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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

142

133

137

109

Total House Points for the Year To-date

3248

2897

3144

2510

Merit Badges

Reception

E C

Year 1

F C

Year 2

R K

Year 3

C S

Year 4

F S

O S

Year 5

E W

C R

Year 6

R W

A R

Achievement Certificates

Reception

A U, E C, O M, C D, H P, M W, I C, L DeC, CL.

Year 1

O S

Year 2

E U

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Year 6

R C



Headteacher Awards



Reception A U
C D
H P

Year 2 H X

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to E H
Year 2
Year 3 & Year 4 A G
Year 5 & Year 6 L E

Golden Table

Rec	C D	Y1	E M	Y2	S O
Y3	X F	Y4	N S	Y5	O S
		Y6	R W		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

May Bank Holiday
Monday 4th May



School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May.

Maternity Leave



Today we saw Mrs Creedon and Miss Robertson finish at Avalon to start their maternity leave. I'm sure you will all join us in saying a big congratulations to our 'Mums to Be'. We can't wait to meet their little ones too!



PTA Movie Night



The PTA would like to say a big thank you to the parent helpers who were able to assist during the viewing of 'Hop'.

The PTA raised a fantastic £325.00.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

PTA Soiree Friday 13th May 2022



CHANGE OF DATE

Venue: Tanskeys Bistro West Kirby
Starts: 7pm.

Bar Closes: 12.30am

Pimms on arrival

Canapes at 8pm

Great raffle prizes

DJ and Dancing

Tickets: £25 per person

Dress code: Smart/Casual

Summer Term Curriculum Overviews



The Summer term curriculum overviews have been emailed to all parents and carers. If you require a paper copy then please contact the school office.

[Summer Term Curriculum Overviews](#)

Pre-School and Reception Visit to Ness Gardens Tuesday 3rd May 2022	
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As part of the Pre-School and Reception class topic about Spring and Growth, an educational visit to Ness Botanic Gardens has been booked on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. We hope the visit to the gardens will enhance the children's learning about caring for our planet and local environment whilst extending their knowledge and understanding of the world.

The cost of the trip will be £15.25 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the gardens and workshop. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9.30am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the gardens. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up at 3.00pm.

Children are required to wear their school PE kit (school long track pants rather than shorts or skorts) on the day and wellington boots are essential. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

In order to simplify the arrangements of trips, we will allocate a place for your child and the cost of £15.25, will be added to your next invoice. To enable your child to attend the trip to the Ness Botanic Gardens it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday 25th April 2022.

[Reception Letter for Ness Gardens](#)
[Pre-School Letter for Ness Gardens](#)

Oliver Rehearsal Cancelled



Due to the year 6 residential trip, there will be no Oliver rehearsal on Wednesday (4th) and Thursday (5th) next week. Please could we ask parents to make the necessary arrangements to collect their child at the usual time at the end of the day. Should you require after school care, please contact the school office to book in.

Year 6 Residential – Tattenhall Centre Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th May



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to the Tattenhall Centre in Cheshire in May 2022. As you will no doubt be aware, we have not been able to run residential for the previous two years and although the current guidance is for trips to be able to run, if there is any change in guidance in the upcoming weeks then we may need to review our preparations.

All the staff at the centre are suitably qualified to instruct the various activities and all specialist equipment is provided by the centre. The total cost of the visit will be £330 and this will include the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities and the use of the facilities. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

We ask that a deposit of £110 is payable to the school office by **Monday 28th February 2022** and that the balance of £220 is paid either in full by **25th April 2022** or instalments of:

Monday 28 February	£110 Deposit
Monday 28 March	£110
Monday 25 April	£110

[Year 6 Residential Trip Letter](#)

House T-Shirts Reception to Year 6



During the summer term we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the form to the school office no later than Friday 13th May 2022.

The coloured t-shirts represent the houses as follows:

The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 13 and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £6.00 each which can be paid by cheque or preferably by internet banking, please see the order form for details. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payments in cash.

Race for Life Cancer Research



Mrs McGregor has signed up for this year's 5k Race for Life to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK. The event takes place on Sunday 22nd May in Birkenhead Park and she would greatly appreciate any sponsorship, no matter how much as it all adds up. Please follow the below link that will take you to Mrs McGregor's donation page.

[Mrs McGregor's Donation Page](#)

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.

It has been brought to our attention that Nivea Kids Protect and Care Coloured Spray SPF 50+ contains organic almond oil, can we please ask parents to be aware of this when purchasing sunscreen for your child(ren).

Year 2 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 2 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular Transport topic. 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.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Wednesday 4th May – AM

Wednesday 11th May – AM

Wednesday 18th May – AM

[Year 2 Beach School Letter](#)

Year 4 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 4 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular living things and habitats topic. 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.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Thursday 5th May – AM

Thursday 12th May – AM

Thursday 19th May – AM

Tuesday 24th May - AM

[Year 4 Beach School Letter](#)

Class Photographs Tuesday 10th May



Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 10th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Tuesday will be supervised by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff whilst having their photograph taken. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Tuesday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site to supervise while the photograph is taken, in accordance with our Adult:Child ratios.. Refreshments will be available.

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

Year 1 Class Assembly Monday 16th May at 9.05am



The children of Year 1 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 16th May 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Year 2 Class Assembly Monday 23rd May at 9.05am



The children of Year 2 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 23rd May 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Year 6 Beach School Sessions



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 6 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The outdoor learning beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular thin places in relation to our RE topic. 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.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session:

As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will need a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Wednesday 25th May – AM

Thursday 26th May - AM

[Year 6 Beach School Letter](#)

Year 4 and Year 5 Adventure Day Thursday 26th May



We have reserved places for our Year 4 and 5 children to have an adventure day in Delamere Forest, Cheshire, on **Thursday 26th May 2022**.

We have booked places on the “Go Ape” Tree Top Adventure Course which is a high ropes course through the trees at Delamere Forest. You can find out more here <https://goape.co.uk/locations/delamere/tree-top-adventure>. We are then taking part in a large problem-solving activity called “Baboonzled!”

The aims of the trip are :

- Learning new skills
- Gaining an appreciation of the natural environment
- Exciting activities
- Developing an awareness of the needs of others
- Meeting personal challenges

The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the expert instructors.

The cost of the trip is £30. This covers the cost of all travel, insurances and all the activities. We would like all children to attend the trip as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

[Adventure Day Letter](#)

Reception Class Assembly Monday 20th June at 9.05am



The children of Reception would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 20th June 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

Lunch Menu Next Week



Lunch menu for the week commencing 3rd May 2022

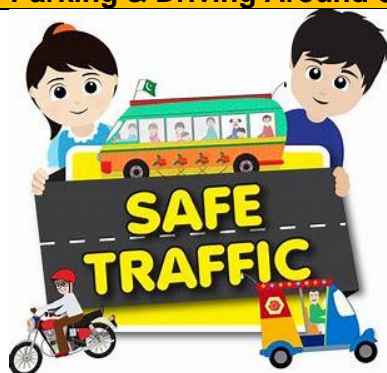


Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Pizza
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch

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. Please be mindful when parking and avoid parking across residents driveways.

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

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular 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	Multi-Sport	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Dance	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	12.35pm to 1pm	Y1 & Y2

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 - Y6
	Tinkercad	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Multi-Sport	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Whole Cast
Thursday	Oliver!	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Invite Only
	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6
Friday	Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 & Y6
	Drama	10.20am to 10.45am	Y3 & Y4
	Chess	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Y3 to Y6

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

Football click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

Drama Club click on this link [Sign up letter](#)

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

[Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form](#) (Reception to Year 2)

[Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form](#) (Year 3 to Year 6)

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Breaktime Snack



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.

Arriving Late to School



For safeguarding purposes, 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.

Start of the 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

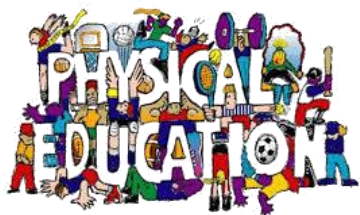


Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

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
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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

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 ♥

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:

<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Click on the following link for a list of required uniform items:
[Uniform List - Nursery to Year 6](#)

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 & 2022-2023



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	
	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 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

MAY 2022

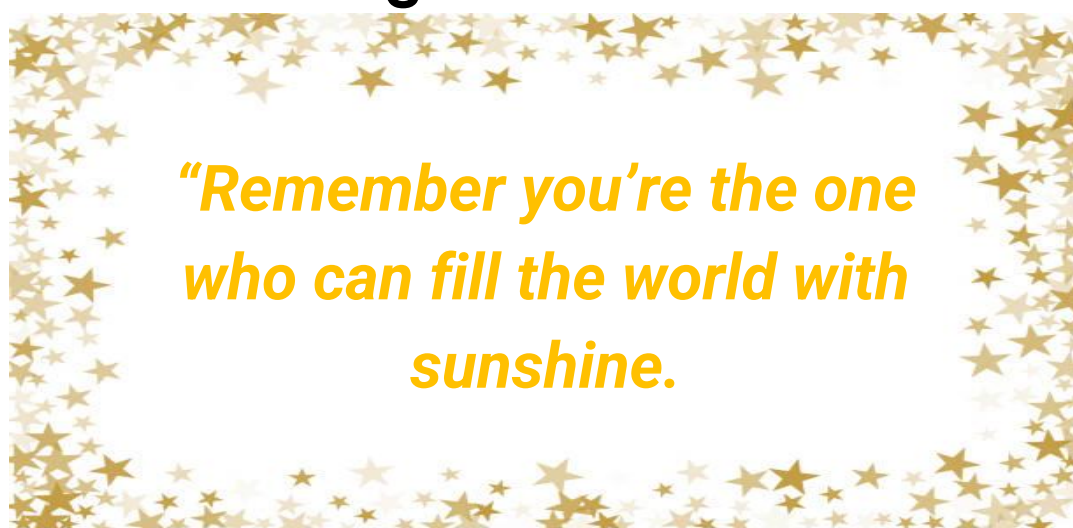
Monday 2 nd	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd	Pre-School and Reception Visit to Ness Gardens
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 9 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Tattenhall Centre
Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 Beach School Session
Thursday 5 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
	KS1 Drama Workshop
Tuesday 10 th	Class Photographs
Wednesday 11 th	Year 2 Beach School Session
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Friday 13 th	PTA Soiree
Monday 16 th	Year 1 Parent Assembly
Wednesday 18 th	Year 2 Beach School Session
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Monday 23 rd	Year 2 Parent Assembly
Tuesday 24 th	Year 4 Beach School Session
Wednesday 25 th	Year 6 Beach School Session
	Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Thursday 26 th	Year 4 and Year 5 Adventure Day
Friday 27 th	Year 6 Beach School Session
Friday 27 th to Monday 6 th June	Staff Inset Day – School Closed
	Half Term Break

June 2022

Monday 6 th	School reopens at normal time
Friday 10 th	Rec – Year 2 Trip to The Boat Museum (TBC)

Monday 20 th	Reception Parent Assembly
Monday 27 th	Oliver Performance – 2pm
Tuesday 28 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 29 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30 th	Oliver Performance – 6pm
July 2022	
Friday 8 th	2pm Pre-School Graduation
Monday 11 th	2pm Infant Achievement Celebration
Tuesday 12 th	2pm Junior Achievement Celebration
Wednesday 13 th	1.20pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly School Closes for the Summer
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Wellbeing Quote of the Week



No need to book
Come along and join in the fun!

Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child



Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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