



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

School will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 to mark the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

131

116

115

102

Total House Points for the Year To-date

211

187

192

168

Merit Badges

Reception				OC
Year 1	AH			
Year 2			NP	
Year 3			RK	
Year 4				XF
Year 5	HR		AG	
Year 6		KH		IW

Achievement Certificates



Reception	BS-S
Year 1	IC
Year 2	AA-O
Year 3	CP
	CS
Year 4	SW
Year 5	ZD
	AG
Year 6	JG
	CO

Headteacher Awards



Year 3	RK
Year 4	SG
Year 5	FMcW

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Infants	AU
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	FL
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	AG

Golden Table

Rec	BS-S	Y1	CL	Y2	NF-T
Y3	AC	Y4	AM	Y5	SC
		Y6	OS		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Queen Elizabeth II Funeral SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 19th September



Avalon will be **closed on Monday 19 September 2022** following the announcement of the bank holiday, in respect of the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We send our condolences to His Majesty, the King, and members of the Royal Family, at this very sad time.

We are very mindful of this sensitive time and will offer additional pastoral support to any children, should they need it, particularly following the state funeral on Monday.

Year 6 Grammar School Assessment Arrangements Tuesday 20th September



Following on from the announcement of a national Bank Holiday on 19th September 2022 to mark the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, **the non-Catholic selective assessments (the 11 plus) have been rescheduled to Tuesday 20th September.**

All other arrangements including drop off and pick up times etc. are the same as in the original assessment invitations.

Please click on the link below for further information.
[Wirral Grammar Assessment Letter](#)

Safeguarding Booklets

Safeguarding



Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned their children's safeguarding booklet.

If you are still to return your child's booklet, please do so by Tuesday 20th September. Should you require a further copy please contact the school office via email schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

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

Earrings in School



It has come to our attention that there are a number of children wearing earrings in school. Our uniform policy states that for health and safety reasons no jewellery with the exception of a watch may be worn in school.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could remind children to remove earrings and any other jewellery before coming to school.

We understand that a number of children have only recently had their ears pierced and although it is not ideal, in this instance could we ask parents/carers to ensure that earrings are covered each morning with plasters.

Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

Reception Class – Apple Crumble Making

Thursday 22nd September



As part of our topic on Autumn Reception will be taking part in a cooking lesson with our Catering Manager, Mrs Probert on Thursday 22nd September 2022. We will be making an apple crumble for you, the children are very excited about this activity and look forward to sharing their bakes with you. Who knows, we could have a future star baker in our midst!

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Apple Crumble Making Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings

Thursday 22nd September at 5.30pm



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.

European Day of Languages

Monday 26th September



We will be celebrating European Day of Languages on Monday 26th September. Look out for more details next week

Reception Autumn Woodland Walk

Wednesday 28th September



Reception are hoping to go for an Autumn walk (weather permitting) on Wednesday 28th September 2002 to support the children's learning and their new topic 'Autumn'. If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with a raincoat (in a plastic bag).

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Autumn Walk Letter](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Informal Parent Information Meetings

Nursery – Wednesday 28th September at 5pm

Pre-School – Thursday 29th September at 5pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and the early years team to get to know each other and to discuss information about daily routines, the early years framework and EyLog online journal, along with lots of other helpful material.

These informal meetings will take place in your child's classroom on Wednesday 28th September at 5pm for Pre-School parents and on Thursday 29th September at 5pm for Nursery parents. On arrival at school, may we ask that you go directly to your child's classroom and sign in.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – SAVE THE DATE

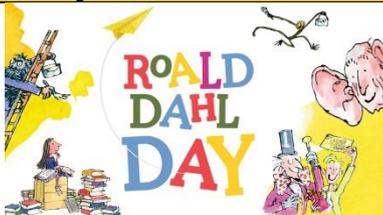
Friday 30th September



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. Look out for more details next week.

Caldy Manor Care Home Roald Dahl Colouring Competition Winner



Last week the children from Nursery to Year 6 entered a colouring completion organised by Clady Manor Care Home to celebration Roald Dahl Day.

The overall winners are:

BS-S in Reception
FL in Year 3

Class winners are:

Nursery	SK-S
Pre-School	MA
Reception	OC
Year 1	CD
Year 2	AK
Year 3	SS-S
Year 4	SG
Year 5	ZD
Year 6	MMcK

Cauliflower Cards

CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Friday 14th October

ORDER DEADLINE – Tuesday 1st November



The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception will be completing their cards in school time. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be bringing home today the artwork sheet for them to create their Christmas card designs. Design and artwork guidelines/instruction are included on the artwork sheet.

Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 1st November**.

To place an order, type the following link into your browser
<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

When placing an order, you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

	* PARENTS ORDER CODE *		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
	School Code	Unique Code	
	2666	H6T9JX	Avalon School

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Friday 14th October** so all artwork can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. **If your child's artwork sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.**

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 are 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.

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 6 Flu Immunisation Wednesday 2nd November



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: [Protecting your child against flu](#). 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 [NHS website](#).

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

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

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](#)

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.

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.

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 schooloffice@avalon-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.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 19th September 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Pudding	Ginger Cake & Custard

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.

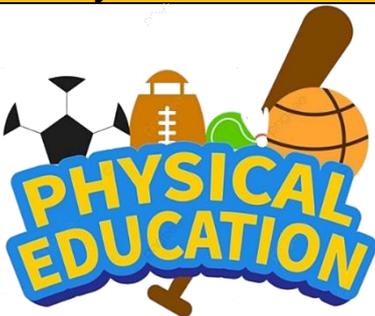
End of the Day Arrangements



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

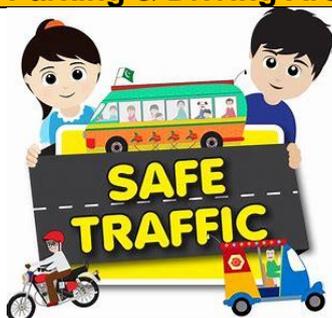


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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.

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/>

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 Dates 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

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

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Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk





September

Monday 19 th	School closed to mark the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday 20 th	11+ Assessment Day
Thursday 22 nd	Reception Apple Crumble Making Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings at 5.30pm
Monday 26 th	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 28 th	Reception Autumn Woodland Walk Nursery Informal Parent Information Meeting at 5pm
Thursday 29 th	Pre-School Informal Parent Information Meeting at 5pm
Friday 30 th	Macmilan Coffee Morning

October

Friday 14 th	Deadline for Christmas Card Designs to be returned School closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 17 th to Friday 28 th	Half Term Break
Monday 31 st	Children return to school

November

Tuesday 1 st	Deadline for Christmas Card Orders
Wednesday 2 nd	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations

No need
to book
Just come along

Admission &
Refreshments
Only £3
per child


AVALON

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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