

The ABC



Link to the latest ABC: [ABC Friday 5th February 2021](#)

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Achievement Certificates



Reception	SA OS
Year 1	SE RP
Year 2	NL CS
Year 3	EB OS
Year 4	RH CR
Year 5	ML GK JP AR SS
Year 6	AD HH NN IP SP

Headteacher's Award



Year 3	FS
Year 5	AR
Year 6	AD

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2	AK
Year 3 & Year 4	IW
Year 4 & Year 5	EW

Certificates

Reception to Year 2

Year 3 to Year 6
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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 9th February



Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day: With children spending more time online it is really important that we ensure they understand how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they have a worry or concern about something they have seen or experienced online. Although we regularly teach children about ways they can stay safe online both in PSHCEE and Computing lessons, Safer Internet Day is an ideal day to remind children, both in school and at home about how to safeguard themselves in our digital world. The links below provide some useful tips and advice on how parents can support this too; please do get in touch with us at school if you need any further help or have a concern:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/safer-internet-day>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Pastoral Check In Calls for Remote Learners

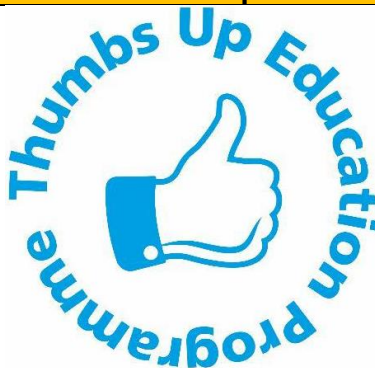


This week, we started our pastoral check in calls with the children who are learning from home. Both staff and children have enjoyed chatting about how things are going and felt the benefit that these calls are making. Don't worry if your child hasn't received a call yet we aim to catch up with all the children who are learning remotely, before we finish for half term.

Taking time to connect with each child not only helps maintain positive relationships but also allows us an opportunity to gather important pastoral information about how children are feeling and how things are going. In the school environment, this would be equivalent to informal check ins throughout the day or the kind of personalised conversations we have with children individually or in small groups. By making regular check-in calls with our remote learners, we will help them as much as possible, during this difficult time to continue to feel connected to school and to ensure that they know how much we care deeply about them and their learning.

Staff in school will make pastoral 'Check In' calls to the children who are currently learning remotely. We will aim to make these on a regular basis during school hours. However, we would remind parents that staff time and availability is limited, due to the routines of the school day and the purpose for each call is for staff to 'Check in' with the children. Should parents need to discuss a query or concern, we ask that you refer to the usual channels of communication and make arrangements for an appointment with the member of staff who will best be able to assist you.

Year 5 Thumbs Up Essential Life Skills Sessions



The children again enjoyed a wonderful session with the Thumbs Up Team this week. There are 1 more session to go on February 11th. Meeting ID's and password's will be emailed to parents in the usual way, prior to the session.

Reception Class Places September 2021



The parents/carers of our Pre-School children, this week, received a letter regarding arrangements for children transferring from our Pre-School to our Reception class in September 2021. Reception class places are provisional held for all Pre-School children until Friday 26th February 2021. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip no later than Monday 1st March 2021. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

February Half Term

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

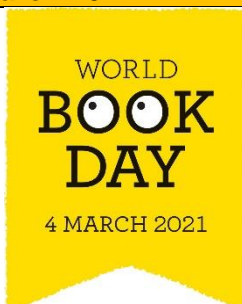


In accordance with the Department of Education guidance schools are not expected to remain open during the February Half Term break for children of critical worker or vulnerable children. Therefore, we will be finishing for the half term break on Friday 12th February at the usual time and reopening to children of critical workers and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February. Hopefully we will hear more news of when the

schools will be allowed to reopen to all children very soon. We'll keep you posted.

After School provision will be available on Friday 12th February until 5pm.

World Book Day 4th March 2021



World Book Day is almost upon us – we hope to send out details shortly about the exciting ways we are planning to celebrate this event in school and at home.

Early Year 30 Hour Funding Eligibility Code for the Summer Term Deadline – 31st March 2021



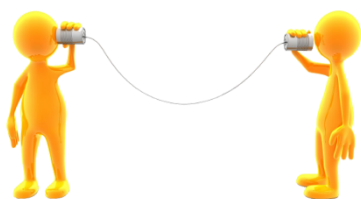
If you qualify for the extended 15 hours Early Years Funding and to enable us to claim this additional Early Years Funding for your child from Wirral Borough Council for the summer term, eligibility codes must be applied by or re-confirmed by 31st March 2021.

To apply for or re-confirm your eligibility code follow the link:
[Childcare Choice - Funding Codes](#)

Once you have applied for / re-confirmed your code please inform Mrs Evans via email annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

It is the parent's responsibility to reconfirm their 30-hour eligibility code.

Lines of Communication

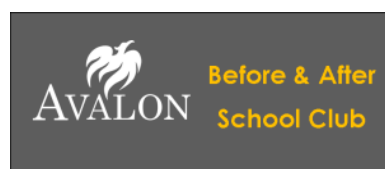


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, during lockdown and whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **Please note that teaching staff will endeavour to respond to emails by the next school day, however teaching staff will not respond to emails during weekends or holiday periods. For all other non-academic queries and concerns, please email the school office:

schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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Nursery & Pre-School	EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk
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Year 3 & Year 4	Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 5 & Year 6	Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk

Before & After School Childcare Provision During Lockdown



Before School Club is available from 8am for all eligible children attending school during the partial closure. After School Club is available from 3pm (infants) / 3.30pm (Juniors) until 5pm. Late collections for any children (including Nursery and Pre-School Wraparound) will incur an additional charge.

The routines and procedures for dropping off at Before School Club and collecting from After School Club will continue as the autumn term arrangements. **On arrival, please press the buzzer at the gate for assistances, your child(ren) will then be brought down to meet you at the gate.**

Please note that we will not be running extra-curricular clubs until further notice.

Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



Year 2020-2021

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September 2020
Half-Term	Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2020
Ends	Tuesday 15 th December 2020 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 th January 2021
Half-Term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021
Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 th April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half-Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Ends	Tuesday 13 th July 2021 – Normal Finish Time

Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Half-Term	Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Ends	Tuesday 14 th December 2021 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half-Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022
Half-Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time



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

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