



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points

129

121

137

107

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

2126

2325

2325

1998

#### Merit Badges

Reception		HW	
Year 1		IP	
Year 2		HP	
Year 3			NFT
Year 4	WMcD		
Year 5	NS		
Year 6			LMcJ FMcW

### Achievement Certificates



Reception	SW
Year 1	DK
Year 2	BMcJ
Year 3	FS
Year 4	SW
Year 5	SG
	LS
Year 6	FS
	ME

### Headteachers Awards

Reception	AS
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Year 1  
Year 5

OQ  
HT  
OPD  
NL  
LS  
XF  
HL  
NS  
EW

Year 6

### Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

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

### Reading Star!



Reception AW  
Year 1 HN  
Year 2 AH  
Year 3 FPS  
Year 4 EH  
Year 5 HW  
Year 6 AL

### Golden Table

Rec	VRF	Y1	BMcC	Y2	LG-R
Y3	NF-T	Y4	EH	Y5	TD
		Y6	OC		

### NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### Year 6 World War 2 Project

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.45pm

Y6's World War 2 Project



We would like to invite our Year 6 parents and carers to a 'World War 2 style', Afternoon Tea, commencing at 3.45pm in the school hall.

The Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard and thoroughly enjoyed their recent project work on World War 2, therefore they would like to take the opportunity to showcase their work and share it with parents.

The afternoon will consist of refreshments, poetry, songs and speeches, all inspired by their World War 2 topic and we expect the event to last around 45 minutes

Reception Visit to Caldy Manor  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024



The residents of Caldly Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children, once again, to visit them during the afternoon of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. To take part in lots of fun activities including crafts, stories and singing.

The children will either be travelling to Caldly Manor in their minibus or in an Avalon staff members own car. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldly Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

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

[Reception Visit to Caldly Manor Care Home Letter](#)

## Year 5 Essential Life Flourish Skills Sessions

### Session 4 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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](#)

## 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. Please return the reply slip to the school office by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

For more information, please click on the link below:

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

## Lunch Menu



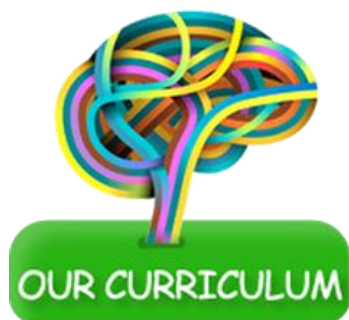
Lunch menu for the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli & Rice
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding

## Curriculum Overviews



The Spring Term 2024 Curriculum Overviews have been emailed out to Parents and Carers last week. Please click on the links below for each individual year group:

[Reception Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 1 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 2 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 3 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 4 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 5 Curriculum Overview](#)  
[Year 6 Curriculum Overview](#)

If you require a paper copy, please email or pop into the School Office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.

### **Year 4 Class Assembly Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am 2024**



**Year 4**

The children of Year 4 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

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

### **Reception to Year 6 M&M Theatre Production – The Secret Garden Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



We have arranged for “M&M” theatre in education company to present a performance of “The Secret Garden” at Avalon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the afternoon for the children in Reception to Year 6. The cost of the performance will be £13.75 per pupil, and this will be added to your bill in the usual way. If, for any reason, you do not want your child to attend the performance, please contact the school office.

### **Pre-School and Reception Visit to Imagine That Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



An educational visit to Imagine That in Wavertree Technology Park, an interactive science and discovery centre, has been booked for Pre-School and Reception children for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The cost of the trip will be £21.00 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the centre. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:30am. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the centre. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Please click on the links below for more information and permission slip which will need to be handed to the school office by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

[Pre-School Imagine That Letter](#)  
[Reception Imagine That Letter](#)

### **Year 5 Bikability Course Level 1 & Level 2**

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Making cycling  
viable, safer  
and better



We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer the Year 5 children their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 combined course commencing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The children will be in groups of 6; completing both Level 1 and Level 2 on the same day, therefore they will only need to bring their bike into school for one day. Parents will be informed which day their child has been allocated once the booking process is complete.

Bikability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. The instructors will teach children to ride a bike to National Standards and introduce them to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport.

The course will take place in the school playground and on local roads near to the school. The instructors will carry out a risk assessment of the training areas before the start of the course.

Please click on the links below for more information and to register your child to take part.

[Information Letter](#)

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/b9ae92bd-b59d-4349-8321-18971d735b8f/>

## PTA – Reception to Year 6 School Disco Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 4.45pm - 5.45pm February 2024



The PTA will be holding a school disco for Reception to Year 6 children on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February in the School Hall from 4.45pm – 5.45pm. A DJ will be playing all the latest music and there will be games and refreshments.

Entry is £5 per child payable on the door.

For more information, click on the link below.

[Reception to Year 6 PTA School Disco Letter](#)

## Extra Curricular Clubs



**Please note there are no Nursery/Pre-School, Reception – Year 2 Ballet and Junior Acro dance sessions on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January due to Year 6 Afternoon Tea Assembly in the Hall, as per Mr Ashton's letter 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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



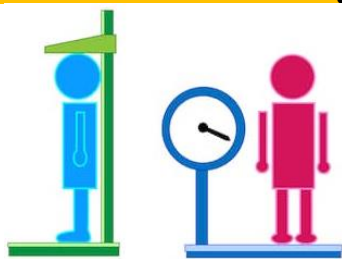
## UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS (Year 3 to Year 6)

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	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.**

### Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights



Year 6

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

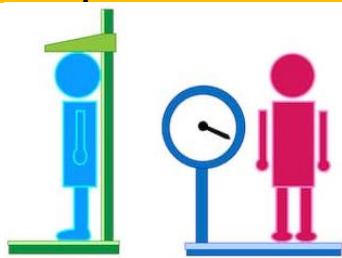
Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

**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



Reception

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.

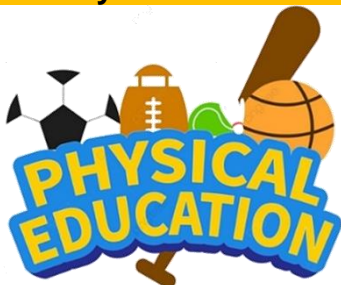
### End of the Day Arrangements



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 \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/Parent%20and%20Carer%20Brochure%20CO2.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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). New water bottles are charged at £2.50 each.

## Wet Play Bags



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.

## 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 and 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 2024-2025



### 2023-2024

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

### 2024-2025

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Half-Term	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>
Ends	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half-Term	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>
Ends	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>

<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
<b>Ends</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Normal finish time



## **JANUARY**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 WW2 Afternoon Tea (parents welcome)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Reception visit to Caldry Manor

## **FEBRUARY**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 Session 4 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Class Assembly (parents welcome)

Safer Internet Day

Reception to Year 6 M&M Theatre Production – The Secret Garden

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Pre-School and Reception visit to Imagine That

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 'Dress To Express' Day: Fundraising for Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week

Year 5 Session 5 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills (Final Session)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikability Course

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikability Course

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikability Course

PTA School Disco Reception to Year 6 children

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> School closes for Half Term Break

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Half Term Break

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Children return to School

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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