

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter AVALON Friday 9th September 2022



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!









St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
Hous	se Points – This W	eek	

80 71 **77** 67

Total House Points for the Year To-date

67 80 71 77

Merit Badges

Reception				NB
Year 1				CL
Year 2				NF-T
Year 3				FL
Year 4		NS		
Year 5	FS		JM	
Year 6			EK	HE

Achievement Certificates



Reception	IW
Year 1	FD
	MX
Year 2	SA
Year 3	EU
Year 4	EB
	SD'A
	SG
	PS-P
Year 5	AL
	MW
	JW

Year 6

Headteacher Awards

EΑ PB



ΑIJ Year 1

Year 4

HL

ΑN Year 6

FΡ

Mathletics



Mothletics Starts next week

Golden Table

Rec **Y3**

Starts next week

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Welcome Back!



Dear Avalon Families,

We were delighted to welcome back all our children, staff and parents this week for the start of our new academic year.

The children all arrived with smiles on their faces ready to meet their new teachers, start new learning and catch up with friends. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this coming term, so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter, the website and social media pages for all the most current information, news and updates.

Very best wishes, Mrs Callaway

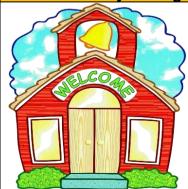
Queen Elizabeth II



Avalon School together with the whole country send our deepest condolences to the royal family following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Mrs Callaway will be sharing a special assembly with the children on Monday to reflect on the life and work of the Queen and the impact she made on the whole world.

As arrangements for the Queen's funeral are beginning to emerge but yet to be fully confirmed for the 19th September, we will keep parents updated with regarding to any impact on school arrangements and the 11+ Wirral assessments.

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 8.45am 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.

Arriving Late to School



Late attendance (after 8.45am). 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.

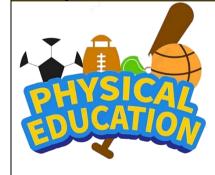
End of the Day Arrangements



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

Year Group	Collection Time	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 5	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 6	3.40pm	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	PE Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Monday

IMPORTANT REMINDER 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.

Snack which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Safeguarding Booklets



The children from nursery to year 6 have this week, brought home with them, their safeguarding booklets, which we would be grateful if you could review the information and make any necessary amendments. Please ensure that it is returned to the school office by Monday 12th September 2022.

It is vitally important that we have the correct and most up to date information for your child.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS (Reception to Year 2)

Start week commencing 12th September 2022

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	LAMDA Drama	12.35pm to 1.05pm	Y1 & Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Start week commencing 12th September 2022

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Coding	12pm to 12.30pm	Y6
	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Football	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
	Tag Rugby	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Library	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Choir	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6
Friday	LAMDA Drama	12pm to 12.35pm	Y5 & Y6
	LAMDA Drama	10.20am to 10.50am	Y3 & Y4

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Reception to Year 2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Year to Year 6

Acro Dance Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Ballet Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Football Sign Up: Football First

LAMDA Drama Sign Up: Ravanne LAMDA

Multi-Skills Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Netball Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Tag Rugby Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 will shortly be commencing the InCAS assessments which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks.

Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and Form Teachers to discuss information about the year group curriculum, classroom routines, assessment and reporting information, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of child in Reception to Year 6 will take place on Thursday 22nd September at 5.30pm.

On arrival at school, may we ask that you go directly to your child's form room and sign in. There will be an information pack available for you to take away and should any parents be unable to attend, this will be available on request, from the school office. Staff will begin their presentations at 5.35pm promptly and should last approximately 30 minutes. There will be time at the end for general questions; however, may I remind parents that this is not a formal Parent Consultation Evening and should you require further time with your child's teacher for a more personal discussion, then an individual appointment should be made at a mutually convenient time.

Year 6 History Topic – WW2



In history this term, Year 6 are learning about World War 2. They have already embraced the new topic and are full of enthusiasm which is lovely to see. We would like to make a display of photos to show the children how we all have connections from that period; World War 2 and indeed to History. We appreciate that if you do have any family photos or memorabilia, they will be precious, so we would kindly ask that you could perhaps take some photos of photos, or any war related items that are personal to your family. We will then compile and display them, indicating how the children are related and connected to them.

In addition, we are learning some songs from the war years in music and looking at Judaism in RE to try and connect different aspects of the war, so if you have anything related to either of these topics that the children would like to share that would also be really helpful and much appreciated.

Reception to Year Flu Immunisation



Wirral NHS will be offering all children from Reception to Year 6 a flu nasal spray immunisation on Wednesday 2nd November, in school. Parents who wish for their child to have the immunisation must complete an online consent form.

To consent to your child having the nasal spray flu vaccine please complete the easy-to-use e-consent form via the link below, using the code for your child's school.

Link to E-consent form

School Avalon

Code WC105122

For more information about the nasal spray flu vaccine please read the online leaflet: <u>Protecting your child against flu</u>. This leaflet includes information about the small number of children for whom the nasal spray vaccine is not appropriate for. Further information can also be found on the <u>NHS website</u>.

Wet Play Bags



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email school.co.uk. New wet play bags are charged at £3.00 each.

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

Avalon School Water Bottles



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk. New water bottles are charged at £2.50 each.

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.

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

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 12th September 2022



Click on the following link for our **Lunch Menus**

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below: http://www.uniformityschools.com/

Pre-Loved Uniform



Pre-Loved Uniform If you have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com. Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, please can you make sure that all items donated are wearable and not threadbare, and clean. Also, we can **only** accept the following Avalon specific uniform, given the introduction of the new sports kit:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank you.

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 Date 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 17 th October to Friday 28 th 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 20 th February to Friday 24 th 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 1 st May 2023	
Half-Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023	
Ends	Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time	



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

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