



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

90

66

99

113

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

1609

1480

1625

1694

#### Merit Badges

Reception

NP

Year 1

AC

Year 2

HL

Year 3

AL

Year 4

IW

Year 5

AR

EW

Year 6

FW

FC

#### Achievement Certificates

Reception

FC

OS

Year 1

RK

Year 2

CS

Year 3

GL

Year 4

EP

Year 5

GF

EMc

Year 6

CMc

EP

MS



## Headteacher's Award



Year 1	AC
Year 4	MMc
Year 6	FC AD NN IP

## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2	NP
Year 3 & Year 4	IW
Year 5 & Year 6	EW

### Certificates

#### Reception to Year 2

RK  
SG



NP  
EH  
RK  
CS  
SG



FC  
AM  
EM  
FPS  
NP  
EH  
RK  
FL  
SMc  
SO  
CS  
TD  
SG  
NS  
AW



#### Year 3 to Year 6

AG  
JG  
RH

AG  
OS  
JG  
RH  
HL  
EW  
EP

AG  
AL  
HMc  
HR  
OS  
OA-Z  
HE  
JG  
RH  
LJ  
EK  
HL  
AN  
CO  
EP  
IW  
ML  
MMc  
EW  
CE  
NJ  
NN  
IP  
HS  
TW  
EP

## Golden Table

Rec	LL	Y1	RK	Y2	NL
Y3	AG	Y4	EK	Y5	GF
		Y6	IP		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Re-opening of School



We welcomed back all the children this week and what a week it has been. Both children and staff were very excited to see each other on Monday and have enjoyed getting back to their curriculum lessons and a range of activities this week including some very important PSCHEE sessions where the children have been talking and thinking about how they have felt during the lockdown period and partial closure of schools. We are all looking forward to a busy few weeks, on the run up to the Spring Break.

### Pick Up and Drop Off Times

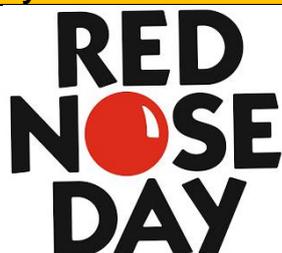


Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you.

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

### Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



To raise money, we will be having a non-uniform day and ask that one item of clothing to be red or red nose related. We will also have lots of other fun activities throughout the day.

As we would like children to wear something red or red nose related, we would ask for a suggested donation of £2.00 for non-uniform which will go towards the total money raised. When making your donation we

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would request that you do not send cash into school. Donations should be made via our JustGiving page using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalon-school1>

So far, we have raised an amazing **£286** from online donations and sale of red noses.

*★ Thank You! ★*  
**FOR YOUR DONATION**

We will again be selling red noses from the school office at £1.50 each (please note the increased price since last Red Nose Day). This Red Nose Day, there are 10 brand new Red Noses that are 100% plastic free! Children wanting to purchase a red nose should bring their money in a named envelope to the school office.



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Thank you for your support!

### Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



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

#### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Pizza, crispy cubes and salad
Pudding	Jam and cream scones

### Parent Evening Meetings

#### Reception to Year – Week Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March



We will again be using School Cloud,  as our platform for parent's evenings. From parent and teacher feedback we know that it is a more convenient system which enabling parents to set appointments with teachers and manage bookings online.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dated and should be booked accordingly:

Year Group	Date
Reception	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021

**APPOINTMENT BOOKING SYSTEM IS NOW OPEN!**

Year 1	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021
Year 2	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
Year 3	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Year 4	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Year 5	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Year 6	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

To logon to School Cloud, please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Appointment can be made from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.** Should you require assistance with making a book or wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Evans [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

### Parent Evening Meetings

#### Nursery & Pre-School – Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March



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Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dated and should be booked accordingly:

Key Worker	Date
Mandy Elliott	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Alison Prandle	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Julie Bache	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Jackie Duffy	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Jo Rice	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021

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## Reception Class Places September 2021



There are still Reception class places available for Pre-School children. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

## Early Year 30 Hour Funding Eligibility Code for the Summer Term Deadline – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

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

## Easter Break

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April



We will be closing for our Easter Break on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the usual time and reopening to the children on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time.

**Please note Before and After School care provision will be available as usual, see note below for further information about our wraparound facility.**

## Sibling Drop Off and Collection

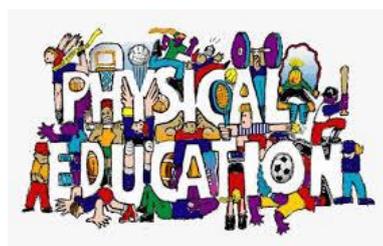


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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	Wednesdays & Fridays

	Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
	Year 3	Tuesday
	Year 4	Mondays
	Year 5	Thursdays
	Year 6	Fridays

### Breaktime Healthy Snacks



We have 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. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### 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 5.30pm. 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.**

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

### 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>

## 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).

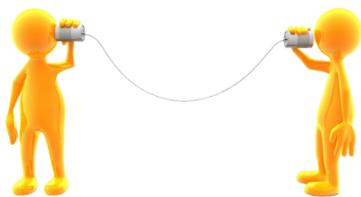
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

## 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>
Year 5 & Year 6	<a href="mailto:Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk">Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk</a>

## Pre-Loved Uniform



All the current stock of Pre-Loved Uniform is now listed on the Avalon PTA Facebook. If there is anything specific you need please leave a comment on the page or drop an email to [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. So far this term **we have raised over £200** for the PTA which is great! Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more uniform donations at the moment, but we will review this in the New Year.

## Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

We are aware of some pe items and the girl's pinafore are being discontinuing. Please be assured that we are working closely with our suppliers to find some suitable alternatives. We will keep parents updated and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



### Year 2020-2021

Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half-Term	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
Ends	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
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

Autumn Term	
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

Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Half-Term</b>	<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
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<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

#### MARCH 2021

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day – non-uniform day
Week Commencing Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception to Years
Week Commencing Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening Meetings – Nursery & Pre-School

#### APRIL 2021

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Closes for the Easter Break at the usual time
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children Return to School

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

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