



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points – This Week

**107**

**129**

**138**

**109**

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

**1220**

**1075**

**109**

**1063**

#### Merit Badges

Reception

E C

Year 1

N P

Year 2

S E

Year 3

T D

Year 4

Z D

Year 5

L E

R H

Year 6

E W

A C

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception C D  
 Year 1 S A  
 Year 2 R P  
 Year 3 S W  
 Year 4 N S  
 Year 5 H McW  
 C O  
 O S  
 H L  
 Year 6 S B  
 S S

## Headteacher Awards



Year 3  
Year 5  
Year 6

A W  
L E  
E B

## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2

N P

Year 3 & Year 4

A W

Year 5 & Year 6

I A

### Golden Table

Rec  
Y3

E C  
T D

Y1  
Y4  
Y6

L L  
Z D  
E B

Y2  
Y5

R K  
J C

### Success for Eve!



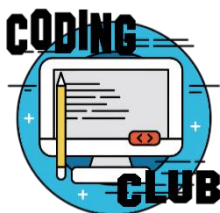
Congratulations to EB (Y5) on her recent sailing success! EB took part in 2 regional selection events - one at Leigh and Lowton sailing club where she came first girl, and the other event was the Regional Junior Championships at Derwent Reservoir sailing club in Durham. The results from these 2 events went before the Royal Yachting Association Performance manager and the selection committee. EB has now been selected to join the Regional Training Group North for this winter, as they recognise her fantastic skills and potential to progress within British Youth Sailing. We are all so proud of her and wish her every success!

### Past pupil news



EB brother, PB, also a talented sailor, and a past pupil of Avalon, had a fantastic sailing season. He went to Italy and Spain to represent GBR in the Summer. PB also won the British Open and National Championships this year. As a result, he was invited to take part in a very prestigious 'Champion of Champions' regatta and raced against Olympians and other mostly adult national champions, in a boat he had never sailed before! PB finished 12th overall, beating lots of very accomplished adult sailors. We look forward to hearing more about PB sailing progress in the future and hope to see him competing in the Olympics one day!

**CODING Club Cancelled**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**



Unfortunately, CODING club has been cancelled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you require your child to attend after school club on this date then please contact the school office.

**PTA Christmas Fair Arrangements**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**



Preparations for our Christmas events are now in full swing and we would like to remind you that, at this point, the PTA Christmas Fair is planned to take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the School Hall.

Please note that the arrangements for collection of children will be slightly different on this day to allow a smooth and safe start to the Christmas Fair:

- Infant Children (Reception, Y1 & Y2) will need to be collected at the slightly later time of **3.20pm** from the Main Entrance of the School (by the Glass Doors). Staff will dismiss children to parents / authorised adults in class order, prior to the start of the Fair.
- Junior Children (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) will need to be collected at the slightly earlier time of **3.20pm** from the Junior Front Door (wooden door at the front of the School). Staff will dismiss children to parents / authorised adults in class order, prior to the start of the Fair.

**(For sibling children, parent collection should be at the eldest child's collection point)**

- Nursery Children will be collected as normal from the Nursery doors.
- Children attending After School Club (which will run in the usual way), should also be collected as normal, from the Nursery doors.
- Entrance to the PTA Christmas Fair will be via the double doors to the side of the School Hall (next to the Nursery). We kindly ask that parents and children queue outside the Hall to avoid any bottle necks within the school building. This will make for a more comfortable and COVID safe entrance to the Fair for all involved.

Health & Safety including COVID arrangements

- Children must be escorted to the Christmas Fair by a parent or authorised adult.
- At the time of writing, there are currently no requirements for adults or children to wear face masks. However, we encourage all adults to self-regulate under the current circumstances and in regards to decisions around the wearing of face masks when in busier environments.
- Should the local COVID case rates and risk levels increase nearer to the date of the event, we reserve the right to put

other COVID protective measures and contingencies in place for the safety of all stakeholders. The above arrangements are therefore, subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers ahead of the Christmas Fair.

### Christmas Decoration Competition



**COMPETITION CLOSES ON  
MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
DON'T FORGET YOUR £1**

Our Christmas trees will soon be arriving at school, ready to be decorated! We would like to run a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the main school hall. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize.

#### To enter the competition:

1. Decorate the bauble provided
2. Attach the label provided, to the bauble, clearly marked with the child's name and class
3. Return the decorated bauble, label and a £1 donation in the envelope provided, to your child's form teacher to complete your entry
4. Competition winners will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.

**All competition entries must be returned to school with a £1 donation by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November to be entered into the competition.**

### Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our Antibullying Sharing Assembly.

[Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly Letter](#)

We have raised a fantastic **£100.00**, well done everyone!

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

### Children in Need



We have raised an amazing **£755.70**, well done everyone!

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

### Baby News



We are delighted for Miss Robertson, as she has shared the news with us that she is expecting a baby.

I am sure that you will join us in congratulating Miss Robertson and wishing her well for her pregnancy and the safe arrival of her baby.

### Late Arrivals



Can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be late for school, that you bring your child to the school office so we can ensure that your child has been signed in.

### PTA Christmas Fair Donations Friday 3rd December 2021



We do hope that you can join us at this year's PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. To make the fair a success we need your help. Please can you donate any of the following:

- Chocolate bars or box of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola
- Bottles (from spirits to shampoo, wine to water) for the Bottle Tombola
- Filled mugs (fill a spare mug from home with goodies such as sweets, toys, stationery, hair accessories etc) for the Mug Tombola
- Prizes for the Raffle

**Donations can be brought to the school office from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please do not bring donations prior to this date as school has very limited storage space available.**

### Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Thursday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

Due to limited space and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents, we are asking that **only 2 parents/carers per family attends the Nativity** so that we can ensure a more comfortable, COVID safe experience for everyone involved.

[Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Letter](#)



### Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December



We would like to invite you to the Infant (Reception, Year and Year 2) Christmas Concert on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

Due to limited space and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents we are asking that **only 2 parents/carers per family attends the Nativity** so that we can ensure a more comfortable, COVID safe experience for everyone involved.

[Infants Nativity Letter](#)

### Story House Theatre – Oliver Twist for Year 3 to Year 6 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December



We have booked for all children in Years 3 to Year 6 to go and see a stage production of Oliver Twist at Storyhouse Theatre, Chester on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The cost of the trip will be £16.50 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. We would ask that you send children with their Avalon water bottle and a healthy snack to eat during the interval.

The coach will be leaving at 9:15am and will return to school in time for lunchtime. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform.

For more information, see the [Story House Theatre Letter](#)

### Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Parties Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team, a visit from Santa himself and the amazing magician Fantastic Freddie.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (ie a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For Nursery and Pre-School children who don't normally attend on a Thursday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to Nursery/Pre-School at 1.30pm and collected at 3.15pm.

[Nursery - Year 2 Christmas Party](#)

### Whole School Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December



We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and own clothes (i.e. a non-uniform day).

For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

[Whole School Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day](#)

## Whole School Celebration at St Bridgets Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am. Please note that Avalon School will not have access to St Bridget's Church until 11.15am as there is another event prior.

Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue with their normal routine at school.

Due to limited space at St Bridget's Church and to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and parents we are asking that **only 1 parents/carers per family attends the Christmas Celebration Service** so that we can ensure a more comfortable, COVID safe experience for everyone involved.

At the time of writing, there are currently no requirements for adults or children to wear face masks. However, we encourage all adults to self-regulate under the current circumstances and in regards to decisions around the wearing of face masks when in busier environments.

We would kindly ask that you send in a small new toy, gift or sweets, with your child. Gifts should be left unwrapped. The gifts will be placed at the front of church during the service, to support and help underprivileged children have a happier Christmas.

After the service the gifts will be transported to the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead to help them with their charitable work. The Mission will pass the gifts on to where they are most needed. They will match the present to children of the right age and gender and then wrap them before delivery.

If you wish to collect your child(ren) from the church service, please indicate on the slip below. Otherwise, staff will escort the children back to school, for the earlier finishing time of 12.30pm. **Please note that the After School Club service will not be available on this day.**

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office, indicating your collection arrangements for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

[Christmas Celebration Service](#)

## Lunch Menu

## Lunch menu for the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> November



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli
Pudding	Chocolate Mousse

### 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.

### 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)

### 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

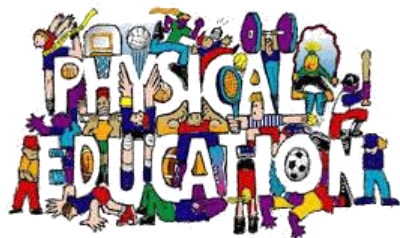


Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

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

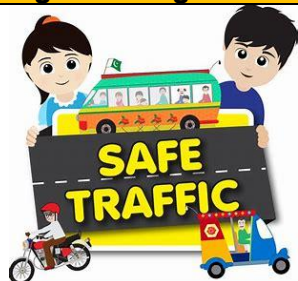
## PE Days



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 Caldy 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



#### Academic Year 2021-2022

**We would like to draw your attention to an additional staff training day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022. As you are probably aware we usually have two staff training days at the start of the academic year, however we had one training day this September and therefore we have booked the reserved training day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

Autumn Term 2021	
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 – 12:30pm Finish
Spring Term 2022	
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
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	
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>
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<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

### Academic Year 2022 – 2023

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March April 2023 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
Ends	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly (parents invited) 9.10am  
Christmas Bauble completion closes

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> LAMDA Exam

### December

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm Preschool and Nursery Nativity

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.30 – 5.30pm PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm Infant Nativity

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Juniors to watch Oliver Twist

Infants Christmas party with Freddie Fantastic

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11.30am: Christmas celebration at St. Bridget's Church – Parents invited.  
School finishes at 12:30pm for the Christmas break



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

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## Wellbeing Quote of the Week





# CHRISTMAS FAIR

CAKE STALL

BOTTLE  
TOMBOLA

USBORNE  
BOOK  
STALL

CHRISTMAS  
GIFT STALL

CHRISTMAS GAMES

SONGS  
BY THE  
CHOIR

ADULTS  
£5

CHILDREN  
FREE

INCLUDES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
& MINCE PIE

NEW MUG  
TOMBOLA

Hot Chocolate

Glitter  
Tattoos

RAFFLE

FACE PAINTING

CREATIVE  
ROOM



**Last Session for this term is  
Wednesday 1st December 2021**



# **Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group**



**Wednesdays  
9.30am to 10.30am**



**Returning in the Spring Term  
on Wednesday  
5th January 2022**

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