



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2019

Please click on the links below for further news and useful information

Website Home Page [Avalon School Home Page](#)

Latest News & Stories [Latest News](#)
[Weekly Newsletters](#)

Parents' Area This week's letters - [Letters](#)
Clubs Timetable - [Clubs Timetable](#)
Term Dates 2018/19 & 2019/20 - [Term Dates](#)

Calendar Dates [Calendar Dates](#)

Before & After School [Fun Activities](#)

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

Total House points for the Year To-Date

3022

3446

3447

3633

Merit Badges

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Golden Mile

Rec

Y1

Y2

Y3

Y4

Y5

Y6

House Points &
Golden Table
will be given out on
Monday due to
Open Morning

Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Menu for Week Comm. 29th April

Main: Curry & Rice
Pudding: Crispy Cake



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Wellbeing Quote of the Week



Each week we will be sharing a 'Well Being quote' with the whole school community to encourage everyone to take a little time out of their busy schedules to use mindfulness and to think about their well-being.

The little things? The little moments? They aren't little.

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

MAY 2019

Thur 2nd

Year 4 Visit to Speke Hall

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tues 7th to Fri 10th

Year 6 Residential
Stay at Oaklands

Thur 9th

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Sat 11th

PTA Ball, Caldy Golf Club

Mon 13th

Governors Meeting

Tue 14th

Year 6 Bible Workshop

Thurs 16th

2.30pm Parent Workshop re: Drugs & Alcohol Awareness talk for Year 5 & Year 6

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Open Morning

Friday 26th April from 9am to 12 noon

A big thank you to all our parents, families and friends who joined us for Open Morning. Our Year 6 children were incredible ambassadors for Avalon, showing great knowledge, enthusiasm and were obviously very proud of their school. We welcomed many visitors into our classrooms and received lots of positive comments about our curriculum, teaching and the learning that was observed.

Oxford Reading Buddy Launch

Following very positive feedback from the children in Year 1 and Year 5, this week saw the launch of the Oxford Reading Buddy across the school from Reception to Year 6. The children are able to access reading books covering a wide range of genres, at their level, using a digital device such as a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. At the end of each book there is a quiz which will develop and assess comprehension skills, the results of which will be monitored by your child's teacher to ensure that progression is maintained. The Oxford Reading Buddy scheme is designed to work on any mobile device. It is not intended to be a replacement for reading traditional books but will be used as an additional tool. The children have all been given their own username and password. On the Oxford Reading Buddy website, they need to go to student login and then put their information in, so that they can access books.

Oxford Reading Buddy website: <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

Curriculum Overview

Summer Term Curriculum Overviews for your child's year group are available on the school website and have been brought home by the children today.

Careers Fair



Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a Careers Fair on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th April. Presentations at the Careers Fair range from, Veterinary surgeon to Aircraft Engineer; from Computer Web Designer to Film Producer and many more. We hope that the children find this both interesting and informative for their futures; offering aspirational goals and

Fri 17th

2pm: PTA Meeting

Mon 20th

Reception Class
Assembly – Parents
Welcome!

Wed 22nd

Class Photographs

Thur 23rd

Year 5 & Year 6 Drugs
& Alcohol Awareness
Talk

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Fri 24th

School closes for the
Half Term

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

**HALF TERM BREAK
MON 27th TO
FRI 31st MAY**

JUNE 2019

Mon 3rd

Children Return to
School at 8.40am

Thur 6th

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Thur 13th

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Fri 14th

Infant (Reception to
Year 2) Sports
Afternoon 2pm-3pm

Wed 19th

Junior (Year 3 to Year
6) Sports Afternoon at
Bebington Oval 1pm-
3pm

Thur 20th

Nursery & Pre-School
Walk (Time TBC)

the knowledge or skills needed about how to get there. We would like to thank our parents and external guests who are supporting the Careers Fair by giving up their valuable time to talk to our youngsters and without which, we would not be able to host such a beneficial event.

Year 4 Visit to Speke Hall

Thursday 2nd May

As part of their history studies on Tudors, children in Year 4 will be visiting Speke Hall on Thursday 2nd May. The children will be leaving school straight after registration and returning to school for normal collection time (traffic dependant). The children are to wear their full school uniform and waterproof coat. The children do not need to bring their school bags to school. Lunch will be provided by the catering team. Please complete the reply slip (available from the school office).

Stick N Step visit

Friday 3rd May



A small group of children will be visiting the Stick N Step charity centre in Wallasey, on Friday 3rd May. As part of their Fruit Tuck Shop Enterprise study and PSHCEE project on helping others, the children will see at first hand, how the money raised from the Fruit Tuck shop will benefit children who suffer with Cerebral Palsy and who attend the Stick N Step centre for conductive education. If you would like to find out more details about the charity, you can follow the link: <https://www.sticknstep.org/>

May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

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

Year 6 Residential to Oaklands

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th May

The Year 6 children will be leaving school after registration on Tuesday 7th May for four action packed days at the Oaklands Centre in North Wales. All transport, activities, accommodation and meals are included. Children should bring their suitcase to school with them in the morning, ready to be loaded on to the coach. The children will be returning to school in the afternoon on Friday 10th May. The website will be updated as regularly as possible with news of their adventures (Wi-Fi connections allowing). We hope the children and staff have a fabulous time.

Year 6 Bible Workshop

Tuesday 14th May

As part of our RE curriculum and as part of the Year 6's current topic, we have invited Bromborough Bible Exhibition to deliver a talk to the children on Tuesday 14th May 2019 on the Christian faith. Should you not wish your child to take part in this session please inform the school office by 9am on Tuesday 14th May.

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Fri 21st
PTA Strawberry Tea

Mon 24th to Fri 28th
Junior Concert week
(Performance dates
and times TBC)

Wed 26th
Nursery & Pre-School
Sports Morning (Time
TBC)

Thur 27th
Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

JULY 2019

Mon 1st
Whole School
Transition Afternoon

Wed 3rd
Pre-School
Graduation at 2pm

Thur 4th
Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm-3pm

Mon 8th
Infant (Reception to
Year 2) Summer
Concert &
Achievement Awards
at 2pm

Thur 11th
Juniors (Year 3 to
Year 6) Achievement
Awards at 2pm

Fri 12th
Year 6 Leavers
Assembly at 9.05am
School Closes for the
Summer Break at
3.40pm

**S4YC Holiday Club
Available for
Summer Break**

SUMMER BREAK

PTA May Ball, Caldy Golf Club Saturday 11th May

Please contact Victoria Jackson (victoria20vj@gmail.com)
for booking details.



Year 5 & Year 6 Parent Workshop – Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Thursday 16th May at 2.30pm

Alison Hardy from the DARA (Drugs, Alcohol & Relationship Awareness) organisation will be delivering a Drugs & Alcohol Education session to the Year 5 and 6 children on Thursday 23rd May as part of their PSHCEE programme of study. This session will cover legal and illegal drug awareness, attitudes to drugs, peer pressure, smoking awareness and alcohol awareness. In order to ensure that you are fully aware of the content of this session, we will be holding a parent information meeting on Thursday 16th May at 2.30pm at school, during which you will have an opportunity to ask any questions.

PTA Meeting Friday 17th May at 2pm

There will be a PTA meeting on Friday 17th May at 2pm. All welcome! Please sign in at school office prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Reception Class Assembly Monday 20th May at 9.05am

The children in Reception class would like to invite their parents/carers to their Class Assembly on Monday 20th May 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.

**MON 15th JULY TO
FRI 30th AUGUST**

SEPTEMBER 2019

Staff INSET Days

Monday 2nd & 3rd
September

Term Starts

Wednesday 4th Sept

**Class Photographs
Wednesday 22nd May**

Class photographs will be taken on Wednesday 22nd May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers. Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Wednesday will be escorted by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Wednesday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. In this case, Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken. Refreshments will be available. 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 5 & Year 6 Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Talk
Thursday 23rd May**

Alison Hardy from the DARA (Drugs, Alcohol & Relationship Awareness) organisation will be delivering a Drugs & Alcohol Education session to the Year 5 and 6 children on Thursday 23rd May as part of their PSHCEE programme of study.

Success at Spring Championships

Congratulations to Patrick (Y6) who took part in the Optimist Sailing Spring Championships in Lymington during the Spring break. He came in the top 12 juniors in the country and as a result, Patrick has now been selected for the GBR team to compete in the Irish National Optimist Championships in the summer. After two days of competing in Braassemermeer last weekend, Patrick achieved 33rd place out of 200+ boats and was placed as top British junior against a fleet of international sailors, up to the age of 15. Patrick has also recently found out that he has gained a sponsorship from Allen Brothers for a season and has been supplied with a race specification optimist boat to compete with! Well done Patrick, some amazing achievements to be very proud of.

**Half Term Break
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May**

The school will be closed for the half term break on Monday 27th to Friday 31st May. S4YC Holiday Club will be available during the break.

Supervision at the end of the school day

Please could we ask that parents / carers ensure that children are safely supervised once they have been dismissed by school staff. There have been some recent incidents where children have wandered away from parents/carers and had an accident or behaved inappropriately with others.

Safeguarding Children and How to Keep Safe Online

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going. See the link below to access this excellent resource.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Pre-Loved Uniform

We will be collecting any Pre-Loved Uniform you may have next week. A box will be placed in the office where you can leave your donations - thank you. We have a full list of Pre-Loved uniform, so please email us at uniformpta@gmail.com if you need anything. We do have a large number of Summer Dresses, mainly in Junior sizes. The sale of Pre-Loved School Uniform has raised around £100 for the PTA which is fantastic, so thank you for your support. We have also been able to donate white school shirts and yellow polo shirts to Wirral Free Uniform Primary School (<https://www.wirralfuss.co.uk/wirral-f-u-p-s-free-uniform-for-primary-school/>) for which they were very grateful. Anything they are unable to reuse, is sold for recycling so avoiding landfill. We will be back in the Summer term with more collections and sales, but all have a happy holiday.

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.

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, vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

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.

Term Dates 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

2018/2019	
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 15 th Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 th Apr 2019 Children Return
Easter May Day	Fri 19 th & Mon 22 nd Apr 2019 Mon 6 th May 2019
Half-Term	Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May 2019
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

2019/2020**Autumn Term**

Staff Training Days	Mon 2 nd Sept & Tuesday 3 rd Sept 2019
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Half-Term	Mon 21st Oct to Fri 1st Nov 2019
Ends	Fri 13 th Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish

Spring Term

Staff Training Day	Mon 6 th Jan 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th Jan 2020
Half-Term	Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2020
Ends	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Mon 20 th Apr 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day	Mon 4th May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25^h May to Fri 29th May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 th Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time



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

Avalon School, Caldby Road, West Kirby, CH48 2HE
Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk



Parent Toddler Group

1.45pm to 3pm
every Thursday
during term time.

£3 per child
including refreshments

Guest
Sessions Leaders
each week.

Come along for great
fun, toys, craft
activities and lots, lots
more!

Avalon School
Caldy Road
West Kirby
CH48 2HE

T: 0151 625 6993
E: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

This term's session leaders are:

