



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**School closes for Half Term Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and reopens to children on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the usual time.**

**Please click on the links below for further news and useful information**

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points – This Week

**124**

**135**

**131**

**143**

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

**599**

**576**

**601**

**563**

#### Merit Badges

Reception

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Year 1

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Year 2

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#### Achievement Certificates



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## Mathletics

### Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Infants	A K
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	N S
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	A L

## Golden Table

Rec	I P	Y1	O M	Y2	N P
Y3	F L	Y4	X F	Y5	S S
		Y6	P B		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. We have raised a fantastic:

**£345.00**

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

### Year 5 Bikeability Course

Making cycling  
viable, safer  
and better



Well done the Year 5 children who managed to complete their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 course this week, despite the very wet weather. It was wonderful to see their hard work, resilience, and determination.



Unfortunately, due to the severely bad weather on Wednesday and for safety reasons the Group 2 children were unable to complete their course. We will be arranging a catch-up day for the children who unable to complete the course and we will contact parents in due course.

## Year 1 & Year 2 Autumn Walks



The Year 1 and Year 2 children had a chilly but very enjoyable autumn walk in Caldy Woods this week. They explored the beautiful surroundings, finding signs of autumn in the different coloured leaves, fungi, acorns and berries. The Year 2 children also made sketches as part of their art topic on William Morris.



## Young Minds Hello Yellow Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Hello Yellow event in support of the Young Minds Charity.

Young Minds are passionate about looking after young people's mental health and getting the early help when they need it. The Hello Yellow campaign is to help children to understand that they are not alone with their mental health.

We are asking children to come to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October in their usual school uniform plus an item of yellow, this could be a yellow t-shirt, trousers, socks, hair bands etc for a suggested donation of £2.00 per child in support of the charity.

## Reception Fruit tasting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October



Reception will be learning about 'Handa's Surprise' a beautiful story book about a lady who has lots of exotic fruits in her basket which keep disappearing. As part of this topic the children will be taking part in sampling some different fruits such as mango, pineapple, papaya, grapes apples, oranges and kiwi.

If you would prefer that your child did not take part in this tasting activity, please let Miss Harrington or the school office know by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, likewise if your child has any allergies, we are not already aware of, please inform the Miss Harrington or the school office.



## Photographs Orders ORDERS DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



The photograph proofs have been sent home with the children this week. All orders must be returned to School no later than **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

Any orders received after this date will need to be purchased directly from the photography company.

**ORDER NOW!**

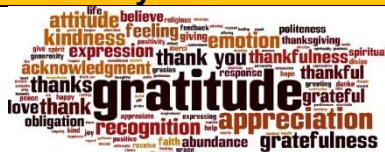
## Year 6 Beach School Sessions Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October



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 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](#)

## Harvest Celebration Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am



On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.05am we will be holding our Harvest celebration, with the theme of 'Gratitude'. As part our celebrations we would kindly ask for a small donation of non-perishable food which will be given to the Wirral Foodbank to help support families in need in our local area. Please could be ask that donations are only brought into school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October as we have limited storage space. Refreshments will be available.

We do hope that you can join us.

## Dental Health Assembly Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October



In the afternoon of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will be welcoming a dental health professional to school. There will be a special assembly for the children learning about how to look after our teeth and how we can keep our smiles bright and healthy.

## PTA Movie night Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm



On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October the PTA will be holding a Halloween Movie Night for children from Reception to Year 6. The film will be Transylvania 4 and the children can enjoy a popcorn snack and drink, plus entry to the raffle for a ticket price of £5. Please pay on the door.

See Flyer Below.

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

## 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](#).

## Job Vacancy – St Bridget's Church

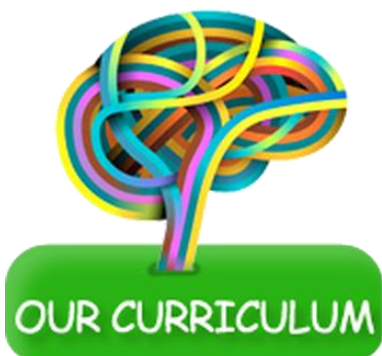


Exciting opportunity!

St Bridget's Church is seeking to appoint a part time Children and Families Worker. 20hrs a week worked flexibly. For more information follow the links below:

For a copy of the application form please follow the link [Support Worker Application Form](#) and for the job description [Support Worker Job Description](#)

## Parent Information & Curriculum Overviews



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>	

## 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.

## 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.**

### 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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli and Nachos
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding and 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.

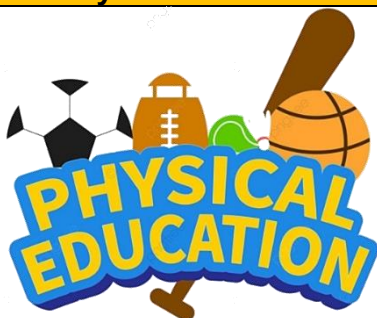
### End of the Day Arrangements



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 has now turned 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

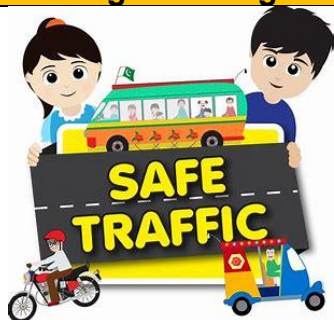


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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 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.

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](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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Tel: 0151 625 6993

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



## October


Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Black History Month
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Minds Hello Yellow Event
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Beach School Sessions
	Harvest Celebration – Parents Welcome!
	PTA Movie Night
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
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 & Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Visit From Local Police
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening Meetings
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week

## December

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Christmas Concert – Parents Welcome!
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Pre-School Nativity – Parents Welcomes!
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to Theatre
	Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!
	School Closes at 12.30pm for Christmas



Bring a Beanbag,  
cushion or blanket  
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Wear PJ's, Onesie,  
comfy clothes

AVALON PTA presents

# HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT



Thursday 13th October

5:15pm - 7:00pm



**£5 per ticket**

includes popcorn, drinks & 5 raffle tickets



Movie:

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA:  
TRANSFORMANIA**

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Children MUST NOT bring mobile phones or  
other electronic devices to this event,  
for safeguarding purposes.





No need  
to book  
Just come along

Admission &  
Refreshments  
Only £3  
per child



# 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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[www.avalon-school.co.uk](http://www.avalon-school.co.uk)