



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th February 2023

School finishes TODAY Friday 17th February and reopens on Monday 27th February at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – Last Week

204

261

319

269

House Points – This Week

198

147

218

166

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

3401

3121

3653

3129

Merit Badges – Last Week

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

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception				D K
Year 1		L		
		G-R		
Year 2				O S
Year 3	E H	C S		
Year 4	S W			
Year 5		O S	J M	
			J W	
Year 6		D B		

Achievement Certificates – Last Week



Reception	H N
Year 1	O M
Year 2	M A O
Year 3	E H
Year 4	E B
Year 5	G L
Year 6	P B
	J G
	H M
	C O

Achievement Certificates – This Week



Reception	B S-S
Year 1	L D
Year 2	S A
	N P
	E M
Year 3	R K
Year 4	E B
Year 5	J M
	J W
Year 6	O S

Headteachers Awards – Last Week



Year 2	N P
Year 5	J M
Year 6	A N
	L E
	E K
	J G
	C R

Headteachers Awards – This Week



Year 2	S A
Year 4	E M
Year 6	J G
	N T
	J C
	K H
	E W

Mathletics Pupil of the Week – Last Week

Mathletics

Infants	H N
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	H W
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	I W

Mathletics Pupil of the Week – This Week

Mathletics

Infants	N P
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	A M
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	I W

Golden Table – Last Week

Rec	I P	Y1	A H	Y2	E M
Y3	S M	Y4	A W	Y5	M E
		Y6	M M		

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	B S-S	Y1	O M	Y2	N F-T
Y3	S E	Y4	E B	Y5	O C
		Y6	N T		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Half Term Break



School closes for the Half Term break today, Friday 17th February and reopens to children on Monday 27th February at the usual time. We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Year 3 Form Teacher



Dear Year 3 Parents,

Following my previous letter to parents in regards to staffing arrangements, sent at the end of the Autumn term, I write to confirm that Miss Jones will be moving on from Avalon at the end of this half term. Mrs Creedon is returning from her recent maternity leave and will be teaching full time again from 27th February. Mrs Creedon will be resuming her role as Year 3 Form teacher and has enjoyed several days in school recently, working with the children and meeting with Miss Jones for a comprehensive handover.

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Miss Jones for all her enthusiasm, support and care she has given to our Year 3 children, whilst she has been in post. We all wish her every success as she moves on to her new post after half term, and know that she will be a great asset in her new school too!

Year 2 Class Assembly



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 2 Valentine's Day assembly on Monday. We hope you enjoyed listening to the children reciting a poem and singing a love song, as well as sharing information about this special day. The children spoke fluently and confidently, and they really enjoyed showcasing all their learning to parents!

Tam O'Shanter Farm -School Council Visit



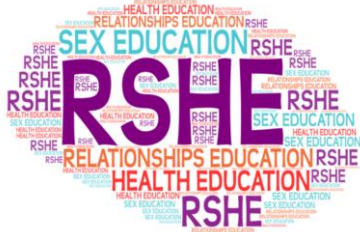
The School Council had a great time at Tam O'Shanter Farm on Tuesday 14th February. There was lots to see and do; from learning about pigs from New Zealand, to mucking out goats, to cuddling and catching up with our sponsored rabbit called 'Avalon'.



Also, a big thank you to everyone who donated vegetables to take to the farm, they were very much appreciated!

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting



Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our RSHE Online Parent Consultation Meeting this week. We do hope that you found it informative and that it helped you gain a greater understanding of our RSHE policy and curriculum. If you were unable to attend, please click on the link below to access the information shared at the meeting. Lessons will commence after half term:

[RHSE Parent Consultation February 2023](#)

Year 4 Trip To Chester Zoo



What a great time year 4 had on Thursday when they went to Chester Zoo! They fully immersed themselves in learning about all the animals they saw, to support and enrich their learning of The Rainforest even more.



Nursery to Year 2 Phonics Parent Workshop



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Nursery to Year 2 Phonics Parent Workshop on Thursday evening. We do hope that you found it helpful. If you were unable to attend this week, the presentation slides used in the workshop, along with some other useful resources, will be available on our website very soon.

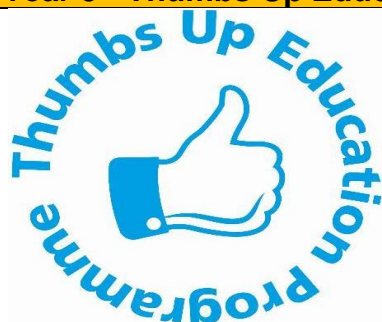
UNICEF Earthquake Relief fundraiser



Thank you for everyone who donated to our UNICEF Earthquake Relief fundraiser today. So far, we have raised a fantastic **£202.00**. The children all enjoyed a breaktime of popcorn and hot chocolate! Thank you to Year 6 for organising this fundraising event.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Year 5 - Thumbs Up Education Programme



The Year 5 children took part in their fourth and final "Thumbs Up" Education essential life skills session today. The session supported learning about 'Living with Happiness and Positivity'.

We have had some lovely responses from the Year 5 children when asked what they have taken away from the sessions. One child has said that it has been an amazing journey, as it has helped them learn lots of important life skills, whilst another child mentioned that attending the sessions helped them make their mindset more positive.

Well done Year 5, it has been great to see so many smiling faces and positivity whilst you have engaged in these sessions.

Weekly Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 27th February 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Burger
Pudding	Flapjack

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

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

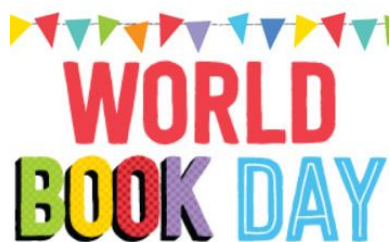
Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Each session will be available either in the morning or afternoon. Reception staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

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](#)

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year on Thursday 2nd March.

After half term, and leading up to World Book Day, children from Nursery to Year 6 will be sharing the story of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. In Another Place theatre company will perform an abridged version of the story to the children in the morning of World Book Day.

To celebrate this special day, we would like to invite the children to dress up as characters from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, for example: Mr Tumnus, the White Witch, Mr or Mrs Beaver, the Professor, a woodland animal, a WW2 evacuee child, or children may choose a character costume from their favourite fantasy book.

The children will receive a £1.00 book token which can be used to get £1.00 off any full priced book or swapped for a special edition World Book Day £1.00 book.

For more information, please click on the link for [the World Book Day 2023 Letter](#)

Year 6 Parents Meeting for Condover Residential

Tuesday 7th March



A meeting about the Year 6 Residential trip to Condover Hall booked for Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th May 2023 will be held on Tuesday the 7th March.

Look out for more details coming soon.

Year 4 Class Assembly – The Rainforest

Monday 13th March



The children of Year 4 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 13th March, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

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

Philharmonic Trip

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March



A trip to the Philamonic Hall has been booked for main school children on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March



Avalon will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday the 17th of March!

Look out for more information coming soon.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Monday 20th March



The children of Year 1 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 20th March, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

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

Imagine If.... Performing Arts Concert

Monday 27th March at 2pm



The children are to perform a concert centred around the theme of 'Imagine If' on Monday 27th March at 2pm.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Parents Evening

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Parents evening for the Spring Term will be held on Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March.

Look out for more appointment and booking information coming soon.

Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden

Thursday 30th March



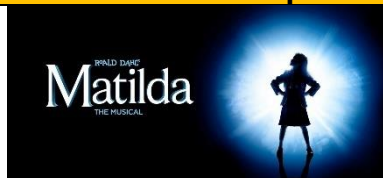
THE OLD GARDEN

The residents of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 3 children to visit them On Thursday the 30th of March.

Look out for more information coming soon.

PTA Spring Movie Night

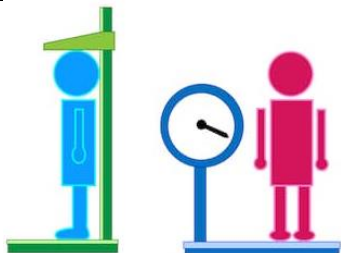
23rd March from 5pm - 7.15pm



On the 23rd of March the PTA will be holding a Movie Night for children from Reception to Year 6. The film will be Matilda the Musical and the children can enjoy a popcorn snack and drink, plus entry to the raffle for a ticket price of £5. Please pay on the door.

See Flyer Below.

Reception - Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights



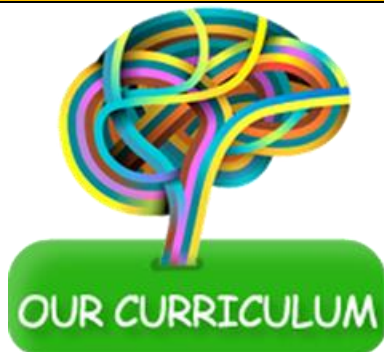
Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school in the coming weeks to offer audio/vision screening and undertake the heights and weights of the reception children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

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](#).

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.

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.

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](#)

Avalon School 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.

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 27th

Children Return to School
Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 1
Reception Stay and Play Session 1

Tuesday 28th

Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 2
Reception Stay and Play Session 2

MARCH

Thursday 2 nd	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 3 rd	Nursery & Pre-School Stay and Play Session 3
Tuesday 7 th	Reception Stay and Play Session 3
Monday 13 th	Year 6 Parents Meeting for Condoover Residential
Wednesday 15 th	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 16 th	Philharmonic Trip // Toddler Group
Friday 17 th	Philharmonic Trip
Monday 20 th	Red Nose Day
Thursday 23 rd	Year 1 Class Assembly
Monday 27 th	PTA Spring Movie Night
Tuesday 28 th	Imagine If.... – Performing Arts Concert
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 30 th	Parents Evening
	Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden
	Parents Evening

You're invited to join our

SPRING MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH

5:00 PM - 7:15 PM

(INCLUDES POPCORN, WATER & 10 RAFFLE TICKETS)

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS, COMFY CLOTHES OR ONESIES

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED

MOVIE:

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Tickets £5
(pay on the door)

Reception to Year 6

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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