



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022



**School finishes for Christmas break on
Tuesday 13th December at 12 noon.**

School reopens for children on Thursday 5th January 2023.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

200

194

309

194

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2090

1889

2236

1981

Merit Badges

Reception

H B

Year 1

E S

Year 2

M A O

Year 3

S O

Year 4

N L

Year 5

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Year 6

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Achievement Certificates



Reception

I W

Year 1

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Headteachers Awards



Year 4	S W
	N S
	S D'A
Year 5	M E
Year 6	D I B
	C R
	E P
	J G
	C O
	T K
	R H

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	F P S
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	L M
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	A G

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Christmas Fair 2022



The PTA would like to thank everyone involved in helping with or donating to the Christmas Fair last Friday 2nd December. It was a huge success - everyone enjoyed the festivities and had fun! We have raised a fantastic amount (including the Christmas Bauble Competition and Christmas Jumper Day Money) of just over **£1,650**.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition



Thank you to all the children who took part in School Council 'Safe Parking' Poster Competition. Mrs Callaway, Mrs Evans, and Mrs McGregor are proud to announce that the winners are:

Infants	Juniors
N P	O A Z

The overall winner who will have their poster entry made into a poster for the wall outside school is N P. Congratulations!

Eco Poster Competition Winners



Thank you to all the children who took part in the Eco Poster Competition, we have had some fantastic entries. We are pleased to announce that the winners are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 2
A U	E M	O S

The posters that have been entered into the competition will be on display throughout school. Keep an eye out for all the lovely designs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM UKHSA REGARDING SCARLET FEVER AND STREP A



Please see the following advice and guidance for parents from the UK Health Security Agency:

[Letter to Parent from UKHSA with important information regarding Scarlet Fever and Strep A](#)

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Infant nativity this week. We hope you enjoyed watching the children in 'The Little Fir Tree'. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff for their support.

Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Nativity



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend the Nursery & Pre-school nativity on this week. We hope you all enjoyed watching 'Christmas Counts'. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the staff.

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day



This week the whole school enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our amazing Catering Team and served to the children by the staff. Very yummy!



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



The Junior children went to the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester this afternoon to see 'The Snow Queen'. Both children and staff enjoyed the performance immensely.

Nursery, Pre-School, Reception Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party



The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Infants had a wonderful time at their Christmas party this afternoon. They enjoyed the talents of Dozy Dave and getting to meet Father Christmas. A big thank you also to our fabulous Catering Team for making the festive treats.

Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 12th December 2022



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

Christmas Celebration Rehearsal Monday 12th December



The children in Reception to Year 6 will be walking to St Bridget's Church on Monday 12th December for a rehearsal in readiness for a Christmas Celebration on Tuesday. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform as the church can be quite cold.

Charles Thompson Mission Appeal Donation Day Tuesday 13th December



The Charles Thompson Mission supports many local families throughout the year and this Christmas we are hoping that with your help we can support their Christmas Appeals and bring a little cheer to families that may be struggling this Christmas. If you would like to help Avalon School support this very worthwhile cause, we would kindly ask that you send any donations into school on Tuesday 13th December. See below the list of items that can be donated:

Food items
Box of chocolates
Small selection box
Fancy biscuits
Sweets
Toys
0-3 Years
Musical toys, puzzles, books, bath toys, education toys
3-5 Years
Dolls and action figures, cars, books, puzzles, colouring sets
5-9 Years
Educational toys, art and crafts, books, action figures, puzzles
9-12 Years
Games and toys, hair and beauty, books, creative and science toys
13-16 Years
Gadgets, books, make-up and toiletries, teenage puzzles

Please note that we cannot accept donations prior to Tuesday 13th December for storage reasons. All gifts should be left unwrapped. Thank you for your support.

Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church Tuesday 13th December

Avalon School's
Christmas Celebration



On Tuesday 13th December, the whole school (Reception to Year 6) will be attending St Bridget's Church for our Christmas celebration at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

Staff will escort the children 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.

Breakfast Club will be available on Tuesday 13th December from 7.45am. However, as school finishes at 12 noon, After School Club will not be available on this day.

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. We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and a very happy New Year. See you all in 2023!



Spring Term School Fees



The spring term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers over the Christmas break. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the spring term, Thursday 5th January 2023 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for January will be emailed to parents when we return to school in January.

Spring Term 2023
Thursday 5th January 2023



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

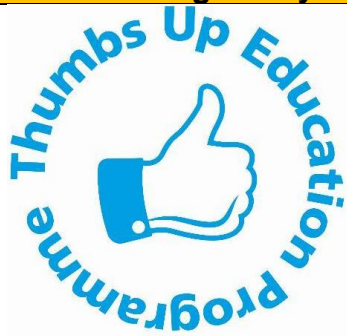
Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Catch-Up
Friday 6th January 2023



The children who missed out on completing their Bikeability course in October due to bad weather will be completing their Level 1 and 2 course on Friday 6th January.

The children involved will need to bring their bike and helmet to school on Friday 6th January. The children should wear their full school PE kit together with their outdoor school coat, hat and gloves.

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**

Details of the Extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term 2023 will be shared with parents in due course.

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

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 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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DECEMBER

Monday 12 th	Reception to Year 6 Rehearsal in St Bridget's Church
Tuesday 13 th	Reception to Year 6 Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church 10am
	School Closes for Christmas at 12 noon
Wednesday 14 th December to Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Christmas Break

Merry Christmas

JANUARY

Wednesday 4 th	Staff INSET Training Day
Thursday 5 th	Children Return to School
Friday 6 th	Year 5 Catch-Up Bikeright Course
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1
Friday 20 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2
Friday 27 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3

FEBRUARY

Friday 3 rd	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 1
Friday 10 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 2
Friday 17 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 3

