



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

143

125

149

128

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2143

2017

2197

2189

Merit Badges

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| Reception | | | | SA |
| Year 1 | SS-S | | | |
| Year 2 | | | NL | |
| Year 3 | | | | EW |
| Year 4 | | OS | | |
| Year 5 | | | EMcK | RC |
| Year 6 | MS NJ | | | |

Achievement Certificates



| | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Reception | OS |
| Year 1 | SO |
| Year 2 | LO |
| Year 3 | HK FS EW |
| Year 4 | EK |
| Year 5 | SB AC GF IT |
| Year 6 | HH |

CMcW
TW

Headteacher's Award



Year 1 FL
SMcW
SS-S
HX
Year 2 CS
Year 3 ME
AL
Year 5 CMcG
JP
AR

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 EU
Year 3 & Year 4 IW
Year 5 & Year 6 EP

Certificates



None this week



RH
NJ



HE
JG
RH
LYJ
NJ
AK
AL
HMcW
CO
SO

EP
FPS
NP
RP
CR
OS
EU
TW
AW
IW

Golden Table

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|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Rec | EM | Y1 | SS | Y2 | CS |
| Y3 | ZD | Y4 | KH | Y5 | EW |
| | | Y6 | SH | | |

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

May Bank Holiday
Monday 3rd May



School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday next Monday 3rd May.

RSE Parent Information Meeting
Years 4, 5 & 6 Wednesday 5th May at 4pm
Years 1, 2 & 3 Thursday 6th May at 4pm



Following the Mrs Callaway's recent letter ([RSE Letter](#)) requesting parents for their feedback on Avalon's current RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy, we would now like to invite parents to a virtual information meeting.

During this RSE Parent meeting we will share comments from the parent survey, discuss in detail the programme and sequence of RSE lessons and provide parents with the opportunity to view curriculum materials and resources. There will also be an opportunity to pose any further questions or concerns to the staff team.

We expect the meeting to take around 50-60 minutes and we advise that the meeting is suitable for adults only.

Years 4, 5 & 6 – Wednesday 5th May at 4pm

Years 1, 2 & 3 – Thursday 6th May at 4pm

Meeting ID's and password's have been emailed to parents. Please contact the school office if you have not received the email or experience any problems logging on.

Class Photographs
Tuesday 11th May



Class group photographs will be taken on Tuesday 11th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers (Reception to Year 6).

Children will remain within their class bubbles at all times. All appropriate PPE and sanitisation will be used during the photography sessions, as per our protective measures for COVID-19.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Tuesday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Due to the on-going pandemic, unfortunately if your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, we will be unable to invite parents/carers in the school to take part in the group photograph. If you would like to book an additional session for this day, please speak to your child's keyworker to check availability. Additional sessions will be charged at the usual rate.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Reception Class Mini Beast Hunt in the Woods
Wednesday 12th May



As part of the Reception Class new topic "Mini Beasts" the children will be going on a walk to the local woods (weather dependant) on the hunt for mini beasts on wednesday 12th May in the afternoon.

Children should wear their school uniform including blazers together with a suitable waterproof coat and sensible shoes or wellingtons.

All children will be taking part in this exciting activity, however, should you wish you child not to participate please email the school office (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk) no later than 9am on Wednesday 12th May.

Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Sessions

Wednesday 12th May & Wednesday 26th May



The Year 3 children had a fantastic afternoon at the beach this week on their first session of outdoor learning as part of their cross-curricular topic on "The Romans". They will be going to the beach again on the following dates:

Session 2 – Wednesday 12th May

Session 3 – Wednesday 26th May

Click on the following link for information on what the children will need to wear and bring with them on the session days: [Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Sessions](#)

Wirral Grammar Schools Virtual Open Days for Year 5 Pupils



Parents of children in Year 5 who are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools in September 2022 may attend the virtual open events as listed below:

Wirral Grammar School for Boys: Monday 10th May at 18:30
www.wirralgrammarboys.com

Calday Grange Grammar School: Tuesday 11th May 18:30
www.calday.co.uk

West Kirby Grammar School: Wednesday 12th May 18:30
www.wkgs.org

Wirral Grammar School for Girls: Thursday 13th May 18:30
www.wirralgirls.co.uk

Parents who wish their child to take the 11+ assessment in September 2021 (for admission in September 2022) must return the Assessment Request Form to Wirral Local Authority by **31st May 2021**. Forms will be available at the beginning of May 2021 from Wirral Borough Council.

Reception to Year 6 Curriculum Overviews



Curriculum overviews for the summer term have been sent out this week. Overviews can also be found on the school website by following the links below:

Reception Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 1 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 2 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 3 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 4 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 5 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Year 6 Summer Term Curriculum Overview

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 3rd May 2021.



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

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| Main | Chicken Korma & Rice |
| Pudding | Rhubarb Crumble & Custard |

Wirral Children's NHS Vision & Hearing Screening – Reception Class Children Monday 17th May



Wirral Children's NHS staff will be coming into school on the afternoon of Monday 17th May to complete the vision and hearing screening of the Reception class children. NHS consent forms will be sent home in due course prior to the screening

May Half Term Break Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June



We will be closed for our May Half Term Break on Friday 28th May and reopening to the children on Monday 7th June at the usual time.

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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curriculum clubs commence 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)

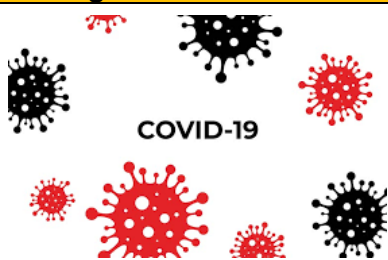
Sunscreen



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. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Arrangements for the Summer Term 2021



The Department for Education updated its operational guidance for Schools on 26th 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 12th 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. (8am-8.30am and 3pm to 5.30pm)
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school site, unless by prior arrangement by appointment.

Further details will be confirmed to parents prior to the start of term (Updated Parent Handbook) 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 Caldý 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 Caldý Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldý 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 Caldý 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 |

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](#)

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

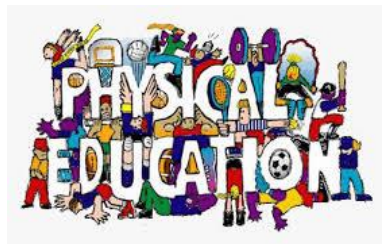


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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 of 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 & Fridays |
| Year 3 | Tuesday |
| Year 4 | Mondays |
| Year 5 | Thursdays |
| Year 6 | Fridays |

Breaktime Healthy Snacks



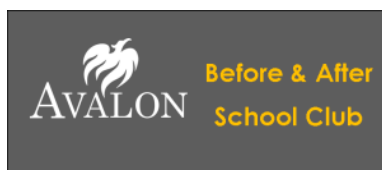
We have noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for 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.**

Class Website Pages

Class Web Pages



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

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| Nursery & Pre-School | Reception | Year 1 |
| Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
| Year 5 | Year 6 | Before & After School |

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 or 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.

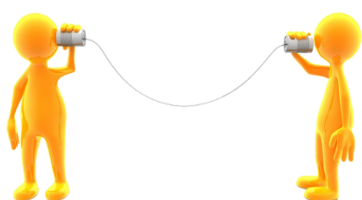
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

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

| Year Group | Email Address |
|----------------------|--|
| Nursery & Pre-School | EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk |
| Reception | Reception@avalon-school.co.uk |
| Year 1 | Year1@avalon-school.co.uk |
| Year 2 | Year2@avalon-school.co.uk |
| Year 3 & Year 4 | Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk |
| Year 5 & Year 6 | Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk |

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 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

| 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 |

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| | 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 |



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2021

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| Monday 3 rd | School closed for May Day Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 5 th | Years 4, 5 & 6 - RSE Parent Information Meeting at 4pm |
| Thursday 6 th | Years 1, 2 & 3 - RSE Parent Information Meeting at 4pm |
| Tuesday 11 th | Class Photographs |
| Wednesday 12 th | Reception Mini Beasts Hunt in the Woods Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session |
| Monday 17 th | Reception Class Vision & Hearing Screening |
| Wednesday 26 th | Year 3 Outdoor Learning Beach Session |
| Friday 28 th | School Closes for the Summer Half Term Break at the usual time |
| Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June | Half Term Break |

JUNE 2021

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| Monday 7 th | Children Return to School |
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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