



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

74

102

100

110

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1778

1990

1934

1718

Merit Badges

Reception			OQ
Year 1		BMacC	
Year 2			CL
Year 3	EM		
Year 4		CS	
Year 5	HW	PSP	
Year 6	HR	OC	LMcJ

Achievement Certificates



Reception	LL
Year 1	HN
Year 2	HP
Year 3	NFT
Year 4	SS
Year 5	SW
Year 6	AL OS

Headteachers Awards



Year 4 RK
Year 5 HL

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

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

Reading Star!



Reception HW
Year 1 BMacC
Year 2 CD
Year 3 FPS
Year 4 HX
Year 5 SD'A
Year 6 FMcW

Golden Table

Rec	AW	Y1	DK	Y2	ES
Y3	FS	Y4	SO	Y5	XF
		Y6	FMcW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Spring Term 2024



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are fully refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead.

Reception Winter Welly Walk Tuesday 16th January 2024



Reception are hoping to go for a Winter Welly Walk (weather permitting) on Tuesday 16th January 2024, in the afternoon, to support the children's learning and continue with their new topic of 'Winter'. This will involve them taking photographs of all the things they find relating to Winter, then using the photographs to label interesting items they collect and to make collages.

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let Miss Hardy or the school office know by Friday 12th January, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with their Avalon School waterproof coat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

Pre-School Transition to Reception September 2024



Following our successful “Take A Look” event last term we would now like to let you know about the next steps and arrangements for the children transferring from our Pre-School to our Reception class in September 2024.

All Pre-School parents have been sent a letter outlining the arrangements regarding the allocation of places in our Reception class for September 2024.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Pre-School Transition to Reception Letter](#)

Year 5 Essential Life Flourish Skills Sessions

Session 2 Friday 19th January 2024



We will be continuing with our “Flourish Wirral” sessions.

The programme is delivered over 5 weeks of one-hour sessions. Each session will focus on supporting and developing essential life skills and will include aspects of positive mental health and well-being.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Year 5 Flourish Essential Life Skills Sessions Letter](#)

Extra Curricular Clubs

Start Week Commencing Monday 15th January 2024



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3.00pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Mini Martial Arts	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	3.05pm to 3.35pm	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	Martial Arts	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Lego Club	Lunchtime	Y5 – Y6
	Running Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Lion King	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Tri Golf	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6

	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	VR	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Drama	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Football Training	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 – Y6

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.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 15th January 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Roast Dinner
Pudding	Chocolate Cake

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights



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

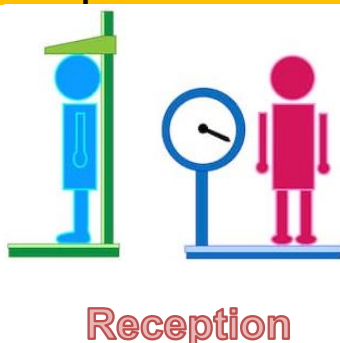
Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

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 below:

[NCMP Height and Weight Check Letter](#)

Reception Wirral NHS Vision/Hearing Screening & Height and Weight Checks



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school after half term this year, date to be confirmed, to undertake Audio Vision and NCMP (Height and Weight) screening of the Reception Year.

For the NCMP screening, 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 below:

[Audio & Vision screening Letter](#)

[NCMP \(Height & Weight\) screening Letter](#)

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.

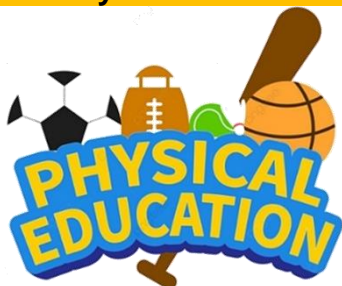
End of the Day Arrangements



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

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 \(frimley-healthier-together.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthier-together.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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks

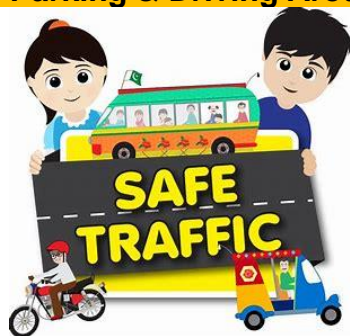


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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 2024-2025



2023-2024

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 18th & Monday 21st April 2025

May Day	Monday 5th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time



JANUARY

Monday 15 th	Extra Curricular Clubs begin
Tuesday 16 th	Reception Winter Welly Walk
Friday 19 th	Year 5 Session 2 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills
Monday 22 nd	Year 5 Class Assembly (parents welcome)
Friday 26 th	Year 5 Session 3 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills
Monday 29 th	Year 6 WW2 Afternoon Tea (parent welcome)

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 nd	Year 5 Session 4 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills
Monday 5 th	Children's Mental Health Week
	Year 4 Class Assembly (parents welcome)
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
	M&M Theatre: The Secret Garden
Friday 9 th	Year 5 Session 5 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills (Final Session)

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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