



School finishes at 12.30pm on Tuesday 14th December and reopens on Wednesday 5th January at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 134 | 116 | 150 | 86 |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|

Total House Points for the Year To-date

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1354 | 1192 | 1248 | 1149 |
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Merit Badges

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|-----------|------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Reception | A H | | | |
| Year 1 | | | | A K |
| Year 2 | E H | A C | | |
| Year 3 | | N S | | |
| Year 4 | | | T B A G | |
| Year 5 | A N L J | | | |
| Year 6 | | A C | | |

Achievement Certificates



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|-----------|---------------------|
| Reception | L DeC |
| Year 1 | F P-S |
| Year 2 | F L S S |
| Year 3 | H W |
| Year 4 | M E S S |
| Year 5 | L McG A R N T |

Headteacher Awards



Reception
Year 2
Year 6

O M
S McW
S B

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2
Year 3 & Year 4
Year 5 & Year 6

N P
T B
I W

Golden Table

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|-----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|
| Rec | A H | Y1 | A K | Y2 | C S |
| Y3 | E P | Y4 | G L | Y5 | C R |
| | | Y6 | E Mck | | |

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly 2021



On Monday, the children led a whole school assembly and shared their learning about what bullying is and how we can respond to it as individuals and as a community. The children also talked about who to talk to and tell if you have a worry about yourself or someone else. They showed their understanding about this important message in lots of different ways through poems, songs, role play and even a very catchy rap! Our Avalon staff team also shared their message and encouraged everyone to spread kindness. Click on the link below to find out more:

[Avalon Anti Bullying Message](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs



The following clubs will not be held next week and will return after the Christmas break:

- Football – 6th December
- STEAM – 7th December
- Verbal Reasoning – 7th December
- Drama – 10th December

The following clubs will be held next week and this will be the last session before school closes for Christmas:

- Ballet & Jazz Dance – 6th December
- Mindfulness – Tuesday 7th December
- Construction Club – Wednesday 8th December
- Coding – Wednesday 8th December
- Joseph Performance – Wednesday 8th December
- Yoga – Thursday 9th December

Netball – Thursday 9th December

Chess – Friday 10th December

Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity

Tuesday 7th December



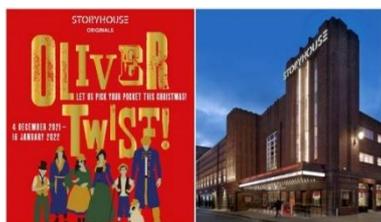
We would like to invite you to the Infant (Reception, Year and Year 2) Christmas Concert on Tuesday 7th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

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 9th 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 9th 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 9th December



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Thursday 9th 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 10th 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 10th 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 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 14th December

Avalon School's
Christmas Celebration



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Tuesday 14th 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, although not mandatory for adults or children to wear face masks, we kindly ask and encourage all adults to wear a face covering (unless exempt) in Church, as it is an enclosed environment and larger gathering. We advise parents and carers to take a rapid lateral flow test prior to attending the event. You can order tests [online](#) or visit a pharmacy. If your test is positive, you should isolate immediately and [get a PCR test](#).

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 on the letter and return it to the school office, indicating your collection arrangements for Tuesday 14th December.

[Christmas Celebration Service](#)

Christmas Bauble Competition Winners



We have had some truly amazing, decorated bauble entries in our Christmas bauble competition this year. It was very difficult to choose between the many different designs. Well done everyone!

The winners are:

| Nursery & Pre-School | Reception | Years 1 | Year 2 |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| M K | E C | O S | F L |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| H L | A G | H McW | L McG |

Don't the baubles look fantastic on our Christmas tree?



The children may bring home their baubles on Monday 13th December.

We have raised £85
in aid of Avalon School PTA

★ *Thank You!* ★
FOR YOUR DONATION

WOW! You have been fabulous in your support of this year's PTA Christmas

Mrs Callaway made the draw today and the winners are:



| N° | Prize | Winner |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1 | Christmas Hamper donated by Apex Connected (Avalon School's photocopier provider) | E M |
| 2 | Signed Munster Rugby Shirts & a Bottle of Bombay Sapphire Gin | C S |
| 3 | Tropic Gift Set & a Bottle of White Wine | S G |
| 4 | Tropic Gift Set & a Bottle of Rose Wine | A W |
| 5 | Tropic Gift Set & a Bottle of Red Wine | Mr Crabtree |
| 6 | Tropic Gift Set & a Bottle of Prosecco | H L |
| 7 | Spiderman & Smiggles Pencil Case Hamper & Chocolate | Mrs Allen |
| 8 | Art Supplies Hamper & Chocolate | Mrs Stanhope |
| 9 | Hickories Vouches & a Bottle of Prosecco | M E |
| 10 | Grand Avenue Voucher & a Bottle of Prosecco | N T |
| 11 | Science Lab Activity Set & Chocolate | Mr Currie |
| 12 | Selection of 6 Bottles of Wine | Mr Lunt |
| 13 | Chocolate Hamper | Mr Ballard |
| 14 | Chocolate Hamper | Mrs Scott |
| 15 | Echo Falls Light Me Up Bottle of White Wine & Black Magic Chocolates | Mrs Ellsmoor |

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| 16 | Whiskey, Gin & Bacardi Hamper | Mrs Lashley |
| 17 | Set of 4 Cath Kidston Mugs & Box of Biscuits | A S |
| 18 | 4 Bottles of Mulled Wine | Mrs Bowles |
| 19 | Toiletries Hamper & a Bottle of Prosecco | E S |
| 20 | 4 Bottles of Fizz | Mrs Khangura |
| 21 | Whiskey, Liquor & Chocolates | Mr Conroy |
| 22 | Mug Cake & Box of Biscuits | Miss Taylor |
| 23 | Chocolate & Spirits | X F |
| 24 | 2 Bottle of Non Alcoholic Wine & 2 Boxes of Chocolates | Mrs Port |
| 25 | Whiskey & Rum | Mr Parkin |
| 26 | Bed Head Hair Products & a Bottle of Rose Wine | Mrs Broomhead |
| 27 | Chocolate Hamper | Mrs Davidson |
| 28 | Toiletries Hamper & a Box of Chocolates | Mrs Griffin |
| 29 | Chocolate Hamper | J F |
| 30 | Christmas Story Books & Chocolate | Mr Bell |
| 31 | Tropics Facial Voucher & a Bottle of Rose Wine | H R |
| 32 | Tropics Facial Voucher & a Bottle of Rose Wine | K McW |

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|--|----|----------------------|--------------|
| | 33 | Campari & Chocolates | Mrs Kyriacou |
| | 34 | Fitness & Chocolates | Mrs Wood |
| | 35 | Wine & Chocolates | I W |
| | 36 | Festive Surprise | H E |

The winners of this year's PTA Christmas Raffle will be contacted by email or telephone. Winners should contact the school office to arrange collection of their prizes.

The PTA would like to thank you all for your continuing support and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2022!

St Bridget's Centre



ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE IS OPEN!! INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PARTIES!!

St Bridget's Centre in West Kirby Old Village hosts a variety of groups and activities. We are very pleased that the Centre is fully open again after operating restricted activities for so long due to Covid-19.

WANT TO HIRE THE CENTRE?

St Bridget's Centre is available for hire for children's parties, family celebrations, supper evenings, lectures, meetings and seminars, groups and activities. We have projection facilities for showing films in the Beacon Room. To enquire about using the Centre or activities in the Centre, contact Paula Cobby at the Parish Office, St Bridget's Lane, West Kirby, CH48 3JT on 0151-625-2739 (e-mail: office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk) or Martin Harrison on 0151-625-8535.

OTHER ACTIVITIES?

Our Centre hosts a wide range of other activities: why not come and try some of them? Give us a call and we will give you details.

Bread-making, bridge classes, Kumon Maths classes, Link café on Wednesday mornings, Mothers Union, pilates, daily preschool classes, Quiz nights, Sunday Church Storytelling Service, WAPA (children's music and drama), West Kirby Museum, lectures and research group, West Kirby W.I., Wirral Bird Club, yoga.

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 be brought into school.

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.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 6th December



Special Menu

Monday 6th December

Chicken Burger and Jacket Wedges with salad or vegetables
Cheese or Beans on Toast
Crispy Cake and fresh fruit

Tuesday 7th December

Chicken Korma and Rice with vegetables
Jacket Potato with various fillings
Christmas Cup Cake and fresh fruit

Wednesday 8th December

Fish and Chips with vegetables
Ham and Couscous Salad
Cookies and Hot Chocolate and fresh fruit

Thursday 9th December

Meatballs and Pasta with salad or vegetables
Scrambled Egg on Toast
Mini Doughnuts and fresh fruit

Friday 10th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey dinner or vegetarian option served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, stuffing, pigs-in-blankets, Yorkshire puddings and gravy
Mince Pie and Fruit



Monday 13th December

Pizza with Jacket Wedges with Salad
Selection of Sandwiches
Mince Pie and Fresh Fruit

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

Favourite Meal of the Week

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|---------|-----------------------|
| Main | Spaghetti & Meatballs |
| Pudding | Ice Cream |

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)

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.

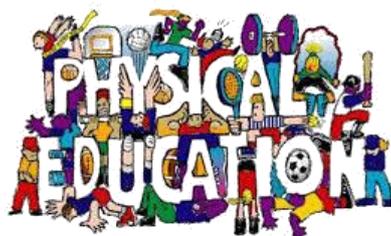
End of the School Day



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 |

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| | 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 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 or 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 27th 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 27th May 2022.

| Autumn Term 2021 | |
|---------------------|--|
| 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 – 12:30pm Finish |
| Spring Term 2022 | |
| 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 2022 | |
| Staff Training Day | Tuesday 19 th April 2022 |
| Term Starts | Wednesday 20 th April 2022 |
| May Day | Monday 2nd May 2022 |
| Staff Training Day | Friday 27 th May 2022 |
| Half-Term | Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 |
| Ends | Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time |

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

| Autumn Term | |
|---------------------|--|
| Staff Training Days | Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2022 |
| Term Starts | Monday 5 th September 2022 |
| Half-Term | Monday 17th October to Friday 28th October 2022 |
| Ends | Tuesday 13 th December 2022 – 12 noon Finish |
| Spring Term | |

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|--------------------|--|
| Staff Training Day | Wednesday 4 th January 2023 |
| Term Starts | Thursday 5 th January 2023 |
| Half-Term | Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023 |
| Ends | Friday 31 st March April 2023 – Normal Finish Time |
| Summer Term | |
| Staff Training Day | Monday 17 th April 2023 |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 18 th April 2023 |
| May Day | Monday 1st May 2023 |
| Half-Term | Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 |
| Ends | Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time |



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2021

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|--------------------------|---|
| Thursday 2 nd | 2pm Preschool and Nursery Nativity |
| Friday 3 rd | 3.30 – 5.30pm PTA Christmas Fair |
| Tuesday 7 th | 2pm Infant Nativity |
| Thursday 9 th | Juniors to watch Oliver Twist Infants Christmas party with Freddie Fantastic |
| Friday 10 th | Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day |
| Tuesday 14 th | 11.30am: Christmas celebration at St. Bridget's Church – Parents invited. School finishes at 12:30pm for the Christmas break |

January 2022

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday 5 th | Return to school at usual time |
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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Wellbeing Quote of the Week



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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