

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

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76

St Andrew St David St George St Patrick **House Points**

64 61 105 **Total House Points for the Year To-Date**

2571 2794 2894 **2460**

Merit Badges

Reception	HT
Year 1	HB
Year 2	EC
Year 3	

NFT

LS

Year 4 SW SW SD'A Year 5

EW **FMCW** Year 6

Achievement Certificates

Reception LL Year 1 IΡ MW Year 2 Year 3 SA Year 4 RP CP Year 5 HL

PSP HW

Year 6 HW

Headteachers Awards



Year 6 JW GL SC ME

Mathletics Pupil of the Week



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

AG

Reading Star!



Reception OQ
Year 1 OC
Year 2 BMJ
Year 3 FPS
Year 4 FL
Year 5 CS
Year 6 OS

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Rec	AW	Y 1	IW	Y2	OMK	
Rec Y3	EMK	Y4	AC	Y5	HW	
		Y6	NS			

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

House T-Shirts Order Form – Reception to Year 6



Due to activities on World Book Day (7th March) and a number of future inter-house events, if your child requires a new house T-Shirt with school logo, please can you order on the attached order form and return to the school office by **Monday 4th March 2024**

For more information, please click on the link below;

House T-Shirt Order Form Letter

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies - Class of 2024



As in previous years, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to order and purchase leavers hoodies. This years hoodie is storm grey in colour with the Avalon School logo embroidered on the front, a large "Leavers24" screen printed on the back and "Avalon" on the sleeve. The children will be able to wear their hoodies for special occasions in the summer term of this academic year, such as Challenge Day and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly.

The prices are £19.00 for a child size (Age 9-11 or Age 12-13) and £23.50 for adult sizes (X-Small, Small or Medium). All sizes include VAT.

Orders must be placed no later than Thursday 28th March

For more information, please click on the link below; Year 6 Leavers Hoodies Information and Order Form Letter

Pre-School Transition to Reception 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. If you have not returned your reply slips, please could we ask that you return them to the school office by Friday 1st March, at the latest, so that we can reserve places, before allocating to any external children.

For more information, please click on the link below;

Pre-School Transition to Reception Letter

PTA Hop into Spring Saturday 23rd March 2024



Family Fun Day on Saturday 23rd March at the Activity for All Centre. Suitable for all ages.

Under 2's go free with a paying adult

For more information, please click on the link below;

Hop into Spring Letter and Order Form

Avalon PTA News – First Edition

March 2024

Avalon PTA



Welcome to the First Edition of the PTA termly Newsletter.

Please click on the link below for all the news;

Avalon PTA Newsletter March 2024

Pre-School and Reception Visit to West Kirby Library



Pre-School and Reception classes had a wonderful visit to West Kirby Library on Monday. They walked along the Wirral Way from school to West Kirby Library where they sang songs, enjoyed a story time session and played some fun animal games.



Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Monday 4th Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th March 2024



Letters have been sent home inviting parents to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 4th March. 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.

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon.

Please return the slip provided, highlighting which session best for you. For more information, please click on the link below.

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Letter

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Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon.

Please return the slip provided, highlighting which session best for you. For more information, please click on the link below.

Reception Stay and Play Sessions Letter

Year 5 & Year 6 Inspire Workshop on Healthy Relationships Tuesday 5th March 2024



As part of our PSHCEE curriculum we have organised a workshop for the children in Year 5 and Year 6 on understanding the importance of healthy relationships through interactive games and discussions.

The workshop is part of the Inspire Project, set up by the Paul Lavelle Foundation Charity, delivering healthy relationships education workshops to Primary schools.

If parents have any questions or queries regarding the workshop, Mrs Callaway or Mrs McGregor will be happy to discuss it further on an individual basis. If you do not wish your child to participate in the above session, please inform the school office by 9am on Monday 4th March. For further information, please click on the link below:

Year 5 & 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships

Running Club: Training Session at Upton Hall FJC Tuesday 5th March 2024



As part of our preparation and training for our first cross country run, we have been invited to Upton Hall FJC School to take part in a session which will include some running drills and relay practice.

Avalon staff will transport the children to the session in staff vehicles, (with your permission) but we would ask that children are collected from Upton FJC at the end of the session at 4.45pm. Parents will need to collect from the entrance on Saughall Massie Lane.

Please complete and return the consent form to the school office by Monday 4th March 2024.

For more information, please click on the link below. Running Club: Training Session at Upton Hall FJC Letter

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, and this year instead of asking the children to wear a costume, we would ask that the children in Reception to Year 6 wear their House T-shirt and some old clothes such as joggers or leggings. Children in Nursery and Pre-School may wish to wear a coloured t-shirt and some old joggers

The children will be taking part in some large-scale art project work using recycled items such as plastic bottles, cardboard, bottle tops, plastic bags and any other clean recyclable junk items. We would be most grateful for donations of clean recycling items for the children to

use. As part of our theme, we are also asking for donations of some old, clean **children's clothing** which will be donated to a local charity to help other children and our earth.

Please bring recycling items and children's clothing donations in on Thursday 7th March.

For further information, please click on the link below: World Book Day Letter

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 4th March 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pizza and Salad
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch

Year 5 Bikability Course Level 1 & Level 2

Wednesday 13^{th,} Thursday 14^{th,} & Friday 15th March 2024





We are excited to be working with Bike Right to offer the Year 5 children their Bike Right Level 1 and Level 2 combined course commencing Wednesday 13th 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.

BikeRight 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.

Bikability Information Letter

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

Red Nose Day – School Uniform "Break the Rules" Day

Friday 15th March 2024





Red Nose Day 2024 is just around the corner, and we've decided to join in the fun.

To raise money, the School Council have arranged a "Uniform Break the Rules Day". Children should come to school in their usual school uniform but are allowed to 'break some of the rules' in what they choose to wear.

Should the children choose to break the uniform rules, we would ask for a suggested donation 50p per rule break up to £2.00 to break all of the rules. Please note that we still require long hair to be tied up, no make-up and earrings to be removed. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers.

We will be selling the new 2024 red noses from the school office at £2.00 each from Monday 11th March. Children wishing to purchase a red nose should bring their money in a named envelope to the school office.

For more information, and to see some ideas of the rules to break, please click on the link below;

Red Nose Day School Uniform "Break the Rules" Day

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre Monday 18th March 2024



As part of the children's science and PSHCEE topic work on recycling, a visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre has been booked for Monday 18th March 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £7.50. The coach will set off from school at approximately 9.00am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be provide a packed lunch and we should arrive back intime for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including blazers, and please could we ask that children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in.

Please return the consent forms to the school office by no later than **Wednesday 13th March 2024.**

Gillmoss Trip Letter

Parents' Evening In-Person Consultations Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 25th March 2024



Parent Evening Consultation Meetings will be held in-person in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to see their child's work.

We will again be using the School Cloud website for parents to set appointments with teachers/key workers and manage bookings online. School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

We do, however, recognise that not everyone may be able to access the online system to make appointments; in this instance, please contact the school office who will be able to make appointments for you.

Consultation meeting will be set to 10 minutes slots however if you have any concerns that require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office to discuss.

The appointment booking system will open on Monday 26th February from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Monday 18th March. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Please visit https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/ to book your appointments (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter). Please note that Google Chrome is the most reliable browser to use to access the School Cloud booking system.

Parents should logon with the following information:

- To log in you will need to enter your own name, your email and your child's name and date of birth.
- Parents should log in separately for each child where there is more than one sibling.
- Parents will receive an email confirming all appointment bookings made (please check junk mail if not received).

Please note that only one appointment per child can be made, with the exception for separated parents who will be able to make individual appointments.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dates:

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Helen Malloy Lucy Hunt	Monday 25 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm
Pre- School	Julie Bache Jo Rice Alison Prandle	Monday 25 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm
Reception	Miss Hardy	Monday 25 th March from 4pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Monday 25 th March from 4pm
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm

Year 3	Miss Harrington	Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm
Year 4	Mrs Cody (Miss Robertson)	Monday 25 th March from 3.30pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Monday 25 th March from 3.30pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Tuesday 26 th March from 3pm & Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm

Extra Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS (Reception to Year 2)

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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	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	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
	First Aid Club (5 week course)	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.

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.

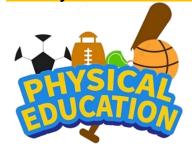
End of the Day Arrangements



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	Friday

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



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 and 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 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 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		
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



MARCH

Monday 4th Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session

Reception Stay & Play Session

Tuesday 5th Year 5 & Year 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session

Reception Stay & Play Session

Running Club: Training Session at Upton Hall FJC

Wednesday 6th Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session

Reception Stay & Play Session

Thursday 7th World Book Day

Wednesday 13th Year 5 Bikeability Course Thursday 14th Year 5 Bikeability Course Friday 15th Year 5 Bikeability Course

Red Nose Day – School Uniform "Break the Rules" Day

Monday 18th Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Gillmoss Recycling Centre

Saturday 23rd PTA Hop into Spring Family Fun Day

Monday 25th Parent's Evening Meetings Tuesday 26th Parent's Evening Meetings Wednesday 27th Parent's Evening Meetings

Thursday 28th School Closes for Easter Holiday at the usual time

Friday 29th April to Monday 15th Easter Break

April

Monday 15th April Inset Day

Tuesday 16th April Children return to School





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ADULT £5.00 each
Includes a strip of raffle tickets

CHILD (under 16's) £15.00 each

