



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

### House Points

**165**

**153**

**184**

**237**

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

**2063**

**2452**

**2404**

**2442**

### Merit Badges

Reception

HL

Year 1

SC

Year 2

IC

Year 3

JS

Year 4

SJ

Year 5

RW

DA

Year 6

ES

JK

### Golden Table

Rec

EP

Y1

NS

Y2

HMc

Y3

IA

Y4

CMc

Y5

DH

Y6

AM

### Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

**Main:** Sweet & Sour Chicken

**Pudding:** Ice-cream & Oreo

A big thank you to our wonderful catering team for providing hot chocolate and biscuits to keep us all warm over the last few chilly days.

### Menu for Week Comm. 4<sup>th</sup> February



Including Chinese New Year Dessert Buffett  
Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

**FEBRUARY 2019**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Class  
Assembly at  
9.05am – Parents  
Welcome!

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>**

Pyjama Power  
(Fund Raiser for  
Susali, in Nepal

Year 5 Science –  
Space Food  
Tasting

**Thur 7<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Toddler  
Group 1.45pm-  
3pm

Reception to Year  
6 Internet Safety  
Workshops

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Meeting at  
2pm

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

Year 1 Class  
Assembly at  
9.05am – Parents  
Welcome!

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Valentine  
Disco at 5.30pm –  
7pm

**Thur 14<sup>th</sup>**

Online Safety  
Sharing Assembly  
(parents invited  
9.15am) Followed  
by Parent Online  
safety workshop.

Parent Toddler  
Group 1.45pm-  
3pm

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

Wirral NHS Height  
& Weight, Vision &

**Parent Survey**

Thank you to the many parents who returned their completed survey to us in December. We really do appreciate your on-going support and value your opinions and suggestions for further developments. An analysis of our feedback, review comments and news on further actions, can be found on our website at: [Parent Survey 2018](#)

**Year 3 & Year 5 Visit to The World Museum Liverpool**

The children in Year 3 and Year 5 visited The World Museum Liverpool on Tuesday and had a wonderful time learning about Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and Ancient Greece: Myths and Monsters. Take a look at their class pages for more details and photos: [Year 3 page](#) and [Year 5 page](#).

**PSHCE Visitor – Doctor**

On Wednesday this week we welcomed Dr Perry to school as part of our PSHCE sessions. The children in Reception to Year 2 learnt about “Germs” and the importance of washing our hands. Dr Perry also spoke to the whole school about getting enough sleep and ensuring that we switch off electronic devices at least one hour before going to sleep. Click on the link to see Dr Perry’s information on [“Sleep”](#).

**Year 5 & Year 6 Netball Tournament – Chadwick Cup**

Unfortunately due to the bad weather conditions the Chadwick Cup tournament has been postponed. We will inform the team when the tournament has been rearranged.

**Year 6 Class Assembly  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am**

The children in Year 6 would like to invite their parents/carers to their Class Assembly on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am in the school hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

**Pyjama Power (Fundraiser for Susali)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February will be holding a fund raiser for Susali a young Nepalese girl that Avalon School sponsors through the charity ‘So The Child May Learn’. The children may come to school wearing their pyjamas or a onesie for a suggested donation of £3.00. Children should wear something warm under their pyjamas or onesies and may also wear their own outdoor coat. Find out more about Susali on the [News page](#) of the website.

**Year 5 Science – Space Food Tasting  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

As part of their topic on “Space” the children in Year 5 will taste a small sample of freeze dried space food on Tuesday 5th February. If you do not wish you child to take part in the food tasting please let Miss Tweed or the school office know by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Likewise if your child has any allergies we are not aware of, please inform Miss Tweed or the school office.

**Internet Safety Workshops (Reception to Year 6)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

The children in Reception to Year 6 will be attending age appropriate workshops on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February with a particular focus for children to be “Share Aware” when using the internet. The workshops will be run by Alison Hardy (from Wirral Dara) and Avalon School staff.

Hearing –  
Reception

Wirral NHS Height  
& Weight – Year 6

Nursery & Pre-  
School Celebrate  
Chinese New Year

School Finishes  
for Half Term at  
3.40pm

**S4YC Holiday  
Club Available  
for Half Term  
Break**

**HALF TERM  
MON 18<sup>TH</sup> TO  
FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**  
School Opens at  
8.40am

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 6 Trip  
Stockport Air raid  
Shelter

Reception to Year  
4 Lent Event at St  
Bridget's Church

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**  
PSHCE Visitor –  
Dentist (Reception  
to Year 4)

Year 5 Essential  
Life Skills –  
Session 1

**MARCH 2019**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Year 5 and Year 6  
Lent Event at St  
Bridget's Church

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Workshops  
RSE  
Reception to Year  
4 at 1.30pm  
Year 5 & Year 6 at  
2.30pm

**PTA Meeting  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**

The PTA will be holding a meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in school. Please do come along to share your ideas for events and fund raising for the school. Everyone welcome! Please sign in at the school office on arrival.

**Nursery & Pre-School - Celebrating Chinese New Year  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February the Nursery and Pre-School children will be welcoming Mrs Owen into their classroom to celebrate Chinese New Year

**Year 1 Class Assembly  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am**

The children in Year 1 would like to invite their parents/carers to their Class Assembly on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am in the school hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

**PTA Valentine Disco  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm**

**PTA AVALON PRESENTS**

**VALENTINE'S DISCO**

13TH FEBRUARY  
5.30PM - 7PM

**GREAT DJ**

Hot Dogs & Drinks served at 6.30pm

**GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!!**  
Raffle Tickets £1.00

**TICKETS £3.00 AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR**

For Health and Safety reasons parents are requested not to stay throughout the disco, unless they are helping to run the event  
Unfortunately, the disco is unsuitable for nursery age children  
The draw for the raffle will take place at 6.45pm  
Younger children can be collected from 6.45pm onwards  
No mobiles or electronic devices allowed, thank you!

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 Essential  
Life Skills –  
Session 2

**Thur 7<sup>th</sup>**  
World Book Day

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri  
15<sup>th</sup>**  
National Science  
Week

EYFS Stay & Play  
Week

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**  
M&M Theatre  
The Little Princess

**Thur 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Football Match v  
Prenton Prep

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 2 Class  
Assembly at  
9.05am – Parents  
Welcome!

Year 5 Essential  
Life Skills –  
Session 3

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 Essential  
Life Skills –  
Session 4

Parents' Evening  
Meetings  
Reception, Year 1,  
Year 4 and Year 6

**Thur 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Parents' Evening  
Meetings  
Year 2, Year 3 and  
Year 5

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Performing Arts  
Concert at 2pm

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 and Year 6  
RSE Session led  
by DARA

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**

### Sharing Assembly & Parent Workshop – Online Safety Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Next week is Internet Safety week and the children will be participating in specific activities and workshops to support their ongoing learning about staying safe online.

The key theme for this year is being 'Share Aware' and the children will be sharing their learning in a **special assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am.** **Parents are very welcome to join us.**



Following the assembly, there will be a parent workshop, led by Avalon staff and Alison Hardy from Wirral Dara, to offer further guidance, support and resources on how to engage and assist with keeping children safe online.

### How to Keep Safe Online

Online games like Fortnite and FIFA are evolving into social spaces where children meet with their friends — and make new ones. However they can be dangerous places for children to be, if they are not given the right knowledge, advice or support to stay safe, See the link below from [parentzone](http://parentzone), for parents on how to keep their children safe if children are using in-game chat.

### Wirral NHS Height & Weight and Vision & Hearing Test – Reception Wirral NHS Height & Weight – Year 6 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February the staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school to undertake height and weight and vision and hearing tests for the children in Reception class and height and weight tests for the children in Year 6. The children will also take part in a healthy eating talk by the NHS staff.

### S4YC Holiday Club Half Term Break Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

S4YC will be running their holiday club at Avalon School during the half term break, from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday for children aged 2 to 11 years.

If you would like to book your child into holiday club for this half term, please visit <http://www.s4yc.co.uk/>

If you are paying for your child's holiday club attendance with childcare vouchers, please allow a minimum of 5 days for the payment to be verified on the ipal system.



**@ Avalon**



Our Ofsted registered holiday play schemes offer a wide range of opportunities for children to experience new things whilst also freely choosing how they spend their day under the guidance of highly qualified and experienced staff. Whether they choose to take part in a game of football or join in with some of the adult led craft activities on offer, there is something for everyone.

Play Schemes run between 8.00am and 6.00pm throughout the school holidays.

You will find all the information you need about our exciting and fun range of activities as well as our new online booking system by visiting our website:

[www.s4yc.co.uk](http://www.s4yc.co.uk)

but, if you would like to speak with us directly please don't hesitate to get in touch.

[kaye@s4yc.co.uk](mailto:kaye@s4yc.co.uk) 07717 383702

Year 5 Essential  
Life Skills –  
Session 5

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**

School Finishes  
for Spring Break at  
3.40pm

**S4YC Holiday  
Club Available  
for Spring Break**

**SPRING TERM  
MON 1<sup>ST</sup> TO  
MON 15<sup>TH</sup> APR**

**APRIL 2019**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**

Staff INSET Day

**Tue 16<sup>th</sup>**

Children Return to  
School at 8.40am

### **Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 Course**

Due to the success of the Year 6 Bikeability course with all the children who took part gaining a Level 2 badge. The Bikeability team would like to return to school to give the children a chance of achieving the Level 3 award. If you would like your child to take part in the course, please complete and return the reply slip by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Transfer from Pre-School to Reception – September 2019 Intake**

A letter has been sent home with all Pre-School children offering a place in our Reception class in September 2019. If you would like to reserve a place for your children in the Reception class, please complete and return the form to the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

### **LAMDA Exam Results**

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the LAMDA Speech & Drama Exams back in November. A total of 20 children participated in the assessments. Results are now in; 20 children passed, 18 with distinction and 2 with merit. A superb achievement all round! They are photographed below proudly showing off their certificates. Well done on all their enthusiasm and developing new skills.



**Save the Date – PTA May Ball  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

  
AVALON

Save the Date

*May Ball*

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Patrick – Sailing to Success!

Patrick (Year 6) has been selected to join the IOCA (UK) Optimist Squad. The purpose of the Junior Squad programme is to feed talented sailors into the Youth and Olympic programme to enable them to succeed at European and World Championships in the future. We all wish Patrick the very best of luck as he embarks on this exciting opportunity.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

In Pre-Loved Uniform we have got 2 brown Stormstuff jackets which are perfect for this winter weather – a size L (aged 9-10) never worn and a size M (aged 7-8). They are £12.50 each. There is a picture up on the Avalon School PTA Facebook page.

We have a range of Girls' Pinafore Dresses, Summer Dresses & Cardigans and Boys' V Neck Jumpers, plus a few other bits and pieces. If you would like to buy some or would like more information, please [email uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) - we have a list of all Pre-Loved Uniform which we can email out. If you have any items that you would like to donate, then again please email. We will be organising a date for a Sale/Drop Off so please look out for our notices. Thank you for your support to date

### School Uniform - Woolly Hats

We have been in negotiations with our uniform supplier, Uniformity regarding a school woolly hat. A brown woolly hat with the school logo has been produced and will be available online and from the shop in Chester within the next two weeks. The cost of the woolly hat is £7.50.

### Uniform Supplier

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below <http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am  
Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm

Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

### Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamped for St John's Hospice. If you would like to donate any used stamps there is a collection box in the school office reception area.

### Year 3 to Year 6 PE Lessons

As the weather is quite cold at the moment and the children in Year 3 to Year 6 do spend most of their PE lesson outside, Mrs Kililiku has asked if children could bring in a pair of dark coloured gloves to wear during PE lessons. Thank you.

### Term Dates 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

2018/2019	
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Starts	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 Children Return
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019</b>
Ends	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	

Starts	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Children Return
<b>Easter May Day</b>	<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2019 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>
Ends	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

### 2019/2020

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Starts	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019</b>
Ends	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Starts	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2020</b>
Ends	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Starts	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 25<sup>h</sup> May to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Ends	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time

**Four Staff INSET Days to be confirmed for Year 2019-2020**



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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Avalon School

# Parent Toddler Group



# SPRING



1.45pm to 3pm  
every Thursday  
during term time  
£3 per child  
including refreshments



Come along for great fun, toys, craft sessions,  
& activities

Guest session leaders.

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