



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

Total House Points for the Year To Date

Merit Badges

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

House Points, Merits & Achievement Awards & Headteacher Awards will be given out on Monday as we had our Remembrance Assembly Today.

Achievement Certificates

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

Headteachers Awards



# Mathletics

## Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Infants  
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)  
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)

## Golden Table

Rec	W M	Y1	L D	Y2	F C
Y3	L M	Y4	T D	Y5	S S
		Y6	L J		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Extra-Curricular Clubs Next Week



**There will be no extra-curricular clubs on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> due to Parent's Evening Meetings.**

Children who attend the postponed Activity for All Clubs will receive a free session during the spring term.

Should any parents need After School Care please contact the school office book a place.

Clubs will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### Year 5 Class Assembly



Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended the Year 5 Class assembly this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We do hope that you enjoyed the children's performances, refreshments and getting together with other parents.

### Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Chester Zoo



All of the children in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Chester Zoo on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The children had a great time seeing all the animals, such as Elephants, Giraffes, Monkeys and Penguins!



## Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November



Week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Anti- Bullying Week, our theme for this year is 'Reach Out'.

As part of our week, we will be holding Odd Sock Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to promote that we are all different and unique. We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1.00. We will also be selling Anti-Bullying wrist band at £1.00 each from the School Office. All fund raised will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

For more information, please click on the link [Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day Letter](#)

## Year 2 Walk to West Kirby War Memorial

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November



As part of their topic on WW1 the children of Year 2 will be walking to West Kirby War Memorial on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child has their waterproof coat with them. Should you not wish your child to take part in the walk please inform the office by 9am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening Consultation Meetings

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November



Parents Evening Meetings will take place as follows:

Year Group	Day
Reception	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 2	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 3	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 4	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November

The School Cloud booking system has now closed, if you haven't made an appointment and still wish to, please contact the School Office or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk).

For further information see the [Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting Letter](#)

**REMINDER: There will be no extra-curricular clubs on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of November.**

## Nursery & Pre-School Parents Evening Consultation Meetings

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November



Parents evening meeting will take place as follows:

Year Group	Day
Nursery	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Pre-School	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November

The School Cloud booking system is now closed.

Should you wish to make an appointment after this date or are having problems booking appointments please contact the School Office or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

For further information see the [Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting Letter](#)

### Year 2 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home



This Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November the Year 2 children joined with the residents of The Old Garden Care Home to take part in the residents Remembrance Day activities. Both residents and children had a wonderful time.

### So The Child May Learn Foundation Raffle



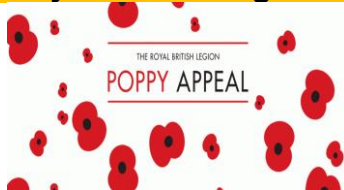
The School Council are running a raffle in aid of the 'So The Child May Learn' Foundation which supports the education of children in a small village in Nepal.

The winning ticket will receive a super stationery hamper filled with colouring books, pens, pencils and much more! There are also two fabulous runners up prizes.

Tickets cost £1 per strip and are on sale at breaktime and at the end of the day in the School Office. Should your child wish to enter the raffle, money should be brought into school in a named envelope.

For more information, please see [So The Child May Learn Letter](#)

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who has support our Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this week.

*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

### Year 1 to Year 6 - Take to the Stage Drama Clubs



Drama Club will started this week and has got off to a great start.

Year Group	Time	Cost
Year 1 & Year 2	3.05pm to 3.30pm	£3.50 per session
Year 3 to Year 6	3.40pm to 4.30pm	£4.75 per session

### Reception to Year 6 Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November



We will be holding an assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.05am in the School Hall where we will share a variety of activities and learning the children have been participating during the week. We would very much like parent to join us so parents can gain a better understanding of how school tackle bullying and promotes prevention through understanding and respect. Parents will also be invited to participate in a PSHCEE activity in their child's classroom after the assembly.



## Children In Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Children In Need Day. This year's event is embracing all the fun ways in which you can fundraise, and it is called the Great SPOTacular! So, it will be a non-uniform day, however they should try to add wearing something spotty or simply feel SPOTacular! We would ask for a small donation of £2.00 per child in aid of Children In Need. We will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from the school office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

For our special Children In Need Breakfast - The kitchen will be open for business at 8.00am to 8.25am on the day. For a suggested minimum donation of £5.00, they will be serving breakfast batches with bacon or sausage or cheese on toast and a drink or a Grab-n-Go breakfast of a Danish and a drink.

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Children In Need Day & Breakfast Ordering](#)

## Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition



The children brought home with them this afternoon their plain bauble ready for them to decorate.

**All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to be entered into the competition.**

The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

For more details please click on the link [Christmas Bauble Competition](#)

## PTA Christmas Fair Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



Following the success of last year's PTA Christmas Fair, we are going to hold it once again on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1.30pm - 3pm. The children can bring up to £10 to spend on the day and all children will get to visit Santa in his grotto for a story. Following this they will be able to purchase a magical crystal Christmas decoration and photo with Santa.

## Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm



The Infants (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert will be held at 2pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, in the school hall.

Look out for more information coming soon.

### **Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**



The Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity will be held at 2pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, in the school hall.

Look out for more information coming soon.

### **Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our whole school Christmas lunch, as well as Christmas jumper day.

Look out for more details coming soon.

### **Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Trip to Storyhouse, Chester**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**



We have booked for all children in Years 3 to Year 6 to go and see a stage production of The Snow Queen at Storyhouse Theatre, Chester on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The cost of the trip will be £19.50 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and snack. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform.

The coach will be leaving after lunch at for a 2pm performance. The show is scheduled to finish at 4.30pm, so this means they will return to school at 5.30pm. We will confirm timings closer to the event.

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Junior \(Year3 to Year 6\) Theatre Trip](#)

### **Infants Christmas party**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team, a visit from Santa himself and the amazing entertainer Dozy Dave.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

For Nursery and Pre-School children who don't normally attend on a Friday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to Nursery/Pre-School at 1.30pm and collected at 3.15pm.

## Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Avalon School's  
Christmas Celebration



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will be attending St Bridget's Church for our Christmas celebration.

Look out for more information coming soon.

## Christmas Break

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023



School will close for the Christmas break at 12.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. School will reopen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



There will be no Extra-curricular clubs next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> due to Parent's Evening. They will resume the week starting 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

### 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.**

## Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet and Sour
Pudding	Apple Crumble and Custard

## 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.

## 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.

### 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.

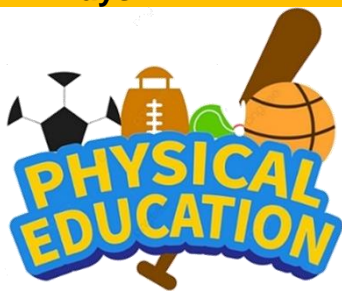
### End of the Day Arrangements



Children's collection arrangements will be 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



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

<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>Ends</b>	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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Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)



### November

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Visit From Local Police
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening Meetings – Pre-School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly – Parents Welcome!
	Parents Evening Meetings – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6
	Children in Need Day

### 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
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!
	School Closes at 12.30pm for Christmas
	Christmas Break

### January 2023

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children Return to School



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

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