



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



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

School reopens for children on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew

St David

St George

St Patrick

House Points

95

128

129

63

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1704

1888

1834

1608

Merit Badges

Reception

HP

Year 1

OPD

Year 2

LGR

Year 3

FPS

Year 4

SO

Year 5

LS

Year 6

GL

JM

Achievement Certificates



Reception

AS

HT

Year 1

DK

Year 2

ES

AU

MW

Year 3

NP

Year 4

CP

Year 5

HW

Year 6 SW
AL
SC

Headteachers Awards



Year 1 BMcC
Year 4 WMacD
Year 5 ZB
EM
LS
NS
Year 6 OS
OC
AG
ZB
TB
NS
HR
LMc-J

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants IC
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) RK
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) HW

Reading Star!



Reception OQ
Year 1 BMacC
Year 2 OM
Year 3 NF-T
Year 4 SW
Year 5 PSP
Year 6 EW

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS FINISH ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Details of the Extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term 2024 will be shared with parents in due course.

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 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 Rehearsal Tuesday 12th December 2023

Rehearsal

Avalon School's
Christmas Celebration



The children in Reception to Year 6 will be walking to St Bridget's Church on Tuesday 12th December for a rehearsal in readiness for a Christmas Celebration on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform, as the church can be quite cold.

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

Avalon School's
Christmas Celebration



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

The After School Club service will not be available on this day, due to the early school closure at 12 Noon.

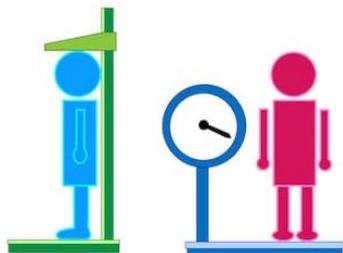
Christmas Break Thursday 14th December to Monday 8th January



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.





Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school early next year, date to be confirmed, to undertake the heights and weights of the Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

If you wish for your child to not take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

For more details, please click on the link [NCMP Height and Weight Check Letter](#)

Lunch Menu Next Week Week Commencing 11th December 2023

Lunch menu for the week commencing 11th December 2023



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

PTA Children's Christmas Fair



The PTA would like to thank everyone involved in helping with or donating to the Christmas Fair last Friday 1st December. It was a huge success.

Reception Walk to the Post Box



The children had a wonderful time this week posting their letters to Father Christmas in the North Pole. Each wrote their own letter to Santa before excitedly walking to the local post box to post them. All are eagerly awaiting a response!



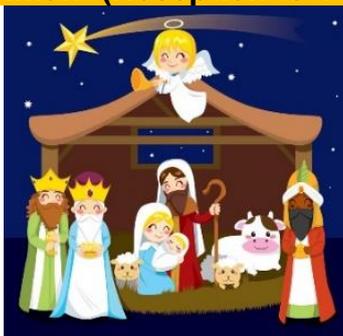
Nursery & Pre-School Nativity



Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Nursery and Pre-School nativity this week. We hope you all enjoyed the show. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the staff for a splendid performance.



Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Infant nativity this week. We hope you enjoyed watching the show. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff for their support.



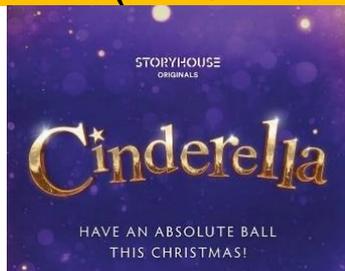
School Council Trip to Wirral Foodbank



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the School Council's reverse advent calendar, your generosity was greatly appreciated. The School Council dropped off the school's donations at the Wirral Foodbank this week. The donations will be distributed by the foodbank to local families in need this Christmas.



Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) Storyhouse Theatre Trip - Cinderella



The Junior children visited the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester on Thursday to see "Cinderella". Both children and staff enjoyed the performance immensely and a fun time was had by all!

Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day

Christmas Jumper Day



Today, the whole school enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our amazing Catering Team and served to the children by the staff. Very delicious! Christmas Jumper Day managed to raise an amazing



£80.00

Spring Term School Fees



The spring term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers over the Christmas break. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the spring term, Tuesday 9th January 2024 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for January will be emailed to parents when we return to school in January.

Spring Term 2024 Tuesday 9th January 2024



The Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the usual time ready for another busy term.

Breakfast club will be available from 7.45am

Avalon School PE Kit



It has been brought to our attention from a number of parents recently, that there seems to be a sizing / fit issue with the current Avalon PE trousers. We are working with our uniform supplier, Uniformity, to source a better alternative.

However, as it is getting rather cold outdoors and it is unsuitable for children to just be wearing the Avalon PE shorts or skort, we have taken the decision to permit plain black leggings or plain black jogger bottoms to be worn for PE activities, particularly if children are experiencing size / fit issues with the PE trousers.

All other items of regulation uniform and PE kit should be worn as normal. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Winter School Uniform – Blazers & Coats



We have noticed recently that children are coming into school with non-regulation coats. Please could we ask that children wear their school blazer and their black fleece lined waterproof jacket on top for warmth. Any other coats are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Avalon woollen hats and scarfs are also available from Uniformity Schoolwear. <http://www.uniformityschools.com/>
Thank you for your co-operation.

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 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 \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.healthiertogether.nhs.uk/parent-and-carer-brochure-co2.pdf)

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.

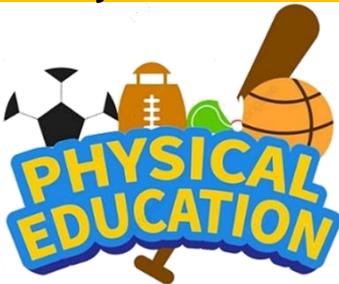
End of the Day Arrangements



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	Monday
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



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

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 21st October to Friday 1st 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 17th February to Friday 21st 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



DECEMBER

Monday 11th
Tuesday 12th
Wednesday 13th

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Christmas Celebration Rehearsal at St Bridget's Church
Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church
12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE
Christmas Holidays

Thursday 14th December

Merry Christmas

JANUARY

Monday 8th
Tuesday 9th

Staff INSET Day
Children Return to School

