving her personal best time too.

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



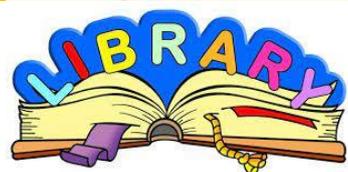
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joanna-callaway-run10k>

Baby News



Some very exciting baby news – we are delighted to share the news that Mrs Creedon is looking forward to her second baby, due in March 2024 and Henrey becoming a BIG brother! We know that you will join us in congratulating Mrs Creedon and wishing her well for her pregnancy and the safe arrival of baby Creedon number 2.

Reception Visit to West Kirby Library Tuesday 10th October



Reception are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on Tuesday 10th 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 10th 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

Popcorn Sale in Aid of Mary's Meals UK Tuesday 10th October



As a follow on to our Harvest Celebration this week, the Year 6 children will be selling popcorn during break time in aid of the charity Mary's Meals UK on Tuesday 10th October. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served at cost of £1. Children should bring their money to school in a named envelope if they wish.

Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term Session 3 Wednesday 11th October



Year 5 had a great and informative time at the beach this week. Next session is:

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 3 Thursday 12th October



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

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](#)

Halloween Spooktacular

Reception to Year 6 Thursday 12th October 5-7pm



The PTA are holding their Halloween Spooktacular event on Thursday 12th 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 12th and taken to the school Hall. Entry fee for the pumpkin competition is £2 per entry.

Cauliflower Cards

CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Friday 13th October



All Christmas card designs must be returned to the school office no later than 4pm on Friday 13th October to ensure the artwork will arrive in time for orders to be fulfilled.

School Finishes for the Half Term Break

Friday 13th October



School closes for the half term break next Friday, 13th October at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 9th October 2023



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli and Rice
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding and Custard

Half Term Break

Monday 16th to Friday 27th October



School will be closed the half term break from Monday 16th October until Friday 27th October inclusive.

The children return to school on Monday 30th October at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45pm as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination

Monday 30th October



Flu immunisations will take place on Monday 30th 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 27th October 2023**.

Link to consent form: 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.



Cauliflower Cards

ORDER DEADLINE – Wednesday 1st 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 1st November**.

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

PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

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:

	PARENTS ORDER CODE		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
	School Code	Unique Code	
	2666	H6T9JX	Avalon School

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Friday 13th 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.

Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue Wednesday 1st November



As part of the Year 6 religious education topic of Judaism, an educational visit to Allerton synagogue Liverpool has been booked for Wednesday 1st November 2023. We hope the visit to the synagogue will enhance the children's learning about Judaism and enrich their knowledge of the Jewish faith.

Children are required to wear their full uniform including blazers but not their hats.

It is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 13th October 2023**.

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

[Year 6 Visit Allerton Synagogue Letter](#)

Year 5 Parents' Information Meeting Wednesday 1st November at 5pm



We are holding an 11+ Parents' Information for the parents of our Year 5 children on Wednesday 1st 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 2nd November



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.

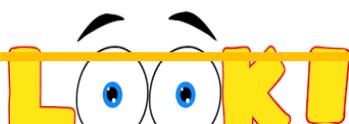
Please click on the link below for further information.

[Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Letter](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Take A Look Event! Friday 3rd November

Come and Take a

We warmly invite all of the Nursery and Pre-School parents to our "Take a Look at Avalon School" event on Friday 3rd November 2023 at 9am to 11am. Refreshments will be included.



at Avalon School

The schedule of the morning will be:

- Headteacher's welcome
- Testimonials from current parents
- A tour of the school with our Year 5&6 ambassadors

Look out for more details next week!

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.

Kooth – A Handy Guide for Parents and Carers



Parents and carers may be supporting a child or young adult who are experiencing difficulties with mental health, or following a particular trauma. The link below is a resource with strategies to support.

[Parent and Carer Brochure CO2.pdf \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Activities for kids - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://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	Y1 – 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

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.



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.

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.

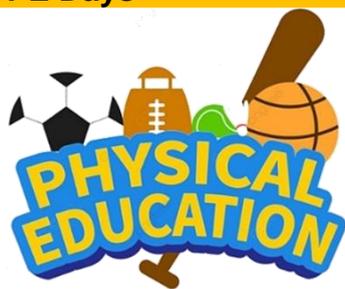
End of the Day Arrangements



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
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 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:**

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October

Tuesday 10th	Reception visit to West Kirby Library Young Minds Hello Yellow Event
Wednesday 11th	Year 6 sale of popcorn in aid of Mary's Meals UK
Thursday 12th	Year 5 Beach School Session Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 13th	PTA Spooktacular Event in the School Hall at 5pm-7pm Cauliflower Cards Artwork Returned to School School Closes for Half Term (at the usual time)
Monday 16 th to Friday 27 th October	Half Term Break
Monday 30 th	Children Return to School Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations

November

Wednesday 1st	Cauliflower Cards Order Deadline Year 6 Visit to Allerton Synagogue, Liverpool Year 5 11+ Parents' Information Meeting at 5pm
Thursday 2nd	Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs
Friday 3 rd	Nursery & Pre-School "Take A Look" event at 9am

No need
to book
Just come along

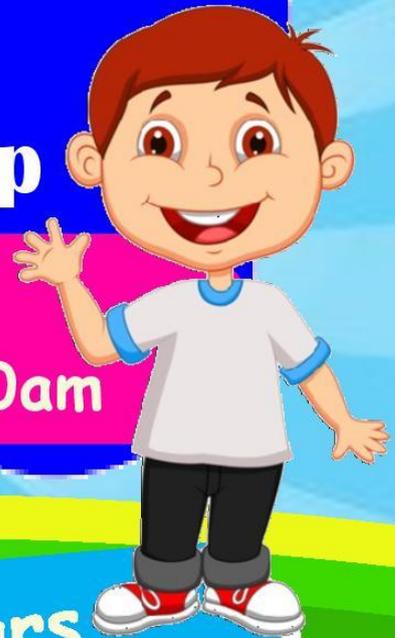
New Price

£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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