



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

145

122

97

99

Total House Points for the Year To-date

145

122

97

99

Merit Badges

Reception

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Year 1

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Achievement Certificates



Reception

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Headteacher Awards



Year 1	S A
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Year 2	S E
Year 6	E K
	J P

Golden Table

Rec	L D	Y1	O S	Y2	S McW
Y3	X F	Y4	H W	Y5	M McK
		Y6	C McG		



NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:



Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2) starting week commencing Monday 13th September

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Tuesday	Mindfulness	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	12.35pm to 1pm	Y1 and Y2

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6) starting week commencing Monday 13th September

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
Wednesday	Coding	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 and Y4
	Joseph performance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 and Y4
	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 and Y6

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2) starting week commencing Monday 20th September

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	French	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Yoga	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6) starting week commencing Monday 20th September

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Jazz Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 - Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link [Ballet and Jazz Dance sign up information](#)

Football click on this link [Football sign up information](#)

Drama click on this link [Drama sign up information](#)

For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below

[Key Stage 1 form](#) (Reception to Year 2)

[Key Stage 2 form](#) (Year 3 to Year 6)

Beach School Session



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 3 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Y3 Native Art and The Stone Age topics. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

Dates of each session:

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 23rd

Wednesday 29th

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 Beach School information](#)

Beach School Session



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 5 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Y5 topics this term. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

Dates:

Thursday 16th

Friday 24th

Friday 1st October

Click on the following link for information on what the children will need to wear and bring with them on the session days:

[Year 5 Beach School Information](#)

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 will shortly be commencing the InCAS assessments which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks.

Should you require any further information please click on the links below:

Please click on the link for Reception [INCAS Assessment for Children in Reception](#)

Please click on the link for Year 1 to Year 6 [INCAS Assessment for Children in Year 1 to Year 6](#)

Parent Information Meeting Reception to Year 6 Thursday 16th September



At the beginning of each academic year we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and Form Teachers to discuss information about the year group curriculum, classroom routines, assessment and reporting information, along with lots of other helpful material. However, due to the current COVID-19 situation we have taken the decision to hold online Parent Information Meetings this year delivered via Zoom video conferencing.

The date and time of your child's meeting is as follows:

Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – Thursday 16th September at 4.30pm

Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) – Thursday 16th September at 5.00pm

The Meeting ID and Password will be sent to you via email, prior to your online meeting.

This week the EY Log Registration and Consent Forms were sent home with the reception class children. Thank you to the parents who has already returned them, if you haven't already returned them then can we please ask that it is returned by Monday 13th September.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 13th September 2021



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pork Roast
Pudding	Waffleberry Pie & Custard

Scores on the Doors



Well done to our fantastic Catering Team for retaining a fabulous 5 star rating, following their inspection by the Environmental Health Inspector on Thursday.

Parent Information Meeting Nursery and Pre-school



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The date and time of your child's meeting is as follows:

Nursery and Pre-school – Monday 20th September at 4pm.

The Meeting ID and Password will be sent to you via email, prior to your online meeting.



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 30th September in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also. Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

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 Children must come into school wearing their Winter uniform and they will then change into their PE kit after their photograph has been taken.

Wet Play Bags (Reception to Year 6)



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk.

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

Start of Day Arrangements



Before school club is from 7.45am to 8.30am. Children attending before school club should enter the hall via the main school glass entrance doors.

From 8.30am to 8.50am parents may drop children off at the school gate which will be manned by Avalon staff. Alternatively parents and carers who may wish to bring their child onto the school site and drop their child off at the allocated entrance doors.

For reception, Year 1 and Year 2, this will be at the main glass entrance doors. For all Junior children, Year 3 to Year 6, this will be at the front door of the junior building.

Late attendance (after 8.50am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

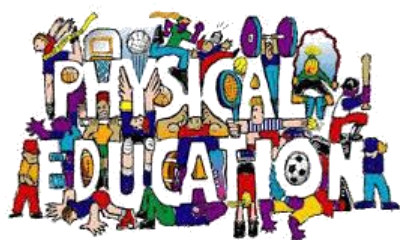
End of the School Day



Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Collection Time	Class	Where to collect your child
At the end of nursery or pre-school session or nursery wraparound	Nursery & Pre School	Main nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Reception	Nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 1	Main school glass entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 2	Nursery entrance doors
3.40pm	Year 3	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 4	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 5	Main school glass entrance
3.40pm	Year 6	Main school glass entrance

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. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

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. It would also be much appreciated if parents consider the through traffic along Caldry Road and avoid attempting U-turns in the road. These sorts of manoeuvres in the road can be particularly dangerous for all road users and pedestrians during these busy times of day.

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

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.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Thank you for your continuing use of Pre-Loved - the monies raised really help make a difference to how we can support the School. We know that there are a few outstanding requests, which we are sorting but we've had a few issues with handing over the emails as we've got a new parent taking over Pre-Loved. If you have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com. Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, 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, given the introduction of the new sports kit:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank 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 or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk



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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 15 th	Year 3 Beach School session
Thursday 16 th	Year 5 Beach School session
Thursday 23 rd	Year 3 Beach School session
Friday 24 th	Year 5 Beach School session
Wednesday 29 th	Year 3 Beach School session
Thursday 30 th	Pupil individual and sibling photographs

OCTOBER

Friday 1 st	Year 5 Beach School session
	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 4 th	Mental Wellbeing Week
Friday 15 th	School finishes for half term break at the usual time
Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th	Half term break

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 st	Children return to school at the usual time
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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**Starting
Wednesday
15th September**

**Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child**



Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



**Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am**



Babies to 5 Years



Guest Session Leaders

**Avalon School, Caldby Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE
T: 0151 625 6993 / E: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk
www.avalon-school.co.uk**

'Sing Aloud!'

West Kirby Parish Youth Choir

Do you enjoy singing?

Would you like to be part of a new choir of young voices?



What will be involved?

A weekly after school choir practice during termtime.

Singing once a month in church.

Where and when would we sing?

Rehearsals would be either in St Bridget's Centre or St Bridget's Church.

The choir will sing once a month in church on a Sunday morning at 10am. There will also be chance to sing at weddings as well as Christmas and other festivals.

Why might I be interested?

Singing is really good for you - it helps with relaxation, concentration and generally feeling good!

As part of being in the choir you will follow the Voice for Life music training, helping you learn to read music, understand music theory and gain singing awards.



It's a chance to meet new people and make friends or keep in touch with old ones

Who can join?

Anyone aged between 8 and 18 who loves singing.

Don't worry if you are not sure about your singing - we will help you develop your voice.

Is there a cost?

No it's free - we are so passionate about singing that we want everyone to have chance to find their voice and sing aloud. We even pay you for singing at weddings!

I don't go to church at the moment, does that matter?

No you'll find a warm welcome and soon get to know people

If I am interested, what do I do next?

Contact Alex Williams, on 07718646863 or rectorwestkirby@gmail.com or 0151 625 1052