



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

School is closed on Monday 6th May for the May Day Bank Holiday

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

100

113

116

80

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

4220

4372

4410

3872

Merit Badges

Reception	AS		
Year 1			DK
Year 2	OMACK		
Year 3			OS
Year 4		WMACD	
Year 5	CS		
Year 6		NS	JM

Achievement Certificates



Reception	HW
Year 1	HB
Year 2	CL
Year 3	EMACK
Year 4	SW
Year 5	SD'A
Year 6	OC
	HW

Headteachers Awards



Year 1	HN
Year 2	LDC BM-J
Year 6	MW ME AG EW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	WMACD
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	OS

Reading Star!



Reception	RC
Year 1	HN
Year 2	ES
Year 3	FC
Year 4	AC
Year 5	HW
Year 6	SS

Golden Table

Rec	SW	Y1	OC	Y2	EC
		Y4	SW	Y5	AW
		Y6	OS		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Mathletics - Epic Level

Mathletics

Well done to Henry Niblock in Year 1 for reaching Epic level status on his Mathletics challenges. Keep up the good work Henry!



Avalon Parent and Carer Questionnaire



To help us make sure we are providing the best standard of education for your children at Avalon, we would like to know how you feel about our school and your child's educational experience.

Please take the time to complete the survey which has been sent home with your child this week and return to the school office by **Friday 10th May** using the envelope provided.

Your feedback is very important to us, and we thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

If you require the survey electronically, please contact the school office or click on the link below.

[Avalon parent and carer questionnaire letter](#)

Operation Encompass



We would like to inform parents and carers that our school continues to be part of Operation Encompass, which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Mrs Callaway, Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

New Stage Curtains



A big thank you to the PTA for organising our fantastic new stage curtains which were replaced over the Easter Holidays. They look amazing, and are just in time for our Junior performances of The Lion King taking place this month.

Careers Fair

Wednesday 19th June 1.30- 3.30pm 2024



Our careers fair is planned to take place on **Wednesday 19th June, starting at 1.30pm until 3.30pm**. We know that amongst our whole parent (and extended families) community, there are a great deal of professions, skills and career pathways that many of our children would aspire to and like to find out more about.

If you, or anyone you know, would be willing and available to come into school and support our Careers Fair by sharing some time with our Y5&6 children and talking to them about your career experiences, we would be delighted to hear from you. The event will take place in the school hall

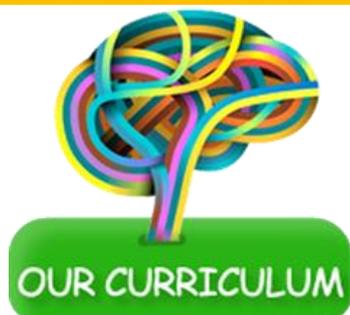
and children will visit each 'Career stall' on a rotational basis to find out about the jobs and careers represented.

Please click on the link below to access reply slip however if you would prefer to get in touch by email, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Callaway directly:

[Careers Fair Letter](#)

jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk

Curriculum Overviews



The Summer Term 2024 Curriculum Overviews have been emailed out to parents and carers this 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.

STEAM Club – Need your help!



STEAM club are hoping to make bird feeders, like the ones pictured, and are asking for your help. They need the following materials:

Plastic bottles

Seeds such as melon, squash, pumpkins etc (but **NOT** sesame please). Any left over plant seeds such as sunflower seeds – birds love these!

Oats

NO NUTS

They will be making the bird feeders on Thursday 16th May and will require the materials on that day. All to be dropped off in the Year 4 classroom.

Many thanks for all your help and support.

Reception Beach School Summer Term



The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their first Summer Term beach session on Monday. The children enjoyed exploring the beach and learning about the tide and how to keep safe before 'signing in' in the sand and discussing wind directions by monitoring flags on the beach.

The next session will be Friday 10th May in the morning.



Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Summer Term



The Year 1 and Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their first Summer Term beach session on Tuesday. They studied the direction of the wind and made large letters in the sand using the natural resources found on the beach.

The next session is Tuesday 7th May in the morning.



Year 3 Beach School Summer Term



The Year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed their first Summer Term beach session on Wednesday this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed flag making and checking wind speeds. Next week they will make Roman Roads on the beach!



The next session is Wednesday 8th May in the morning.

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2024 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions commenced on 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 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

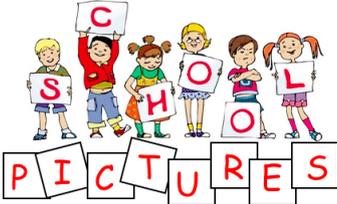
Wednesday 3rd July

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](#)

Class Photographs



Class photographs were taken on Thursday this week.

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



Year 3 had a wonderful day Roman Tour at the Grosvenor Museum today. The children learnt about Chester's Roman past and its archaeology, including how the Romans lived, what they ate and the life of a Roman soldier.



May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024



BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday.

Year 4 Visit to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre Wednesday 8th May 2024



As part of the Year 4 Science topic The Digestive System, an educational visit to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre has been booked on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £20.50 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the Science & Discovery Centre, and all activities. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 10.00am. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten in the centre. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including blazers but not their hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Eureka Science and Discovery we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £20.50 no later than **Friday 3rd May 2024**.

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

[Year 4 Eureka Science & Discovery Letter](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 6th May 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Burger and Waffles
Pudding	Ice cream

Year 3 Class Assembly Monday 13th May 2024



Year 3

The children of Year 3 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 13th May starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. They are very much looking forward to talking about their latest topic, the Romans. 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 Class Assembly Monday 20th May 2024



Reception

The Reception children would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 20th May starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. They are very much looking forward to talking about their latest topic, "When I grow up". 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.

Junior Performance of The Lion King



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of “The Lion King” are well underway and the children are eager to share with you all that they have learned.

The performances will be as follows:

Monday 20th May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Wednesday 22nd May – Evening Performance at 6.00pm

Thursday 23rd May – Evening Performance at 6.00pm

Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the performance, enabling people to take their seats.

For more information on how to book tickets and details regarding the evening performance cast arrangements, please click on the links below:

[Junior Production of The Lion King Letter](#)

[Junior Evening Performance Cast Arrangements Letter](#)

Year 4 & Year 5 Adventure Day to Petty Pool Outdoor Education Centre

Friday 24th May 2024



We have booked places for the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on **Friday 24th May** to visit Petty Pool Outdoor Education centre.

The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the Petty Pool instructors. The cost of the trip is £45.00, this covers the cost of all travel, insurances and all the activities. The children will need to wear their school PE kit and should bring with them a small backpack to carry their lunch in. School will provide lunches and snacks for the children.

We will be leaving Avalon at 9am and our activities finish at 4pm at Petty Pool. The longer day will enable us to fit more activities into our programme. It is anticipated that we will be back at school for 5pm (traffic permitting). Children should be collected from school at 5pm.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Petty Pool we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £45.00 no later than **Monday 20th May 2024**

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

[Year 4 & Year 5 Petty Pool Letter](#)

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Ness Botanic Gardens

Thursday 6th June 2024



Ness Botanic Gardens

As part of the class topic about Spring and Growth, an educational visit to Ness Botanic Gardens has been booked for Thursday 6th June 2024. We hope the visit to the gardens will enhance the children’s learning about caring for our planet and local environment whilst extending their knowledge and understanding of the world.

The cost of the trip will be £13.00 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the gardens and workshop. The coach will set off from school at approximately 9.15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the gardens. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their school PE kit (school long track pants rather than shorts or skorts). Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Ness Gardens, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £13.00 no later than **Friday 24th May 2024**.

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

[Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Ness Gardens 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:

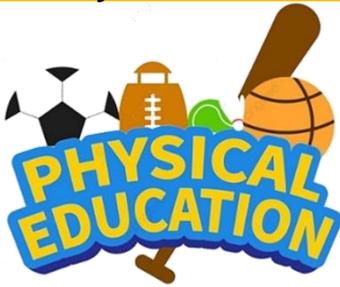
Year Group	Collection Time	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 5	3.40pm	Main 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
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](https://www.frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk) (frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

Extra Curricular Clubs



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 Tennis	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)

Please note Rounders, Lion King and Football Training are cancelled w/c 6th May.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	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	Rounders	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Green 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.

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 £5.00 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 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



MAY

Monday 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall Pre-School to Reception Transition Day Year 3 Beach School Session Year 4 Visit to Eureka Science and Discovery Centre
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall
Friday 10 th	Year 6 Return from Condover Hall Reception Beach School Session Deadline for Parent and Carer questionnaire to be returned
Monday 13 th	Year 3 Class Assembly Reception Beach School Session
Tuesday 14 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session
Wednesday 15 th	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day Year 3 Beach School Session
Monday 20 th	Reception Class Assembly Junior Production of "The Lion King" Matinee Performance 2.00pm
Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session Junior Production of "The Lion King" Matinee Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Pre-School to Reception Transition Day Year 3 Beach School Session Junior Production of "The Lion King" Evening Performance 6.00pm
Thursday 23 rd	Reception Beach School Session Junior Production of "The Lion King" Evening Performance 6.00pm
Friday 24 th	Year 4 & Year 5 Adventure Day visit to Petty Pool Outdoor Education Centre School closes for Half Term Break
Monday 27 th May to Friday 1 st June	Half Term Break
Monday 30 th	Children return to School

JUNE

Thursday 6 th	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Ness Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 19 th	Careers Fair 1.30pm - 3.30pm in the School Hall

No need
to book
Just come along


AVALON

£5
per child
Cash or Card
Payments
Accepted

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am

Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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