



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2024

**School finishes for Easter break TODAY,
Thursday 28th March at the usual time.
School reopens for children on Tuesday 16th April 2024.**

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

129

102

241

173

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

3921

3980

4078

3647

Merit Badges

Reception		AW	
Year 1	OPD		
Year 2			IC
Year 3			FPS
Year 4	SE		
Year 5		NS	
Year 6		MW	SC

Achievement Certificates



Reception	HT
Year 1	IW
Year 2	OMC
Year 3	FC
Year 4	EH
Year 5	PDP
	CR
Year 6	HW
	JW
	AG

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

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

Reading Star!



Reception LL
 Year 1 HB
 Year 2 ES
 Year 3 NP
 Year 4 RK
 Year 5 EM
 Year 6 FS

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

PTA "Hop into Spring"



What an amazing event, lots of fun, food and laughter, plus funds raised to benefit the children of Avalon what could be better! A big thank you to the PTA for organising this fantastic event.



Congratulations to our category winners below.

Overall Winning Team	Oliver Stanhope Charlotte Stanhope Francis Cunningham Edward Cunningham Finley McWilliam Remy Ceesay
Climbing Wall Winners	Mollie Elliott (Upper Juniors) Nova Parkin (Lower Juniors) Ottie Quinn (Infants)
Player of the Day	Charlotte Stanhope
Penalty King Winner	Rufus Kyriacou

Thanks to everyone who attended the event raised an amazing:

£580

To view some great photos taken of the day, please click on the link below:

[PTA Hop into Spring Photo Gallery](#)



Welcome to the First Edition of the PTA termly Newsletter.

Please click on the link below for all the PTA news:
[Avalon PTA Newsletter March 2024](#)

Year 4 Nature Walk to Caldy Woods



As part of STEAM week on Monday, the Year 4 children explored Caldy Woods, taking on the role of ecologists and environmental scientists. They enjoyed exploring the area for living things and thankfully the weather remained dry!

Reception Visit to Ashton Park



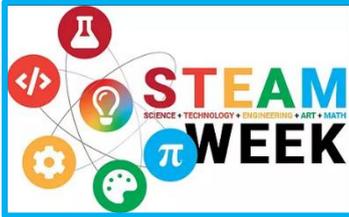
As part of STEAM week, the Reception children enjoyed their science walk to Ashton Park on Monday. They explored the local environment where they spotted signs of Spring as part of the topic "Seasons and Time".



Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home



Another busy day for our Reception children as they visited the residents of Caldy Care Home on Wednesday. The children took part in lots of activities including crafts, storytelling and singing. The residents were delighted to receive Easter cards from the children.



Many thanks to all the parents and carers who were able to take a look at our magnificent STEAM gallery today. We hope you enjoyed viewing the children's hard work.



Year 6 Parent/Child Condover Information Meeting



We would like to thank all Year 6 parents and carers who were able to attend the Condover Information meeting. For those who were unable to attend, an information guide, including an Authorisation Form, has been sent home. Please could the Information and Authorisation Forms be returned to the school office by **Thursday 28th March**.



For more information, please click on the link below:
[Parent Guide to Condover Letter Information and Authorisation Form](#)

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 as soon as possible, 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](#)

School Finishes for the Easter Holiday Thursday 28th March 2024



School closes for the Easter Holiday at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

Friday 29th March to Tuesday 16th April 2024



School will be closed the Easter Holidays from Friday 28th March until Monday 15th April inclusive.

The children return to school on Tuesday 16th April at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing Easter Holiday.

Summer Term School Fees



The summer term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers in due course. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the summer term, Tuesday 16th April 2024 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

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

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2024 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions commence Wednesday 17th April and every subsequent Wednesday as listed below. These sessions are for children who are moving up to our Reception class and they will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 17 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 24 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 1 st May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 8 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 15 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 5 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 19 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 26 ^h June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Pre-School Transition Sessions Letter](#)

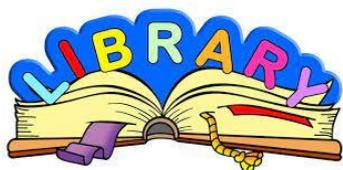
Lunch menu for the week commencing 16th April 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet and Sour Chicken
Pudding	Flapjack

Reception Visit to West Kirby Library Monday 22nd April 2024

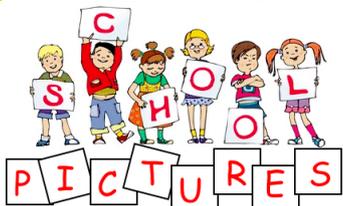


Reception children are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 9.30am. The visit will involve activities and storytelling linked to the topic of "Space". The children will be walking along the Wirral Way through to the library.

If you **do not** wish for your child to visit the library, please let Miss Hardy or the school office know by **Thursday 18th April**, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to visit the library, could we ask that they come to school with a raincoat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

Class Photographs Thursday 2nd May 2024



Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 2nd May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at the Grosvenor Museum Friday 3rd May 2024



A visit to The Roman Soldier Tour at The Grosvenor Museum in Chester has been booked for Year 3 children for Friday 3rd May 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £21.00 which includes entry to the Museum Workshop and Roman Soldier Tour. Children will be travelling to the Museum in staff cars and will set off from school at approximately 9:00am. 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.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in.

To enable your child to attend the trip, please return the consent form to the school office no later than **Monday 29th April 2024**.

For more information, and copy of the consent form, please click on the link below;

[Year 3 to Roman Soldier Tour at the Grosvenor Museum Letter](#)

Extra Curricular Clubs



More information regarding extracurricular clubs to start next term coming soon!

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.

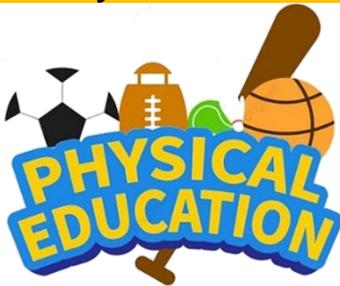
End of the Day Arrangements



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 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)

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 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 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

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 15 th April 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 th 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 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



APRIL

Friday 29 th March to Monday 15 th April	Easter Break
Monday 15 th	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 16 th	Children Return to School at the usual time
Wednesday 17 th	Start of Pre-School to Reception Transition days
Monday 22 nd	Reception Visit to West Kirby Library
Wednesday 24 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day

MAY

Wednesday 1 st	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd	Class Photographs
Friday 3 rd	Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at Grosvenor Museum
Monday 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall
	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall
Friday 10 th	Year 6 Return from Condover Hall
Monday 13 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day
Monday 20 th	Reception Class Assembly



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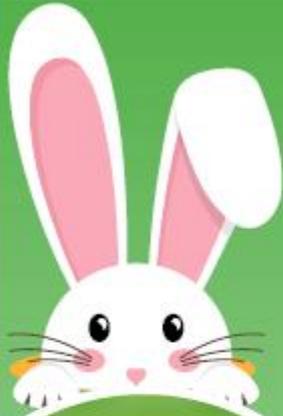
Email: camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk
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	COST
	£25 per day OR £100 FOR 5 DAYS
	LOCATION
	Pensby Primary School, Greenbank Drive, Pensby, Wirral CH61 5UE
	DATE
	Tuesday 2 APRIL - Friday 12 APRIL Book just one day or a full week

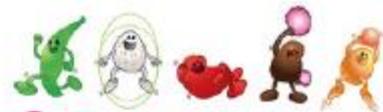


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DATE

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per child
Cash or Card
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Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am

Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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