



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**School closes TODAY and reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the usual time.**

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

Total House Points for the Year To-date

Merit Badges

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

Achievement Certificates

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6



Headteacher Awards

Year  
Year

Will return after half term.



### Mathletics

#### Pupil of the Week!

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

Mathletics

Will return after half term.

#### Golden Table

Rec	Y1	Y2
Y3	Y4	Y5
	Y6	

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Half Term Break

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022



We will be closing for our half term break TODAY at the usual time and reopening to the children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the usual time. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break!

**Please note Before and After School care provision will be available as usual.**

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



The children all had a wonderful time celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee yesterday. The day involved pupils coming to school dressed in red, white, and blue, and celebrating with a street style Jubilee lunch. They played 1950's style street and playground games, as well as having a Zoom call with the elderly residents of "The Old Garden" to join together in the singing of songs, including of course, the National Anthem.

In addition, to commemorate this truly special day, all the children received a Platinum Jubilee Pin Badge. Apex Action sponsored our "Design a Crown" competition, donating the Grand Draw Prize of tickets for a family of four to Legoland, Windsor Resort! The lucky winner enjoyed her coronation and presentation of tickets! (see our Facebook page: @AvalonSchoolWirral for more photos from this special day)



## Rise to the Challenge Week Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June



We will be holding our 'Rise to the Challenge Week', the week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

All children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in a number of physical and mental challenges throughout this special week including:

Climbing wall challenge, Archery competition, Bubble Football, Laser Tag, sarge scale puzzles and problem solving. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for sponsoring some of these activities for the children.

For more details click on the link [Rise to the Challenge Week](#)

## Secondary School Entrance Assessments Entry to Secondary School September 2023



For information regarding secondary school entrance assessment for entry in September 2023 please click on the link below

[Entry to Secondary School - September 2023](#)

## Year 4 and Year 5 Adventure Day



The Year 4 and Year 5 children had a great time at Go Ape today. The children enjoyed lots of different challenges including the bus breaking down and tested their bravery on the high ropes.

## Baby News



Congratulations to Mrs Creedon and her husband on the birth of their baby son, Henry! Both mum and baby are doing very well.

## Reception to Year 2 Visit to Ellesmere Port Boat Museum Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022



As part of the children's topic about transport we have arranged an educational visit to the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The cost of the trip will be £11.80 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the museum. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:15am, 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 museum. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats and a waterproof jacket if the weather is wet. 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 £11.80, will be added to your autumn term invoice. To enable your child to attend the trip to the museum it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

[The Boat Museum Letter](#)

## 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).

## Reception Class September 2022



On behalf of the staff, governors and children, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to Avalon School. We look forward to your child starting with us in the Reception class in September.

During the summer term we will be supporting your child with the transition from Pre School to Reception through several special sessions. The dates for these sessions are listed below. Your child will have the opportunity to meet the Reception staff and spend time together as a class, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm – 3pm**

We have also arranged a **New Reception Parents Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm** which will include an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with the Reception staff team and receive further information prior to the autumn term. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and we will confirm any further details nearer to the date.

[Reception Class Transition Letter](#)

## Reception Class Assembly Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am



The children of Reception would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

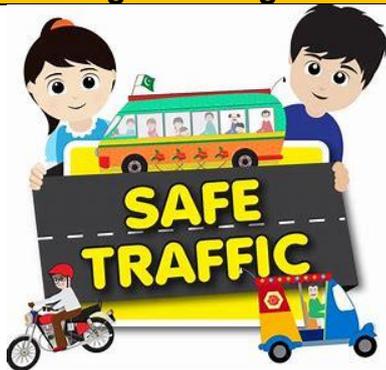
## Lunch Menu Next Week

Lunch menu for the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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

## 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. 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.

## Race for Life Cancer Research



Mrs McGregor would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored her during the Race for Life on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Its not too late to donate. Click the link below to make a donation to Cancer Research.

[Mrs McGregor's Donation Page](#)

## 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
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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.

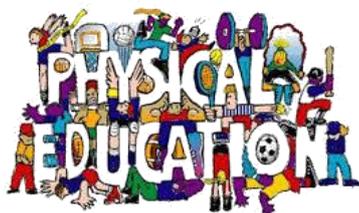
## End of the School Day



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

## 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

### 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 ♥

### 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 logos, 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 & 2022-2023



#### 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

<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	
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 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

### MAY 2022

Friday 27th	Staff Inset Day – School Closed
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term Break

### June 2022

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens at normal time
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Week - Puzzle Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Week - Challenge Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rec – Year 2 Trip to The Boat Museum
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Den Making – 9.30am-11am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief Challenge Day (Nursery to Year 6)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parent Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 2pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30th	Main School Transition Afternoon 1-3pm

### July 2022

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm: PTA Summer Strawberry Tea
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm: New Reception Parents' Information Meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Pre-School Graduation Year 6 Fun Day (TBC)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Infant Achievement Celebration
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Junior Achievement Celebration
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.20pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly School Closes for the Summer

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

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



## Wellbeing Quote of the Week



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

Admission &  
Refreshments  
Only £3  
per child

  
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# Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays  
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE  
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