



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points – This Week

117

110

141

107

#### Total House Points for the Year To-date

327

297

333

275

#### Merit Badges

Reception

DK

Year 1

LD

Year 2

EM

Year 3

SS-S

Year 4

NL

Year 5

OS

AL

Year 6

EW

CR

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception

IP

Year 1

CL

Year 2

FPS

Year 3

EH

SO

Year 4

AW

Year 5

OC

FMcW

ZD

Year 6

NT

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception BMcC

Year 1  
FD  
AH  
CL



MW  
Year 3 RP  
Year 5 ME

### Mathletics

#### Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

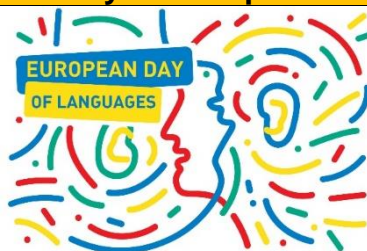
Infants NP  
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4) SW  
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6) OC

### Golden Table

Rec	OC	Y1	FD	Y2	SA
Y3	EH	Y4	SG	Y5	FS
		Y6	AN		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### European Day of Languages Monday 26th September



Following a very successful and enjoyable celebration day last year, we are inviting the children to participate again in this year's European Day of Languages, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The purpose of the European Day of Language is to celebrate both the cultural and linguistic diversity within Europe and to encourage and promote language learning.

Please remind children to bring in any costumes, souvenirs or artefacts from European countries, that they could 'show and share' in our celebration assembly.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[European Day of Languages Letter](#)

### Reception Autumn Woodland Walk Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September



Reception are hoping to go for an Autumn walk (weather permitting) on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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 Pre-School – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm Nursery – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm for Pre-School parents and on

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September



Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also.

Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

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

### Rearranged Year 3 Parent Information Meeting

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm



We have rearranged the Year 3 Parent Information Meeting for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.

On arrival at school, may we ask that you go directly to The Year 3 classroom 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. The presentation will commence 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.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September



We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am where we will be providing refreshments and cake for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. Cakes or biscuits can be either homemade (please provide a full list of ingredients) or shop bought (in their original packaging). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

The children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time for a suggested donation of 50p. Any remaining cakes or biscuits will be sold at the end of the day.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall. Please may we ask that donations are not brought into school prior to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our coffee morning.

### Year 5 Beach School Sessions Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

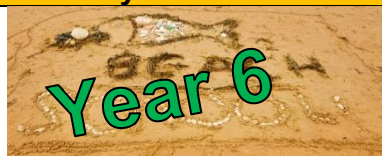


As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 5 children to the beach at Cubbins Green on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Year 5 topics this term. 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.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Year 5 Beach School Sessions - Autumn Term](#)

### Year 6 Beach School Sessions Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October



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 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The outdoor learning Beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular element of the Year 6 topics this term. 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.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Year 6 Beach School Sessions - Autumn Term](#)

### Year 5 Bikeability Course Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Making cycling  
viable, safer  
and better



The children in Year are invited to book onto the Bike Right Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 course which will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

For course details and to book your child onto the course please follow the link below:

[Course Details & Booking](#)

**The online consent form MUST be completed no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.**

Children will not be allowed to take part in the course if the consent form has not been completed.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[Year 5 Bikeability Course Information & Booking Details 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 as soon as possible. Should you require a further copy please contact the school office via email [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

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



## Harvest Celebration – SAVED THE DATE

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am



We will be holding our harvest celebration on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am in the school hall. Look out for more details next week.

## 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.

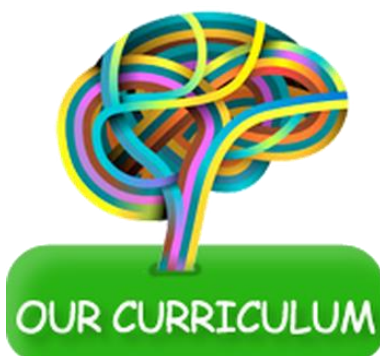
Once the 6-week healing process is complete the earrings should be removed and not worn during school time.

## Reception to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings



Thank you to all that were able to attend the Parent Information Meetings yesterday.

For those parents that were unable to attend and would like any further information then please click on the links below. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Form Teacher for an appointment to discuss.

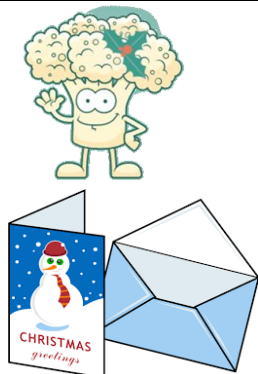


Curriculum Overview	Parent Information Guide
<a href="#">Reception Class</a>	<a href="#">Reception Parent Guide</a>
<a href="#">Year 1 Class</a>	<a href="#">Infants Parent Guide (Y1-Y2)</a>
<a href="#">Year 2 Class</a>	<a href="#">Juniors Parent Guide (Y3-Y6)</a>
<a href="#">Year 3 Class</a>	
<a href="#">Year 4 Class</a>	
<a href="#">Year 5 Class</a>	
<a href="#">Year 6 Class</a>	

## Cauliflower Cards

CARD DESIGN RETURN DEADLINE – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

## ORDER DEADLINE – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

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

<b>*PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below*</b>	
<b>1 Place Your Order Online</b>	
To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:	
<b><a href="https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk">https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk</a></b>	
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:

	<b>*PARENTS ORDER CODE*</b>		<b>* SCHOOL DETAILS *</b>
	School Code	Unique Code	
	2666	H6T9JX	Avalon School

Please return your child's card artwork sheet to school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



Wirral NHS will be offering all children from Reception to Year 6 a flu nasal spray immunisation on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Burger, Fries & Salad
Pudding	Apple Crumble & 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.

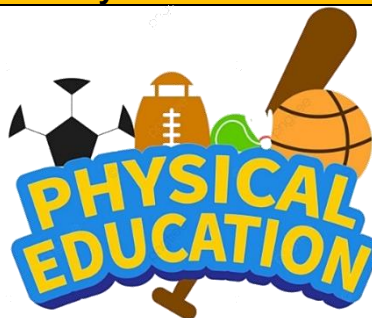
### End of the Day Arrangements



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

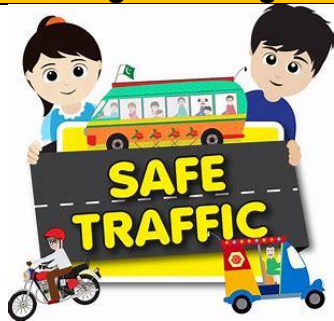


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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



If you have any requests for uniform, please email on [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Term Dates 2022-2023



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	<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
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Half-Term	<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
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
Half-Term	<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



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

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## September

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

European Day of Languages

Reception Autumn Woodland Walk

Pre-School Informal Parent Information Meeting at 5pm

Nursery Informal Parent Information Meeting at 5pm

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs Rearrange Year 3 Parent Information Meeting at 5.30pm Macmillan Coffee Morning
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### October

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Sessions
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Sessions
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Sessions
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beach School Sessions Deadline for Christmas Card Designs to be returned School closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Break
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to school

### November

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Christmas Card Orders
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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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