

**AVALON SCHOOL** Weekly Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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#### **NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS**

#### **CEOP Education**



The CEOP Education team is part of the National Crime Agency. We run a national online safety education programme, which provides training, resources and information for children and young people aged 4 - 18, their families and professionals who work with them.

This website is a part of our programme.

The characters on this website also feature in Jessie & Friends, a three episode animated series for 4-7 year olds.

The Jessie & Friends animations are free to download and come with fun, engaging lesson plans for teachers and other professionals, and advice for parents and carers on watching them with children at home.

For more information on Jessie & Friends and advice on how to talk to 4-7 year olds about online safety, click on the relevant button below

#### 4-7s | CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)

#### 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.

#### Tam O'Shanter School Council Visit



Thank you to everyone who donated vegetables to Tam O'Shanter farm. The school council enjoyed their visit, and helped to muck out the chickens, goats and alpacas. They finished off their day feeding the pigs and petting "Avalon" the bunny!



#### **Nursery & Pre-School Den Building Session**



The children in nursery and pre-school enjoyed a very exciting and creative Den Making Day this week. The children had the opportunity to use different materials to make different sizes and shaped dens. Well done nursery and preschool on the brilliant effort!



#### **Sport Relief Power Pledge & Nathan Young Silent Reflection**



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Sports Relief 'Laps of Hope' and Nathan Young Deaflympics fundraiser. We are still counting all the donations and we will let you know next week how much we have raised. The children's power pledges were impressive, and they were able to share their hopes for their future world in assembly this morning.

Well done to all the children for taking part and helping to shape a better world for future generations.



#### Reception Class September 2022 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July



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 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 <u>New Reception Parents Meeting on Tuesday</u> <u>5<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm</u> 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** 

#### Year 1 Beach School Sessions Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June



As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 1 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular Famous People by the Sea 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 require a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – AM Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – AM

#### Year 1 Beach School Letter

#### Reception Beach School Sessions Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June



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

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Reception Beach School Letter

#### Suncreen



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).

#### Oliver JR Performances Matinee – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm Evenings – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of "Oliver" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you, what they have learned.

The evening performances on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June will begin at 6pm (doors open at 5.45pm) and will last for just over one hour. There will also be a matinee performance on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 2pm (doors open 1:45pm). This may be more suitable for younger children to enjoy the production. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard area outside the hall before the performances commence.

Tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Any tickets for Avalon children, past or present are free. There will be no limit to the number of tickets that people can purchase. You may, of course, purchase tickets for any of the performances. To purchase tickets please complete and return the attached order form to the school office. Payment options are detailed on the order form. Unfortunately owing to restrictions on the performance licence we will not be able to produce a DVD of the whole show.

Oliver Performances Letter & Order Form

#### PTA Stawberry Tea Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm



The PTA will be holding their Strawberry Tea on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 from 3pm to 5pm. Entrance to the fair is £5.00 per adult which includes strawberries and cream, and children are free. There will be lots of exciting stalls and events including bubble football, Year 6 stocks, donkey rides and many more plus an ice cream stand with ice cream specially made for Avalon School.

The PTA will also be running a summer raffle and raffle tickets will be sent home with the children next week. The money and ticket stubs (please retain ticket part) together with any unsold tickets should be returned to school no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The PTA are always grateful for your support which helps raise money that directly benefits all children at Avalon School. Recently the PTA have helped fund many different activities including Mathletics, Challenge Day, and the purchase of iPads.

Extra-curricular clubs will not be taking place, however After School Care is available as usual should you wish to book a place for your child.

The PTA are running a 'create an Avalon ice cream flavour' competition as part of this year's Strawberry Tea. All children may enter the competition by colouring in the attached ice cream poster, naming the flavour created and then explaining what flavour it is. Entries must be returned to the school office by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** together with a competition entrance fee of 50p which will be donated to the Avalon PTA funds.

Ice Cream Competition information

# Year 3 Trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022



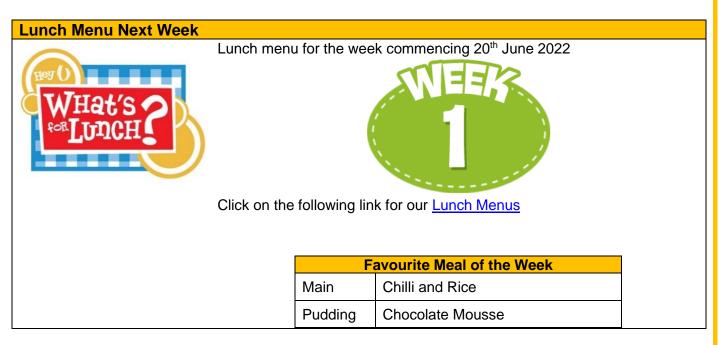
As part of the children's topic about habitats we have arranged an educational visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium for the Year 3 children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The cost of the trip will be £26.50 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the aquarium. 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 aquarium. 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.

To enable your child to attend the trip to the museum it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Blue Planet Aquarium Letter



#### Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember <u>not to park on the zig-zag lines</u> 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 <u>extra careful and aware of pedestrians</u> 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.

<b>Extra Curri</b>	cular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

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	Day	Club	Time	Year Group		
		Ballet	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2		
	Monday		3.35pm			
	Monuay	Football	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2		
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	Tuesday	Multi-Sport	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2		
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	Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2		
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	Thursday	Dance	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2		
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	Friday	Drama	12.35pm to	Y1 & Y2		
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#### Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

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

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:

<u>Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form</u> (Reception to Year 2) <u>Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form</u> (Year 3 to Year 6)





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.

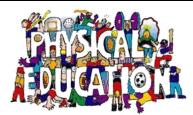
#### End of the School Day



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
Year 6	Monday

Pre-Loved Uniform	
Pre-Loved	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.
Uniform	If you do need any uniform, please email <u>uniformpta@gmail.com</u> with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.
	Thanks again.
	Pre-Loved V

Uniform Supplier	
UNIFORMITYSchoolwear	Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below: <a href="http://www.uniformityschools.com/">http://www.uniformityschools.com/</a>
	Click on the following link for a list fo 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

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### Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021		
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	
Term Starts	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	
Half-Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
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	
Half-Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	

Ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Normal Finish Time	
Summer Term 2022		
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
May Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	
Half-Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Normal Finish Time	

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2022		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception Class Transitions 1.30pm-3pm	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parent Assembly	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Beach School Session	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Beach School Session	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 2pm	
	Reception Beach School Session	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm	
-	Year 1 Beach School Session	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm	
	Reception Beach School Session	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm	
	Reception Class Transitions 1.30pm-3pm	
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	
	Year 3 Visit to The Blue Planet Aquarium	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Transitions 1.30pm-3pm	
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,		
It	please do not hesitate to contact us:	



Tel: 0151 625 6993

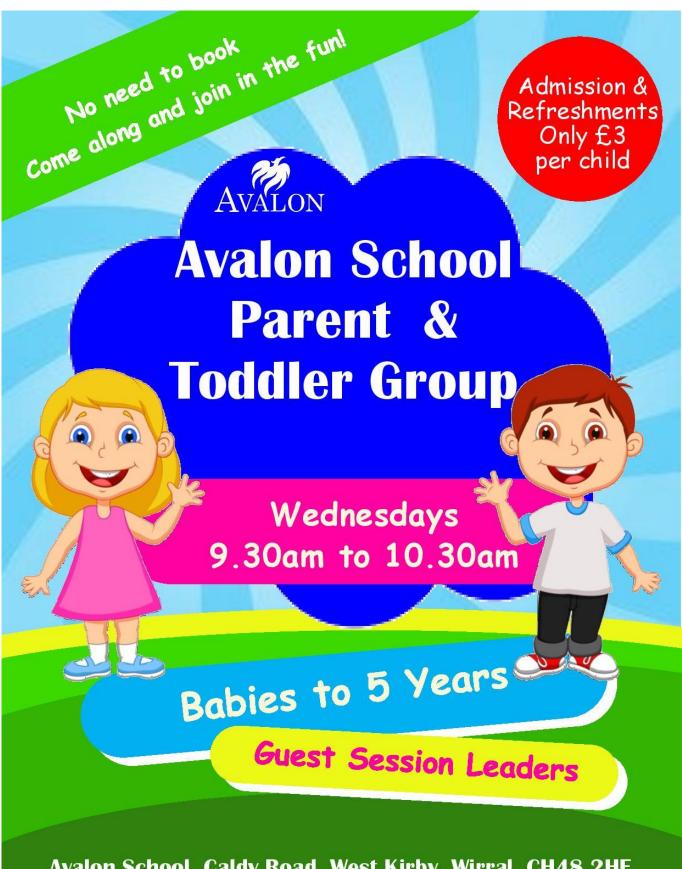
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# Quote of the Week





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