



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

137

114

141

140

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

2805

2605

2846

2792

#### Merit Badges

Reception			OS
Year 1		CS	
Year 2		EP	
Year 3	HR		
Year 4		RH	
Year 5	GF		EMc
Year 6	HS	HH	

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	NF-T
Year 1	RK
Year 2	AW
Year 3	SC
Year 4	EW
	CR
Year 5	SS
Year 6	FC
	SJ
	MS

## Headteacher's Award



Year 1	SS-S
Year 2	AP
Year 3	SC
Year 5	EB
Year 6	FW

## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2	EH
Year 3 & Year 4	JG
Year 5 & Year 6	EW

## Certificates



None this week



AG  
JG  
RH  
EH  
NJ  
RK



GF  
AG  
JG  
RH  
EH  
NJ  
AK  
EK  
RK

HL  
MMc  
AN  
EP  
EU  
AW  
IW  
EW

## Golden Table

Rec	FPS	Y1	CP	Y2	AP
Y3	HR	Y4	HMc	Y5	ML
		Y6	FC		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Reception to Year 6 Rise to the Challenge Day Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June



We will be holding a very exciting inter-house competition day for the children in Reception to Year 6 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June with large scale challenges including a mobile climbing wall, archery competition, team building activities and spike ball competition. The children will require a House T-shirt and their PE Kit for the day, plus a suitable sun hat, if weather appropriate.

House T-shirt orders have been sent home with the children this afternoon.

Please ensure that your child has applied sun screen before attending school, brings a healthy snack for break time and a refillable water bottle.

Please note due to current government guidance and restrictions parents are unable to attend. We will of course post lots of photographs on the school website.

## Enterprise Week Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June



Next week from Tuesday will be Enterprise Week for the children in Year 3 and Year 6. The children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of different types of jobs, how to manage money, how money is spent in design and making the products, and how they can contribute to a range of activities that help them to become more enterprising. On Friday, each class will be creating a stall at the "Avalon Marketplace" to sell their products.

Children and staff from around the school will then have the opportunity to visit the marketplace and hopefully, make lots of purchases! We would kindly ask that children from Reception to Y6 bring in some pocket money (maximum £5.00) on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, so that they can visit the marketplace and perhaps buy some of the enterprise week products.

As this is a challenge week, there will also be some awards to present! Each Key stage two class will be competing for:  
Most profit raised award, Best teamwork award and finally the Most innovative product award.

We look forward to an exciting week filled with lots of fun and life-long learning skills for all our young entrepreneurs to enjoy.

## Important Reminder Break Time 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.

We have also noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. These snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Click on the link for the letter sent to parents from Mrs Callaway regarding [Food Allergies Etc.](#)

## Year 3 Viking Day



The Year 3 children had a fantastic day on Wednesday as they launched their new topic "The Vikings".



Take a look on the [Year 3 Class](#) webpage for more details and photos.

### Beautiful Butterflies



The children in Reception class released their butterflies this week. The children have watched the caterpillars change into butterflies over the last few weeks.



Take a look at the [Reception Class](#) webpage for videos and photos.

### Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



Monday & Friday will be a sandwich lunch due to the Rise to the Challenge Day and Enterprise Market Place Day

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

#### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Roast Dinner
Pudding	Chocolate Chip Cookie

### Transition from Pre School to Reception



Parents have been sent a letter and email about our transition sessions for Pre School to Reception this term.

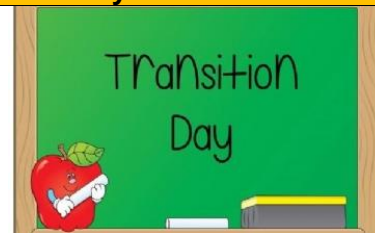
Please contact the school office if you have any further queries or concerns and we will be happy to assist you.

**New Reception Parent Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm.** Please email the school office to confirm attendance.



## Whole School Transition Afternoon

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

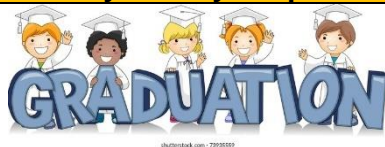


The children will be spending the afternoon with their new form teacher in preparation for September 2021. Children will stay within their class bubbles at all times.

Form teacher and staffing details for September 2021 will be shared with parents very soon.

## Pre-School Graduation

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



The children in Pre-School will be graduating from Pre-School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. More details will follow shortly.

\*\*\*Please note, dependent on Government guidance at the time, we will notify parents as to whether parents and carers may attend the event in school or if the event will be recorded and shared with parents online.

## Infant Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration (Reception to Year 2)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



The Infant Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children in Reception to Year 2 will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. More details will follow shortly.

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## Year 3 & Year 4 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



The Year 3 and Year 4 Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. More details will follow shortly.

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## Year 5 & Year 6 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration and

Year 6 Leavers Celebration

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



The Year 5 and Year 6 Awards and End of Year Celebration for the children will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. More details will follow shortly.

\*\*\*Please note, dependent on Government guidance at the time, we will notify parents as to whether parents and carers may attend the event in school or if the event will be recorded and shared with parents online.

## Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July



The Year 6 will have their leavers fun day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. More details to following shortly.

## Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

Please following the link to a letter from [Uniformity](#) regarding summer orders.

## PTA Committee Needs You



### We need you!

We want to make sure that the PTA Committee has representatives from all classes - Nursery through to Year 6. Whilst the past year has meant we have been unable to hold face to face meetings, we do try to meet once a term to organise events and help to raise funds to support the School. As you will be aware, our current aim is to raise money to buy 10 more iPads for the School. If you are interested in joining us, please email the School Office ([schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)).

Click on the link below for our latest newsletter: [PTA Newsletter](#)

## Pre-Loved Uniform



Thank you for your continuing support of Pre-Loved, which has meant we have raised **over £250** during the year. If you have any requests for uniform, please email on [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) or leave a comment under a post on the Facebook page. We are now in a position to accept donations, but 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:

Blazers/Black Raincoats  
 Caps/Hats/Boaters  
 Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans  
 Black PE Sweatshirts/Shorts/Skorts/Joggers  
 Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers  
 Yellow PE Polo Shirts  
 Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office - thank you.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:

Day	Club	Time
Monday	Reception Multi-Skills Year 3 Dodgeball	3pm-3.30pm 3.40pm-4.40pm
Wednesday	Year 1 Multi-Skills Year 4 Multi-Skills	3pm-3.30pm 3.40pm-4.40pm
Thursday	Year 5 VR Club	3.40pm-4.30pm
Friday	Year 1 Speech & Drama Year 3 Speech & Drama Year 4 Speech & Drama Year 5 Speech & Drama	Breaktime Breaktime Lunchtime Breaktime

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to run any other clubs this term. Hopefully, we will be able to offer more varied extra-curricular activities in the new academic year.

If any children from the above year groups would still like to join Speech & Drama, please contact the school office ([schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk))

### Sunscreen



As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, we would ask that parents apply sunscreen to their children prior to attending school each morning, especially exposed areas such as face, arms, and legs. Children may also bring to school a sun hat to wear at break times. Thank you for your co-operation.

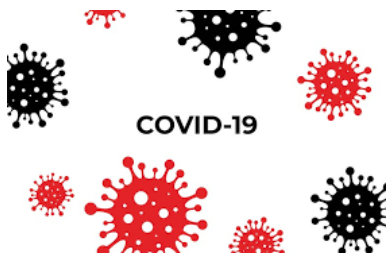
Please also ensure that children have a refillable water bottle each today to keep them hydrated.

### Please NO Fidget Toys



We are aware that a number of children are bringing "fidget toys" from home into school. A small number of children can benefit from these as they can be a support to children with specific needs. However, as they have become more widespread, they have caused some issues within classes so we would ask that children **do not bring them into school** unless they have been specifically provided for children by school staff.

### Arrangements for the Summer Term 2021



The Department for Education updated its operational guidance for Schools on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Arrangements at Avalon for the summer term will continue to follow the DfE guidance.

- Drop Off and Collection arrangements will continue to be staggered in the same way as they have been during the Spring Term, until further notice.
- Children will wear their Summer Uniform as normal, with the exception of PE days, when they should come to school in their PE kits to avoid changing in school.
- Children will continue to be in distinct 'bubble groups' wherever possible, to reduce the risk of transmission.
- School will continue to follow the system of controls as advised by Public Health England
- Educational day visits may resume following 12<sup>th</sup> April, subject to stringent risk assessment, however residential visits are not currently permissible.
- Wraparound & Before & After School Club (Childcare) will continue to run with same timings as in the Spring term. (7.45am- 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm)
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school site, unless by prior arrangement by appointment.

Please note, all arrangements are subject to change.

### Safer Road Watch Team



The Safer Road Watch Team has been in touch with School regarding their concerns over the speed of car along Caldly Road and the safety implications involved. We have been asked to make our whole school community aware that a group of vetted volunteers will shortly be issued with handheld speed radar guns and will be operating speed checks along Caldly Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldly Road, something that we have been campaigning for too.

### Pick Up and Drop Off Times



Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you.

Drop off and pick up from the main entrance on Caldly Road.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Pick-up Time
Nursery	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Pre School	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Reception	8.55am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:55am	3:00pm
Year 2	8.50am	3:10pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.30pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.35am	3.40pm
Year 6	8.30am	3.45pm

### Sibling Drop Off and Collection



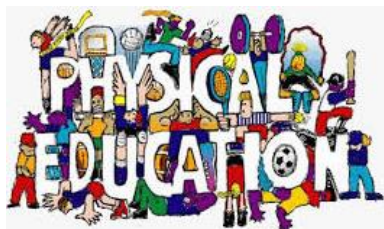
Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

Please could we ask that all parents and carers ensure that they do follow the staggered timings (as above) to help us manage drop off and collection of all children in the safest way possible.

**\*\*This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.**

### PE Days

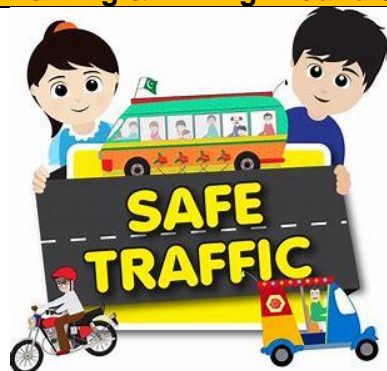




Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. As the weather is still chilly, we would request that the children wear either their school joggers or a pair on plain black jogger/leggings rather than shorts or skirts. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designated PE kit days.

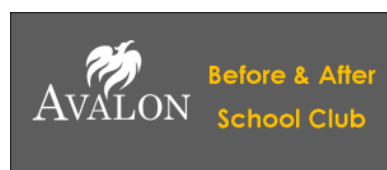
Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

### Parking & 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. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

### Before & After School Childcare Provision



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 6pm from 7<sup>th</sup> June. 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 assistance, your child(ren) will then be brought down to meet you at the gate.**

### Class Website Pages



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children are doing in school:

<a href="#">Nursery &amp; Pre-School</a>	<a href="#">Reception</a>	<a href="#">Year 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 2</a>	<a href="#">Year 3</a>	<a href="#">Year 4</a>

	<a href="#">Year 5</a>	<a href="#">Year 6</a>	<a href="#">Before &amp; After School</a>	
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### 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

### Water Bottle



So that children can stay hydrated throughout the day and for health and safety reasons please ensure that your child brings to school each day a named refillable water bottle. Avalon School water bottles are available from the school for £2.00 each. If you would like to purchase a water bottle, please email the school office, [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

### Face Coverings



Can we please remind parents/carers that, in accordance with current government guidance and Wirral Local Authority Director of Public Health, we would kindly ask that face coverings are worn when collecting and dropping off your children at school, unless special exemptions apply.

### Lines of Communication



We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	<a href="mailto:EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk">EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Reception	<a href="mailto:Reception@avalon-school.co.uk">Reception@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:Year1@avalon-school.co.uk">Year1@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:Year2@avalon-school.co.uk">Year2@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 3 & Year 4	<a href="mailto:Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk">Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk</a>

**Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022****Year 2020-2021**

<b>Summer Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time

**Year 2021-2022**

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE 2021

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception to Year 6 Rise to the Challenge Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 to Year 6 Enterprise Week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Transition Afternoon  New Reception Class Parent Information Meeting at 5.30pm

### JULY 2021

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School Graduation at 2pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration at 2pm  End of Year Reports sent home to parents
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 4 Achievement Awards & End of Year Celebration at 2pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & Year 6 Achievement Awards & Year 6 Leavers Celebration at 2pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Fun Day

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

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