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Year 6		MW	AG	

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Headteachers Awards



ReceptionSWYear 3OSYear 4WMcYear 6ME
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Mathletics Pupil of the Week



Infants OC
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) RK
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) AG

Reading Star!



Reception RC
Year 2 AU
Year 3 FS
Year 4 CP
Year 5 NL
Year 6 HR

Golden Table						
Rec	AS	Y1	IW	Y2	OM	
Y3	NF-T	Y4	RK	Y5	ZB	
		Y6	SC			

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Anti-Bully Week - Odd Sock Day



Everyone had lots of fun comparing their odd socks on Monday.

Thank you for your donations, we raised an amazing

£84.60

in aid of the Anti-Bullying Alliance



Year 6 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home



The children in Year 6 visited the residents at The Old Garden Care Home this week to share in their Remembrance Day activities including singing songs, chatting and making Christmas wreaths with the residents.

For more photos click on the link for the Year 6 class webpage.



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo





This week our infant children went on an adventure to Chester Zoo. The children had an amazing exploring the zoo and learned lots of interesting fact about animal in their workshop enhancing their topic on animal this term.

For more photos click on the link for the class webpages.

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to War Memorial



The children in Year 1 and Year 2 walked to the West Kirby War Memorial this week to reflect and show their respect. They also did some observational sketching during their walk.

For more photos click on the link for the <u>class webpages</u>.



Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly





Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly this week. We hope that you experienced just a flavour of what the children from Pre-School all the way up to Year 6 have been thinking and learning about this week with this year's anti-bullying theme "Make Some Noise".

Children in Need Spotacular



Thank you to all who were able to attend our Children in Need BIG Breakfast. We hope everyone had a great time! Thank you to our amazing Catering Team and School Council who helped make it a spotacular success!



The money is still coming in but so far, we have raised a fantastic:

£465.20



If you would still like to donate to our Children In Need appeal you can do so via our Just Giving page, either click on the link below or scan the QR Code. <u>Avalon School Children In Need</u>



Avalon School PE Kit



We have noticed recently that children, particularly in the Juniors, are coming into school with items that are non-regulation PE kit. Please could we ask that children wear the correct, school regulation kit for PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs including the regulation tracksuit bottoms.

As the weather is turning colder and some PE lessons take place outside on the school field or astroturf we would be grateful if children could bring in a part of gloves, preferably black sports gloves. Many thanks for your support.

PTA Logo Design Competition Winner



The PTA would like to thank all the children who entered into the competition to design their new logo. The winning entry was created by Ellie Mackenzie who received the prize of an Amazon gift voucher. All the children who entered also received a little gift for all their hard work and creativity.

School Council Reverse Advent Calendar Donations for Foodbank



The School Council are continuing their reverse advent calendar in aid of our local food bank to support families during the Christmas period. Donations should be taken to the School Office.

We are asking for donations of the following:

Week Commencing	Items
Monday 20th November	Nappies, wipes, sanitary products, soap,
	shower gel, toothpaste and toilet rolls
Monday 27 th November	Coffee, tea, sugar, UHT milk, jam,
	marmalade, crackers and biscuits
Monday 4 th December	Sweets, mince pies, chocolates, cakes and
-	crisps.

Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall, Shropshire Tuesday 7th to Friday 9th May 2024

DEADLINE FOR CONSENT FORM & DEPOSIT – Monday 20th November 2023



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to Condover Hall in Shropshire in May 2024. https://www.jca-adventure.co.uk.

We ask that the deposit of £75.00 and the consent form is returned to the school office by Monday 20th November 2023.

For more details and consent form please clicking on the link below. Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall Letter

Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Wednesday 22nd November 2023



The children in Reception will be visiting the residents of Caldy Manor Care Home on Wednesday 22nd November to take part in some fun activities linked to their topic on "Celebrations". Consent forms for the trip should be returned to the School Office by Monday 13th November.

The children will be travelling on the Care Home's minibus therefore we would be grateful if you could provide a suitable car seat for your children. Care seat should be taken to the school office in the morning. Children should wear their smart winter uniform.

For more information and consent form please clicking on the link below: Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Letter

Lunch Menu Next Week



Lunch menu for the week commencing 20th November 2023



Click on the following link for our **Lunch Menus**

This Week's Favourite Meal		
Main	Pizza, Salad and Croquets	
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch	

PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES INTO THE RAFFLE – Monday 27th November 2023



The children brought home this week, raffle tickets for the PTA Christmas Fair. Please try to sell as many tickets as possible. All funds raised directly benefit all children at Avalon School.

Please retain raffle tickets and return completed ticket stubs, your payment and any unsold tickets **by Monday 27**th **November 2023**.

Cash or cheques payable to "Avalon School Parent Teacher Association".

Christmas Decoration Competition DEADLINE FOR BAUBLE ENTRIES – Monday 27th November 2023 Winners Announced PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December 2023



Our Christmas trees will soon be arriving at school, ready to be decorated! We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize. Your child should have received a bauble with a name tag and further information.

All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 27th November to be entered into the competition.

HELP NEED PTA Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes PRIZE DONATIONS – FROM MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



The PTA need your help with donations of raffle prizes, these can be bottles of wine, prosecco, spirits, boxes of chocolates or sweets, toiletry sets, stationery sets, selection boxes, vouchers etc.

If you are able to donate a prize, please bring it to the School Office from Monday 27th November.

If you are donating alcohol this must be brought to the School Office by an adult on Friday 1st December only.

Thank you for your support!

EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay & Play Sessions Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November 2023



Parents are inviting to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 27th November. Parents will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. The EYFS staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

Stay & Play Sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 28th November 9am to 10am
- Wednesday 29th November 9am to 10am
- Thursday 30th November 2pm to 3pm

Please return the slip provided, highlighting which session best for you and return it to the school office by Thursday 23rd November.

Form more details and return slip please click on the link below: <u>EYFS Stay and Play Sessions Letter</u>

Avalon PTA Christmas Wreath Making Class Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th November 2023



The PTA will be holding their Christmas Wreath Making Class again this year on Wednesday 29th November in the evening and Thursday 20th November in the morning.

If you would like to book a place please complete the booking form and return it together with the payment to the PTA Post Box in the School Office. Please note that only cash payments can be accepted.

Form more information and booking form please click on the link below: PTA Christmas Wreath Making Class Letter

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Tuesday 5th December at 2pm 2023



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Tuesday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

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

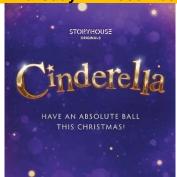
Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Wednesday 6th December at 2pm 2023



We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

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

Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) Storyhouse Theatre Trip - Cinderella Thursday 7th December 2023



We have booked for all the children in Year 3 to Year 6 to see a stage production of Cinderella at the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester.

The cost of the trip will be £18.00 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and s snack.

The coat will leave school at 9.15am and will return to school in time for lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear the full school winter uniform including blazers but not school hats.

For more details and consent form please click on the link below: Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Letter

Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day Friday 8th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day





We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Friday 8th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties Monday 11th December 2023



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Monday 11th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team and a visit from Santa himself.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For Nursery and Pre-School children who don't normally attend on a Monday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to Nursery/Pre-School at 1.30pm and collected at 3.15pm.

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Wednesday 13th December 2023



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Wednesday 13th December at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

A collection will be made during the Christmas service. We would kindly ask that you send in a small new toy, gift, or sweets, with your child. Gifts should be left unwrapped. The gifts will be placed at the front of church during the service, to support and help underprivileged children have a happier Christmas.

Children maybe collected from the church following the service or from school at 12 noon. Please confirm you collection arrangements with the school office by Tuesday 12th December.

For more details and collection arrangement confirmation form please click on the link below:

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Letter

School Finish for Christmas

Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon



School finishes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon

Breakfast club will be available as usual from 7.45am

Christmas Break

Thursday 14th December to Monday 8th January



School is closed for the Christmas break from Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon and reopens to children on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

We hope you have a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 9th January 2024



The Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the usual time.

Breakfast club will be available from 7.45am

Extra-Curricular Clubs



ALL CLUBS FINISH FOR THIS TERM ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

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	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	Rec – Y1
	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 Jo Jingles Sign Up Jo Jingles

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.

Running in Aid of Cancer Research



Mrs Goodwin will be running a half marathon in Benidorm at the end of November, to fundraise for Cancer Research UK, in memory of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation to the charity and support her challenge, please click on the link below for more details.

Half Marathon for Cancer Research UK

Scooters and Bicyles



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 grounds 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)

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.

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.

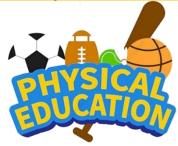
End of the Day Arrangements



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 <u>not to park on the zig-zag lines</u> 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 <u>extra careful and aware of pedestrians</u> 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

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

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

Pre-Loved Uniform



Pre-Loved Uniform

If you have any requests for uniform please email on <u>uniformpta@gmail.com</u>. 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 & 2024-2025



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 16 th October to Friday 27 th 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 19 th 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 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024	
Ends	Friday 12 th July 2024 – Normal Finish Time	

2024-2025

Autumn Term		
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	
Half-Term	Monday 21 st October to Friday 1 st November 2024	
Ends	Friday 13 th December 2024 12 noon finish	
Spring Term		

Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025					
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025					
Half-Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025					
Ends	Friday 28 th March 2025 Normal finish time					
Summer Term						
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025					
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025					
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18 th & Monday 21 st April 2025					
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025					
Half-Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025					
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time					



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Monday 20th Year 6 Condover Permission slips and deposit returned to the school

office.

Reverse calendar donations of nappies, sanitary products, soap, shower

gel, toothpaste and toilet rolls

Wednesday 22nd

Monday 27th

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Return PTA Raffle tickets to the school office

Deadline for Christmas Bauble Entry

Donations for the PTA raffle accepted into the school office (from this

date).

Reverse calendar donations of coffee, tea, sugar, UHT mile, jam,

marmalade, crackers and biscuits

Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th

EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions

Christmas Wreath Making Class 6.30pm - 9pm

Thursday 30th EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions

Christmas Wreath Making Class 9.30am – 12pm

DECEMBER

Friday 1st Announcement of winners of Christmas Bauble Competition

PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 4th Reverse calendar donations of Sweets, mince pies, chocolates, cakes and

crisps

Tuesday 5th Nursery and Pre-School Nativity

Wednesday 6th Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Thursday 7th Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip

Friday 8th Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Monday 11th Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties Wednesday 13th Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church

12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

Thursday 14th December to Tuesday 8th January **JANUARY**

Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th Tuesday 9th

Staff INSET Day Children Return to School

Flute Lessons with Catherine GreenWood

Dear parents and carers,

My name is Catherine Greenwood, I started learning flute and piano at the age of 6. I gained a place at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester and attended the school from when I was 13. After school, I moved to London to do a degree in music performance at Guildhall School of Music and Drama. I graduated in 2001 and went on to perform with some of the country's top orchestras, including the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Welsh National Opera. I have over 20 years teaching experience, delivering flute and piano lessons to pupils of all ages and abilities from brand new beginners to university and conservatoire students. I believe my pupils thrive under a nurturing teaching style where every student is seen as unique and an individual and I adapt my teaching accordingly, following my pupils' leads.

Kind regards
Catherine Greenwood

Lessons will take place during the school day.

Individual Lessons cost £20.00 for a 30 minute lesson.

If you would like your child to undertake flute and for further information lessons please contact me on <u>catherinemayer5@aol.com</u> to check availability.



