



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

259

160

223

142

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2999

2712

3116

2694

Merit Badges

Reception	I W			
Year 1		A U		
Year 2			N P	
Year 3	S S-S		L M R K	
Year 4				H L
Year 5	M E			T M
Year 6	E W P B			

Achievement Certificates



Reception	I P
Year 1	E S
Year 2	S A
Year 3	H X
Year 4	Z B
Year 5	S C S S Z D

Headteachers Awards

Year 6	J W
Year 6	T B



Year 6

O A-Z

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants A U
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) H W
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) E W

Golden Table

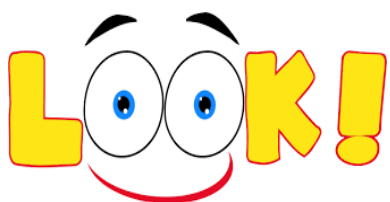
Rec	BM	Y1	TC	Y2	OS
Y3	SS	Y4	AW	Y5	AAO
		Y6	RH		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Nursery and Pre-School Take a look Event.

Friday 10th February 2023 at 9am - 11am

Come and Take a



At Avalon School

You are warmly invited to our "Take a Look at Avalon School" event on Friday 10th February 2023 at 9am to 11am. Refreshments will be included.

The schedule of the morning will be:

- Headteacher's welcome
- Testimonials from current parents
- A tour of the school with our Year 5&6 ambassadors



For more details, please click on the link for [Nursery and Pre-School Take a look Event](#) and [Nursery and Pre-School Take a Look Invite](#)

Effective Practice Gold Award – Congratulations EYFS Team!



Congratulations to all of our EYFS team on achieving the Effective Practice Gold Award.

This is in recognition of their effective implementation of EYFS training modules and of course the excellent practice in our EYFS department!

Well done to all involved and thoroughly deserved.

Aminal Rescue Assembly – Jackson's Animal Rescue



All the children from Reception to Year 6 had a wonderful time on Monday morning when Jackson's Animal Rescue came in to talk to us about the work they do with rescue animals. It was extremely informative and the children had lots of questions at the end.



If your child has any more questions for Jackson's Animal Rescue, please send them to the school office and the lady who held the talk will be more than happy to answer them.

Look out for more information coming soon, as the school council will be organising a fundraiser for the centre.

For more information, please click on the link for [Jackson Wildlife Centre Website](#).

Year 6 World War 2 Project Class Assembly

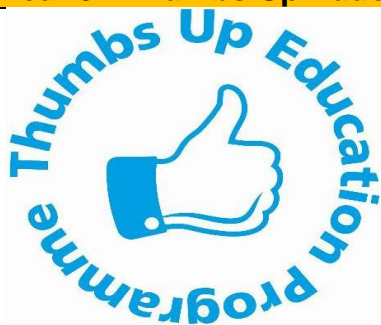


Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to attend the Year 6 World War 2 Style, Afternoon Tea, class assembly on Monday 30th January.



It was fabulous to see just how much the children were inspired, and how their learning has been enriched in so many different ways throughout their study of World War 2. Monday's showcase assembly demonstrating all of this was genuinely very, very impressive!

Year 5 - Thumbs Up Education Programme



The Year 5 children took part in their third "Thumbs Up" Education essential life skills session today. The session supported learning about 'The Importance of You'.

Well done Year 5 as you continue to display a keen interest in the topics covered.

The topic for next weeks session on Friday the 10th of February will be 'Mind Over Matter'.

Weekly Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 6th February 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	<u>Meatballs and Pasta</u>
Pudding	<u>Ice Cream</u>

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

VACANCY AT AVALON - Lunchtime Welfare Assistant



We are looking for a Lunchtime Welfare Assistant to join our team. Click on the link for more details [Lunchtime Welfare Assistant Application Pack & Details](#)

Avalon School
Recruiting Now!

Lunchtime Welfare Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic person with a caring and positive attitude to join our dedicated Lunchtime Welfare team

The hours will be Monday to Friday
11.45am to 1.15pm, term time only.

The advertisement features a photograph of two young children in school uniforms running happily on a grassy field. The text is overlaid on a yellow background at the top and bottom of the image.

VACANCY AT AVALON - Early Years Wraparound Assistant



We are looking for a Early Years Wraparound Assistant to join our team. Click on the link for more details [Early Years Wraparound Assistant Application Pack & Details](#)

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Recruiting Now!

Early Year Wraparound Assistant

We are looking for an experienced nursery practitioner (Level 2 or 3) to work within our EYFS department

The hours will be Monday to Friday
3.15pm to 6.00pm, term time only.

The advertisement features a photograph of three young children in a classroom setting, focused on an activity. The text is overlaid on a yellow background at the top and bottom of the image.

Children's Mental Health Week - Dress to Express Day

Tuesday 7th February



It is children's mental health week on Monday 6th to Friday 10th February 2023 and this year's theme is 'Let's Connect'.

On Tuesday 7th February 2023, all pupils and staff are invited to join our 'Dress to Express' day. Children and staff may come to school dressed in their favourite outfit or colour for a suggested donation of £2.00 each. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers.

For more information, please click on the link for [Dress to Express Day](#)

M&M Theatre Visits School – Alice in Wonderland

Tuesday 7th February



M&M Theatre will be coming into School to perform "Alice in Wonderland" for the children on Tuesday 7th February.



For more details, please click on the link [for M&M Theatre Alice In Wonderland Performance](#)

SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents

Wednesday 8th February at 6-7.30pm



On Wednesday the 8th of February, the school will be holding a SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents.

The session from SWGfL provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive and productive way.

Joining link for meeting on Microsoft Teams:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 371 184 553 599

Passcode: 4vA5Cq

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For more details, please click on the link for [SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents](#)

Artist Workshops with Mark Swan

Friday 10th February



As part of our Children's Mental Health Week in School, we have invited an artist called Mark Swan to come in and work with the children on water colour techniques. Research has shown that art has multiple positive effects on children's wellbeing, such as increased confidence and self esteem.

Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 13th February

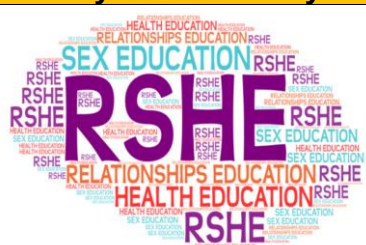


The children of Year 2 would like to invite parents and carers to their Class Assembly on Monday 13th February.

Look out for more information coming soon!

RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting

Monday 13th February



On Monday 13th February, we will be holding a RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting.

For more details regarding our Parent Consultation please click on the link below:

Parent Consultation - Relationship & Sex Education Curriculum

Tam O'Shanter Farm

Vegetable Drop – Tuesday 14th February

School Council Visit – Tuesday 14th February



The school council will be visiting Tam O'Shanter Farm again on Tuesday 14th February for an educational visit. The school council would like to support a local charity and have chosen to support Tam O'Shanter Farm and have sponsored a rabbit, which the children had the privilege to name, Avalon. The farm solely relies on volunteer support to enable it to run.

The school council will be taking root vegetables to donate to the animals. The farm accepts donations of all root vegetables except sprouts and onions, these donations can be brought into school on Tuesday 14th February only. Donations can be dropped off at the school office foyer. We hope you can support our local farm and the animals it cares for.

For more information, please click on the links for [School Council Tam O'Shanter Farm Trip](#) and [Tam O'Shanter Farm Vegetable Donations](#)

Reception Class Visit to Caldý Manor Wednesday 15th February



The residents of Caldý Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them on Wednesday 15th February to take part in lots of fun activities based around the theme of Spring.

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 for [Reception Class Visit to Caldý Manor](#)

Nursery to Year 2 Phonics Parent Workshop Thursday 16th February

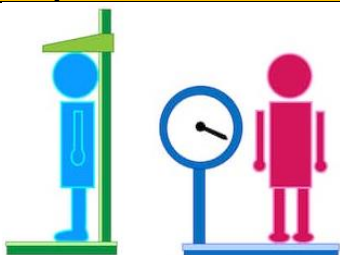


On Thursday the 16th of February, the school will be hosting a Phonics Parent Workshop for all parents with children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 at 5.30pm.

The aim of the workshop will be to increase parent/carer confidence and understanding about how children learn and are taught phonics at Avalon using our new DfE validated phonics scheme: Super Sonic Phonic Friends.

For more details, please click on the link for [Nursery to Year 2 Phonics Parent Workshop](#)

Reception - Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school in the coming weeks to offer audio/vision screening and undertake the heights and weights of the reception 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 for [NHS Wirral Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights for Reception](#).

Nursery and Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Monday 27th February, Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March



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

Day	Time
Monday 27 th	1.30pm to 3pm
Tuesday 28 th	9am to 10.30am
Thursday 2 nd	9am to 10.30am

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 **Friday 24th February**.

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

Reception Stay & Play Sessions

Monday 27th February, Tuesday 28th February, and Friday 3rd March



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

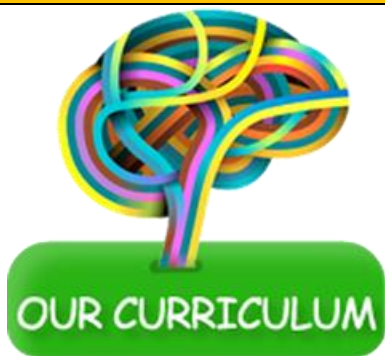
Day	Time
Monday 27 th	1.30pm to 3pm
Tuesday 28 th	9am to 10.30am
Friday 3 rd	1.30pm to 3pm

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. 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 **Friday 24th February**.

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

Curriculum Overviews



The Spring Term 2023 Curriculum Overviews have now been emailed out to Parents and Carers. Please click on the links below for each individual year group:

[Reception Class](#)
[Year 1 Class](#)
[Year 2 Class](#)
[Year 3 Class](#)
[Year 4 Class](#)
[Year 5 Class](#)
[Year 6 Class](#)

If you require a paper copy, please email or pop into the School Office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School



Please may we remind parents and carers that mobile phones are not permitted in school for safeguarding purposes.

The only exception is when a child is permitted to walk on their own, to and from school and you feel that they should have one for contact in an emergency. If permission is given by school, and children do bring their phones in, it must be switched off and handed into the school office.

Similarly, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any that have the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Safeguarding – Mobile Phones and Smartwatches in School letter](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Started week commencing 16th January 2023

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Chess	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Go Sports	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Y1 & Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Started week commencing 16th January 2023

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Jujitsu	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Chess	3.40pm to 4.50pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Aladdin Rehearsal	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Football	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Drama	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6

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

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: [Year 3 to Year 6](#)

Please note that children attending sports clubs should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

For more details, please click on the link for the [Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

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.

Pre-Loved Uniform



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.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

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

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

2023-2024

Autumn Term

Staff Training Days	Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September 2023
Term Starts	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
Half-Term	Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October 2023

	Ends	Wednesday 13 th December 2023 12 noon finish
Spring Term		
	Staff Training Day	Monday 8 th January 2024
	Term Starts	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
	Half-Term	Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024
	Ends	Thursday 28 th March 2024 Normal finish time
Summer Term		
	Staff Training Day	Monday 15 th April 2024
	Term Starts	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
	May Day	Monday 6th May 2024
	Half-Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
	Ends	Friday 12 th July 2024 Normal finish time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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FEBRUARY

Monday 6 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th	Dress to Express Day
Wednesday 8 th	M&M Theatre Visits School to perform Alice in Wonderland
Friday 10 th	SWGfL Virtual Online Safety Session for Parents
	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 4
	Artist Workshop - Mark Swan
	Pre School & Nursery Parents – Welcome Morning – 'Take A Look' in Main School (9-11am)
Monday 13 th	Year 2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome!
	RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 14 th	School Council Visit to Tam O'Shanter Farm
	Please Drop Off Any Root Vegetable Donations for Tam O'Shanter Farm
Wednesday 15 th	Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor
Thursday 16 th	Phonics Parent Workshop
	Y4 Visit to Chester Zoo

Friday 17 th	Year 5 Thumbs Up Session 5
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th	School Closes for the Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 27 th	Half Term Break
	Children Return to School
	Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 1
	Reception Stay and Play Session 1
Tuesday 28 th	Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 2
	Reception Stay and Play Session 2

MARCH

Thursday 2 nd	WORLD BOOK DAY
	Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 3
Friday 3 rd	Reception Stay and Play 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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