



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

230

157

198

187

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

1676

1470

1714

1560

Merit Badges

Reception

Dottie Kyriacou

Year 1

Harry Pollock

Year 2

Ellie Mackenzie

Year 3

Eve Uren

Year 4

Cohan Scott

Year 5

Niico Salvatore

Juliet Woolley

Year 6

Lucy Ellis

Ethan Austin

Achievement Certificates



Reception

Oscar Cheung
Dottie Kyriacou
Bill MacCarthy
Henry Niblock
Isabella Port
Bene Sheppard-Southern
Isla Walker
Ahmed Hariz
Mohammed Al Otaiba
Sasha Sheppard-Southern
Abdullah Al Otaiba
Sienna Goodwin
Aminah Al Otaiba
Tom Bounds
Isaac Wilson

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Headteachers Awards



Year 5

George Loughran

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants

Nova Parkin

Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)

Pippa Snape-Parr

Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)

Emma Walker

Golden Table

Rec
Y3

Isla Walker
Hayley Xu

Y1
Y4
Y6

Edward Cunningham
Heidi Llewellyn
Daniel Bentley

Y2
Y5

Oliver Scott
Molly Walberg

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



Our Christmas trees will soon be arriving at school, ready to be decorated! We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize.

To enter the competition:

1. Decorate the bauble provided
2. Attach the label provided, to the bauble, clearly marked with the child's name and class
3. Return the decorated bauble, label and a £2 donation in the envelope provided, to the School Office to complete your entry
4. Competition winners will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.

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

PTA Christmas Raffle

RETURN STUBS & MONEY – MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



The PTA Christmas Raffle will be draw on Friday 2nd December. Tickets cost £1 per ticket.

Please return the ticket stubs, payment and any unsold tickets to the school office 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).

Thank you for your support!

PTA Christmas Fair – Cup Tombola

RETURN FILLED CUPS – FROM MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



Last week the children brought home an empty cup for parents to fill with sweets, chocolates and party bag type gifts for our Cup Tombola. **Please ensure that any sweets and chocolates DO NOT contain nuts.**

Once filled, cups can be returned to the School Office from Monday 28th November.

Spare cups are available from the School Office.
Thank you for your support!

HELP NEEDED PTA Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

PRIZE DONATIONS – FROM MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



The PTA need your help with donations of raffle prizes, these can be bottles of wine, prosecco, spirits, boxes of chocolates or sweets, toiletry sets, stationery sets, selection boxes, vouchers etc.

If you are able to donate a prize, please bring it to the School Office from Monday 28th November.

If you are donating alcohol, this must be brought to the School Office by an adult on Friday 2nd December only.

Thank you for your support!

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Care Home



The Reception class children visited Caldy Manor Care Home this week and had a wonderful time creating Christmas crafts and enjoying story time with the residents.

Nursery, Pre-School & Reception Stay & Play Sessions



Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Stay & Play sessions this week. We do hope that you enjoyed spending time with the children and gained a greater understanding of their learning, but most of all had FUN!

School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER



The School Council launched their 'Safe Parking' poster competition today!

This follows discussion in their recent meeting about the parking situation outside school during drop off and pick up times. The aim of the poster is to promote safe and responsible parking outside school.

Entries must be returned by Tuesday 6th December.

For more details please click on the link [School Council Safe Parking Poster Competition](#)

Pre-School Visit to Caldý Care Home

Monday 28th November



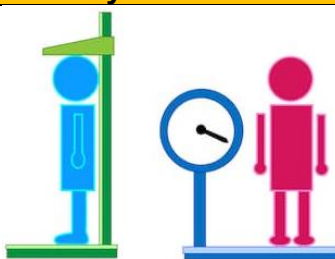
The residents of Caldý Manor Care Home have invited our Pre-School children to visit them the afternoon of Monday 28th November to take part in lots of fun Christmas Crafts and Activities.

School uniform must be worn. The children will be travelling to Caldý 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.

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

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights

Monday 28th November



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on Monday 28th November to undertake the heights and weights of the 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.

If you wish for your child to not take part, please contact 0-19 Health & Wellbeing Services on 0151 514 2510

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

STILL PLACES AVAILABLE PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Wednesday 30th November



There are still places available on the PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

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](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 28th November 2022



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

Favourite Meal of the Week		
	Main	Chilli, Rice & Nachos
	Pudding	Chocolate Mousse

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.

Chess Club in the Spring Term DEADLINE TO LODGE INTEREST – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER



We are hoping to run a Chess Club in the spring term as follows:

Year 1 & Year 2 – Tuesdays 3.05pm to 3.40pm at £2.50 per session (total of 10 sessions - £25.00 for the term)

Year 3 to Year 6 – Tuesday 3.40pm to 4.50pm at £4.50 per session (total of 10 sessions - £45.00 for the term)

Year 5 VR club will move to a Thursday to allow the Year 5 children to attend should the wish to.

At the moment we are just gauging interest in Chess Club, if there is sufficient interest, places will be allocated and bank details will be provide for payment.

To lodge interest in the Chess Club please complete the [google doc form](#) by Friday 2nd December

For more details please click on the link [Potential Chess Club for Spring Term](#)

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Tuesday 6th December at 2pm



We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Tuesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 7th December at 2pm



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Wednesday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

Thank you for your support and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December



We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday 8th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child, to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes (i.e., a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

We thank you for your support.

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](#)

Nursery, Pre-School, Reception Year 1 & Year 2 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.

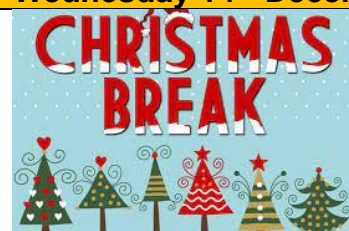
Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue 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 noon on Tuesday 13th December. School will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Spring Term 2023

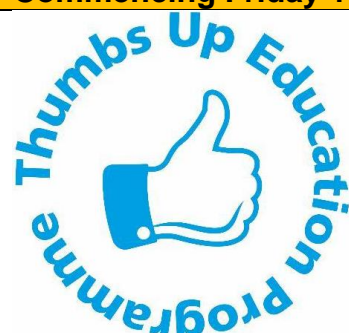
Thursday 5th January 2023



The children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023 ready for another very busy term.

Year 5 Thumbs Up 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



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS FINISH ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

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



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.

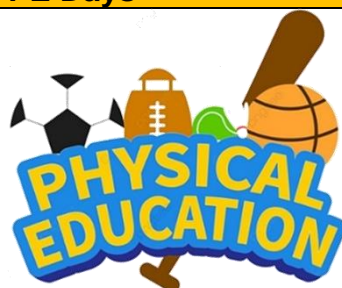
End of the Day Arrangements



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

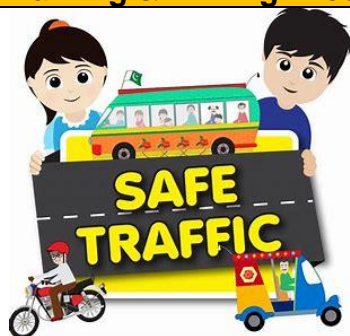


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

Snacks 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. 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 28th

Christmas Bauble Competition – Deadline for entries
PTA Raffle Ticket Stubs & Payment to be returned
PTA Christmas Fair Cup Tombola – filled cups to be returned
PTA Raffle Prizes – please donate from today (no alcohol)
Pre-School Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home
Year 6 Heights & Weight

Wednesday 30th

PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd

PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th

Spring Term Chess Club - Deadline to lodge interest
Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert at 2pm
School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition – Deadline for entries
Nursery & Pre-School Nativity at 2pm
Whole Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Parties
Year 3 to Year 6 Theatre Trip – Snow Queen at Storyhouse Chester
Extra Curricular Clubs Finish

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Tuesday 13th

Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church

Wednesday 14th Decmber
to Wednesday 4th January
2023

School Closes for Christmas at 12 noon
Christmas Break

Merry Christmas

JANUARY

Wednesday 4th

Staff INSET Training Day

Thursday 5th

Children Return to School

Friday 13th

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1

Friday 20th

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2

Friday 27th

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3

FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1

Friday 10th

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2

Frday 17th

Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3

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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