



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

93

85

96

98

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

237

206

194

198

#### Merit Badges

Reception	A U		
Year 1			N F-T
Year 2		R K	
Year 3			A P
Year 4	M E		A L
Year 5		N T	E P
Year 6	J S	E McK	

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	I C
Year 1	N P
Year 2	S S
Year 3	Z B
Year 4	F McW
	O S
	G L
Year 5	A N
	R H
	L J
Year 6	S S
	M L

## Headteacher Awards



Year 3	A P
Year 3	Whole Class
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	E B

## Golden Table

Rec	A U	Y1	F P-S	Y2	H X
Y3	N L	Y4	N S	Y5	E A
		Y6	S S		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Parent Information Meeting Nursery and Pre-School Children Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm



At the beginning of each academic year we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and EYFS staff 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 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 4pm.

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

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curriculum clubs are as follows:



#### Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

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

#### Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Jazz Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 - Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
Tuesday	STEAM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6

Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Wednesday	Coding	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 and Y4
	Joseph performance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6
Friday	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 and Y4
	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 and Y6
	Chess	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Y3 to 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)

### Grammar School Parent Information Meeting Year 5 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. In the School Hall



We would like to invite all parents to an information meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 5.30pm in the school hall. During the meeting we will be discussing preparation for the Wirral Grammar Schools (West Kirby, Calday and Wirral Grammars) and the schools of special character (Upton Hall and St Anselm's).

Areas to be discussed will be preparation for the assessments, what areas the examinations will assess and the application process both for sitting the assessments and for places at a particular school. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and have a look at some sample papers for the assessments.

Please click on the link for more information [Grammar School Information Meeting](#)

### Curriculum Overviews and Parent Information



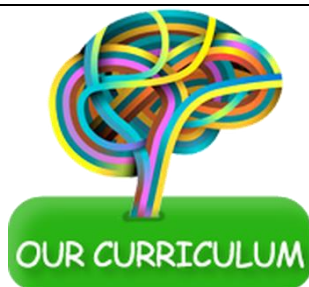
Thank you to all that were able to attend the Parent Information Meetings on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.

For those parents that were unable to attend and would like any further information then please click on the links below. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Form Teacher for an appointment to discuss.

[Early Years Foundation Stage](#)

**Curriculum Overviews (click on the links below)**

[Reception Class](#)



[Year 1 Class](#)  
[Year 2 Class](#)  
[Year 3 Class](#)  
[Year 4 Class](#)  
[Year 5 Class](#)  
[Year 6 Class](#)

**Parent Information Guides (click on the links below)**

[Reception Class](#)  
[Infants \(Year 1 and Year 2\)](#)  
[Juniors \(Year 3 to Year 6\)](#)

### Oxford Reading Buddy Log in Details



The Oxford Reading Buddy Log in details and passwords have been sent home with the children this week.

PLEASE NOTE THAT **ALL CHILDREN** HAVE NEW PASSWORDS THIS YEAR.

### Earrings In School



It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could remind children to remove earrings and any other jewellery before coming to school. We understand that a number of children have only recently had their ears pierced and although it is not ideal in this instance could we ask parents/carers to ensure that earrings are covered each morning with plasters.

Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

### Beach School Session



The Year 3 had a fabulous time during their first session at the beach this week. Their next sessions are as below.

**Dates of each session:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

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



The Year 5 had an amazing time during their first session at the beach this week. Their next sessions are as below.

**Dates:**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

### Breaktime 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 in 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 brought into school.

### Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Lasagne
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 1<sup>st</sup> October



The School Council would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am where refreshments and cake are on offer for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. We kindly ask that cake or biscuits donations are shop bought (and in their original packaging only). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

Please click on the link for more information [Macmillan Coffee Morning Letter](#)



## Individual and Sibling Photographs

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

## 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.

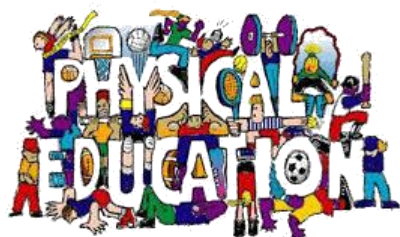
## End of the School Day



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

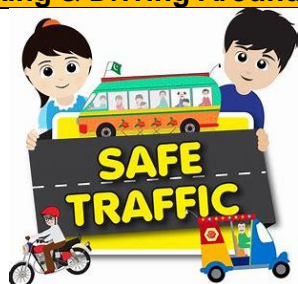
## PE Days



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 all for your continued support of Pre Loved Uniform. We are now in a position to take donations. Please note we no longer accept the P.E uniform.

If you can ensure the donations are clean and in good condition and wearable. Please leave donations with the school office.

If you do need any uniform please email [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.

Thanks again.

Pre Loved ♥

### 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)

### Term Dates 2021-2022



#### 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
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
Summer Term	
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	
SEPTEMBER	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Pre-School information meeting
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Beach School session
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beach School session
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	European Languages Assembly
	Grammar School Parents Information Meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Beach School session
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil individual and sibling photographs
OCTOBER	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Beach School session
	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Wellbeing Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes for half term break at the usual time
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break
NOVEMBER	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to school at the usual time



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

Avalon School, Caldby Road, West Kirby, CH48 2HE  
Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)

**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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)  
[www.avalon-school.co.uk](http://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](mailto:rectorwestkirby@gmail.com) or 0151 625 1052