



AVALON SCHOOL





Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

				
	St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
House Points –Last Week				
	234	181	238	221
House Points – This Week				
	248	174	246	203
Total House Points for the Year To-date				
	1446	1313	1516	1373
Merit Badges - Last Week				
Reception				OC
Year 1			OS	IC
Year 2				
Year 3	RP			
Year 4				HL
Year 5	FS			AAO
Year 6			CO	
Merit Badges - This Week				
Reception		BM		
Year 1	CD			
Year 2		FC		
Year 3				CIP
Year 4			AM	
Year 5	HR			AL
Year 6	AN		EK	

Achievement Certificates - Last Week



Reception	D K
Year 1	E C
Year 2	N F - T
Year 3	A A O
Year 4	S D
	E B
Year 5	F M
	P B
	M W
	F S
Year 6	N T

Achievement Certificates - This Week



Reception	I P
Year 1	E S
Year 2	F P
Year 3	S M
Year 4	N S
	A W
Year 5	H R
	G L
	Z D
Year 6	O A-Z

Headteachers Awards – Last Week



Reception	H N
	D K
Year 1	A U
Year 4	X F
Year 5	M E

Headteachers Awards – This Week



Year 1	O M
	F D
Year 6	J G
	E P

Mathletics Pupil of the Week- Last Week



Infants	F C
Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	R K
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	Z D

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Lower Juniors (Y3 & Y4)	R K
Upper Juniors (Y5 & Y6)	E P

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	H N	Y1	H P	Y2	F S
Y3	H X	Y4	T D	Y5	A G
		Y6	E W		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Thank you from Mrs Callaway and Staff



Following the Focused Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection last week, we would like to let you know that we were extremely pleased with the feedback from the inspection. As soon as the final report has been finalised in around 5 weeks, we will of course share this with all our Parents and Carers.

We would also like to say a very big thank you for all your lovely messages of support to the team and for returning your Parent survey responses in such a short window of time. Our Avalon pupils were, of course, an absolute credit to the school and to their parents too. We are so appreciative to all our staff, students and families for demonstrating the many strengths and specialties of our school, that we all know as a daily lived experience, and for these to be recognised by an external body.

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day



We started the week with Odd Sock Day helping the children think about how we are all different and unique. On Thursday we welcome our parents to a special assembly led by the children from Reception to Year 6. The children shared their learning about what bullying is and about who to talk to and tell if you have a worry about yourself or someone else. They showed their understanding about this important message in lots of different ways through poems, songs, role play and even a very catchy rap! Many of our parents stayed after the assembly and took part in a PHSCEE lesson with their children.



We raised an amazing for the Anti-Bullying Alliance:

£99.00

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition



The countdown to Christmas is on! The children have now been given their plain bauble ready for them to decorate – we look forward to seeing all their designs over the coming weeks.

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

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

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition](#).

So The Child May Learn Foundation



We have raised a fantastic for the So The Child May Learn Foundation:

£225.78

Thank You!

FOR YOUR DONATION

The winners of the raffle are:

Tyler Maher – Year 5

Heidi Llewellyn – Year 4

Oscar Campbell – Year 5

Children In Need



Thank you to all who were able to attend our Children in Need Breakfast. We hope everyone had a great time! Thank you to our amazing Catering Team and School Council who helped make it a BIG SPOTTY success!



We raised an amazing:

£742.38

Thank You!

FOR YOUR DONATION

PTA Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets & Cup Tobola



Today the children have brought home with them three books of raffle tickets at a cost of £1 per ticket. Ticket stubs, payments and any unsold tickets should be returned to school by **Monday 28th November** in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA raffle. Payment can be made either by cash (correct amounts only) or cheque (payable to Avalon School Parent Teacher Association).

The children have also brought home with them a cup for parents to fill with sweets, chocolates and party bag type gifts for our Cup Tobola. **Please ensure that any sweets and chocolates DO NOT contain nuts.** Once filled, cups can be returned to school week commencing Monday 28th November.

Thank you for your support.

Reception Class Visit to Clady Care Home Monday 21st November



The residents of Caldly Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them the morning of Monday 21st November to take part in lots of fun Christmas Crafts and Activities.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. As the children will be traveling there via minibus or in an Avalon staff members own car, we would be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit.

For more details, please click on the link [Reception Class Visit to Caldly Care Home](#)

Reception Stay & Play Sessions Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November



We would like to invite our Reception class parents to 'Stay & Play' sessions on:

Day	Time
Tuesday 22 nd	9am to 10am
Wednesday 23 rd	9am to 10am
Thursday 24 th	2pm to 3pm

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Each session will be available either in the morning or afternoon. The Reception staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend one of the sessions please complete and return the reply slips to the school office by **Monday 21st November**.

For more details for Reception Stay & Play, please click on the link [Reception Stay & Play Sessions](#)

Nursery and Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November



We would like to invite our Nursery and Pre-School class parents to 'Stay & Play' sessions on:

Day	Time
Tuesday 22 nd	2pm to 3pm
Wednesday 23 rd	9am to 10am
Thursday 24 th	2pm to 3pm

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Each session will be available either in the morning or afternoon. The Nursery & Pre-School staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend one of the sessions please complete and return the reply slips to the school office by **Monday 21st November**.

For more details for Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play, please click on the link [Nursery & Pre School Stay & Play sessions](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 21st November 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pizza, Waffle Fries, and salad
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch

Pre-School Visit to Clady Care Home Monday 28th November



The residents of Caldyl Manor Care Home have invited our Pre-School children to visit them the afternoon of Monday 28th November to take part in lots of fun Christmas Crafts and Activities.

School uniform must be worn. The children will be travelling to Caldyl Manor in their Minibus. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit. School uniform must be worn.

Please return the consent form by **Thursday the 24th of November**.

For more details, please click on the link [Pre-School Visit to Caldyl Care Home](#)

Wirral NHS National Measurement Programme for Year 6 Monday 28th November



On the afternoon of Monday 28th November, trained health care providers from the Wirral NHS will collect the heights and weights of our Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. Once completed, your child's measurements together with information about healthy eating, being active and related activities available in your area will be sent to you.

If you wish for your child to not take part in the measurements programme, please contact Avalon School office by **Thursday 24th November**.

For more details, please click on the link [Wirral NHS Heights and Weights for Year 6](#)

Avalon PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening Wednesday 30th November



The PTA will be holding a Christmas Wreath Making class on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm. The price will include all materials, tuition, prosecco, and nibbles.

To book a place please complete and return the booking form to School Office together with the payment in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA. Payment can be made either by cash or cheque made payable to Avalon School PTA.

For more details and booking form please click on the link [PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening Booking Form](#)

PTA Christmas Fair Friday 2nd December



Following the success of last year's PTA Christmas Fair, we are going to hold it once again on Friday 2nd 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 6th December at 2pm



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

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Infant \(Reception to Year 2\) Christmas Concert](#)

Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity Wednesday 7th December at 2pm



The Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 7th December, in the school hall.

For more details and breakfast booking form please click on the link [Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity](#)

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December



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

For more details please click on the link [Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day](#)

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

Friday 9th 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 9th 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 9th December



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Friday 9th 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.

For more details, please click on the link [Infants Christmas party](#)

Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church

Tuesday 13th December



On Tuesday 13th December, the whole school will be attending St Bridget's Church for our Christmas celebration at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue with their normal routine at school.

We would be most grateful if you provide a small new unwrapped toy, gift or sweets for the service which will be donated to the Charles Thompson Mission who will distribute them to local families in need this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

For more details, click on the link [Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church](#)

Christmas Break

Wednesday 14th December to Wednesday 4th January 2023



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

The Thumbs Up Education Programme

Commencing Friday 13th January



The Year 5 children will be taking part in the “Thumbs Up” Education essential life skills programme. The sessions are delivered over 6 weeks of one-hour sessions. Each session will focus on supporting and developing essential life skills including:

The sessions include:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Understanding Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour
- The Importance of You
- Mind Over Matter
- Living with Happiness and Positivity.

The sessions will commence on Friday 13th January 2023.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Extra-Curricular Clubs



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	Drama	3.05pm to 3.30pm	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
Friday	Drama	3.35pm to 4.30pm	Y4 – Y6

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Reception to Year 2](#)

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Year to Year 6](#)

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.

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. 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.

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.

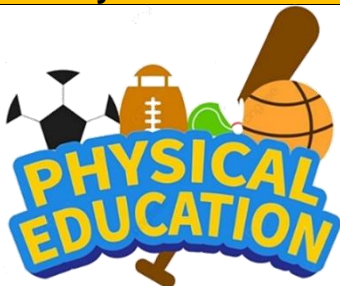
End of the Day Arrangements



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. 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



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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November

Monday 21 st	Reception Class Visit to Clady Care Home
Tuesday 22 nd	Nursery, Pre-School, and Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Wednesday 23 rd	Nursery, Pre-School, and Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Thursday 24 th	Nursery, Pre-School, and Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Monday 28 th	Wirral NHS Heights and Weights for Year 6
	Pre-School Visit to Clady Care Home
Wednesday 30 th	Avalon PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening

December

Friday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6 th	Infant Christmas Concert – Parents Welcome!
Wednesday 7 th	Nursery & Pre-School Nativity – Parents Welcomes!
Thursday 8 th	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th	Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to Theatre
	Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties
Tuesday 13 th	Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church – Parents Welcome!
	School Closes at 12.30pm for Christmas
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Break

January 2023

Wednesday 4 th	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 5 th	Children Return to School
Friday 13 th	The Thumbs Up Education Programme
Friday 20 th	The Thumbs Up Education Programme
Friday 27 th	The Thumbs Up Education Programme

February 2023

Friday 3 rd	The Thumbs Up Education Programme
Friday 10 th	The Thumbs Up Education Programme
Friday 17 th	The Thumbs Up Education Programme

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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