



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

162

167

134

165

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

3563

3288

3787

3294

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception		H B	
Year 1			L D
Year 2		F S	
Year 3			C P
Year 4	H W		
Year 5		N S	A L
Year 6	E W	J C	

Achievement Certificates – This Week



Reception	B S-S W M
Year 1	L G-R
Year 2	F C
Year 3	S S-S C S A C
Year 4	N L S D'A C S
Year 5	H W
Year 6	I W

Headteachers Awards – This Week

Year 5	J M
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Year 6

J G

Mathletics Pupil of the Week – This Week

Mathletics

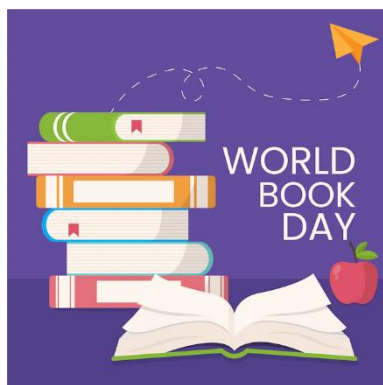
Infants I W
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4) H W
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6) E W

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	H B	Y1	I C	Y2	F C
Y3	E U	Y4	A M	Y5	H W
		Y6	E A		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

World Book Day - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.



Well done to everyone for another very successful and enjoyable World Book Day yesterday! The children's (and staff) costumes looked amazing, and they all had great fun sharing them on parade. A massive thank you also to 'In Another Place' Theatre Company for their excellent performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe; the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing Narnia being brought to life!



What an amazing effort everyone made to dress up as characters for world book day!

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!

Weekly Lunch Menu

Lunch menu for the week commencing 6th March 2023





Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Spaghetti Carbonara
Pudding	Chocolate Crunch

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

Year 2 Spring Walk Tuesday 7th March



As part of STEAM week, next week, Year 2 are hoping to go for a Spring walk (weather permitting) on Tuesday 7th March 2023 to build upon the children's learning of their science work around 'changes in plants'. This will involve Year 2 searching for various signs of the differences between Autumn and Spring in Caldy Woods (located just behind school).

For more information, please click on the link for [Year Spring Walk 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 at 3.50pm.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 Parents Meeting for Condover Residential Letter](#).

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.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 4 Class Assembly Letter](#).

Philharmonic Trip Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March



A trip to the Philharmonic Hall has been booked for junior 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.

For more information, please click on the link for [Red Nose Day Letter](#)

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.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 1 Class Assembly Letter](#)

Imagine If.... Performing Arts Concert Monday 27th March at 2pm



The children will be performing a concert centred around the theme of 'Imagine If' on Monday 27th March at 2pm.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Parent Evening Meetings Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 27th March



**APPOINTMENT BOOKING
SYSTEM IS NOW OPEN!**

We will again be using School Cloud, as our platform for parent's evenings. From parent and teacher feedback we know that it is a more convenient system which enabling parents to set appointments with teachers and manage bookings online.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dated and should be booked accordingly:

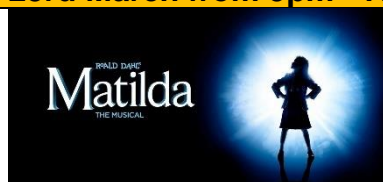
Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery & Pre-School	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Jo Rice Alison Prandle Julie Bache	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Wednesday 29 th March From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Reception	Miss Harrington	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March From 5.30pm on Thursday 30 th March

Year 2	Mrs Roberts	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 3	Mrs Creedon	From 4pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 4	Mrs Jones	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	From 3pm on Tuesday 28 th March
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	From 4pm on Thursday 30 th March

To logon to School Cloud, please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Appointment can be made from Friday 3rd March at 9am until Friday 24th March at 4pm. Should you require assistance with making a book or wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Evans annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

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.

Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden Thursday 30th March



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.

Reception - Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening Heights & Weights Wednesday 15th March

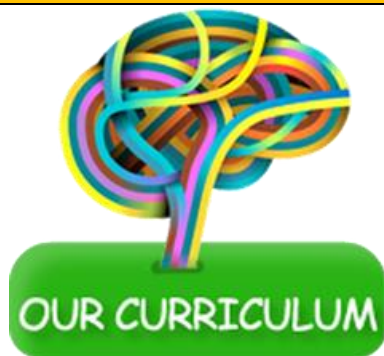


Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on the morning of Wednesday 15th March to offer an audio/vision screening.

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 [Wirral NHS Audio/Vision Screening letter](#)

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](#)



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
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	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	First Aid	12pm – 12.30pm	Y3 - Y6
		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

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

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
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th 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 27 th May to Friday 31 st 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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MARCH

Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 Parents Meeting for Condoover Residential
Monday 13 th	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 th	Philharmonic Trip / Toddler Group
Thursday 16 th	Philharmonic Trip
Friday 17 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd	PTA Spring Movie Night
Monday 27 th	Imagine If.... – Performing Arts Concert
Tuesday 28 th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 Visit to the Old Garden Parents Evening

You're invited to join our



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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