



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

87

110

82

77

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

4254

3993

4497

3943

Merit Badges

Reception

WMc

Year 1

TC

Year 2

FPS

Year 3

AC

Year 4

SW

Year 5

NS

TB

Year 6

JG

HMc

Achievement Certificates



Reception

HN

Year 1

EC

Year 2

NP

Year 3

JM

HX

Year 4

AM

Year 5

GL

FS

Year 6

LE

LJ

NT

EW

Headteachers Awards



Year 6

LE

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants

DK

Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)

LM

Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)

AG

Golden Table

Rec	IW	Y1	TC	Y2	EM
Y3	AAO	Y4	CS	Y5	MW
		Y6	JG		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Welcome Back!



We hope that you have a restful, chocolate filled Easter break. We were delighted to see the children back at school this week ready for another busy, action-packed summer term.

Reception to Year 6

Summer Term Curriculum Overviews



The summer term curriculum overviews for the children in Reception to Year 6 have been emailed out to parents and carers today. Copies of the overviews can also be accessed via the school website by clicking on the link below.

[Reception to Year 6 Summer Term Curriculum Overviews](#)

Should any parents/carers require a paper copy please contact the school office.

No Nut Policy



As you may be aware, we have children in Avalon School who have severe allergies to nuts. For health and safety reasons it is therefore very important that nuts of any kind are not brought onto the school site. Please could we ask that breaktime snacks are kept to fruit or vegetables only. Thank you for your support.

Reception to Year 6 PE Days



The PE days for the children in Reception to Year 6 are as follows:

Year Group	Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday

Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

Children should come to school in their full Avalon School PE kit on their PE day. A copy of the school PE kit can be found by clicking on the link below.

[School Uniform List and Supplier Information](#)

Year 1 Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 1 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings of the dates noted below:

Tuesday 25th April
Tuesday 2nd May
Friday 12th May
Thursday 25th May

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 1 Beach School Sessions Information](#)

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions commence this coming week, as listed below. These sessions are for children who are moving up to our Reception class and they will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 26 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 3 rd May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 10 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 17 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 24 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 7 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 14 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 21 st June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 28 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 5 th July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above.

For more information, please click on the link for the [Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements letter](#)

Reception Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Reception will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings on the dates noted below:

Thursday 27th April
Thursday 4th May
Thursday 11th May
Tuesday 23rd May

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Reception Beach School Sessions Information](#)

Year 4 Science Walk to Caldy Wood Thursday 27th April



As part of their Science topic on classification and habitats, weather permitting, the Year 4 children will be going on a walk to Caldy Woods on Thursday 27th April.

Please could we ask that children have the school waterproof jacket with them.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 4 Science Walk to Caldy Woods Information](#)

Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Details ORDER DEADLINE – FRIDAY 28TH APRIL



As is previous years, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to order and purchase leavers' hoodies. This year's hoodie is storm grey in colour with the Avalon School logo embroidered on the front and a large "Leavers 23" screen printed on the back. We have brought forward the ordering process to enable the children to wear their hoodies for special events and occasions in the last half term of this academic year, such as Challenge Day and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Details](#)

Jackson's Animal Rescue Sponsor Money



Thank you to everyone who have already brought their sponsor money in.

Any remaining sponsor money should be brought into school on Monday 24th April 2023. We will let you know how much we have raised as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Residential to Condover Pick Up Arrangements



Thank you to those parents who have completed and return the pick up arrangements reply slip. If you still need to do so we would be most grateful if you could confirm your pick up arrangements to the school office by Thursday 27th April.

For more information about arrangements for collecting your child, please click on the link for [Year 6 Residential to Condover Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term



**CLUBS START
NEXT WEEK**

The extra-curricular clubs start next week, week commencing Monday 24th April

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Ballet	Pre-School	2.30-3.00pm
	Ballet	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Tuesday	Chess	Y1 – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
	Go Sports	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Wednesday	Construction	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.40pm
	Cookery	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.45pm
Thursday	Football	Rec – Y2	3.05-3.35pm
Friday	Drama	Y1 – Y2	3.05-3.35pm

Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Acro Dane	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm
Tuesday	Cricket/Rounders	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm
	STEM	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm
	Chess	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.50pm
Wednesday	Aladdin Rehearsals	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm
Thursday	Football	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.40pm
	Verbal Reasoning	Y5	3.40-4.30pm
Friday	Drama	Y3 – Y6	3.40-4.30pm

There are still places available on some clubs, please contact the club leader or Mr Ashton to check availability.

More information on the clubs can be found by clicking on the links below:

[Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

Drama Clubs – [KS1 \(Year 1 & Year 2\)](#) / [KS2 \(Year 3 to Year 6\)](#)

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 24th April 2023



Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Pizza & Salad
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Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menu](#)

May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May



BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday.

Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th May 2023



The final instalment of £125 for the Year 6 Residential to Condover is due for payment by Monday 10th April. We would be most grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

For more information, please click on the link for [Year 6 Residential to Condover Hall](#)

Bank Holiday – Coronation Weekend Monday 8th May



School will be closed on Monday 8th May for the Coronation Bank Holiday.

Children will be celebrating the Coronation event in school on Friday 5th May, with a special lunch and planned activities – more details to follow!

Year 3 Class Assembly Thursday 11th May

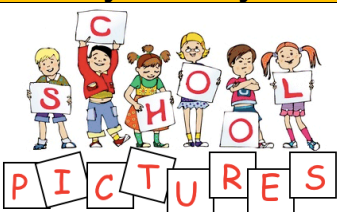


The children of Year 3 would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Thursday 11th May, starting at 9.05 am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am.

Please note the change of date and we apologise for an inconvenience caused.

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

Class Photographs Monday 15th May



We will be having class photographs taken on Monday 15th May. Please ensure that all children attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers. The photograph will be available to purchase, details will be set out in due course.

Look out for more information coming soon!

Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle Tuesday 16th May



Pre-School and Reception Class children will be visiting Chirk Castle on Tuesday 16th May.

Look out for more information coming soon.

Reception Class Assembly Monday 22nd May



The children of Reception would like to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly on Monday 22nd May, 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.

Half Term Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June



School will close at the normal time on Friday 26th May and re-open to children on Monday 5th June

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](#)

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



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

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 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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APRIL

Tuesday 25 th	Year 1 Beach School Session
Wednesday 26 th	Pre-School Transition Session
Thursday 27 th	Reception Beach School Session
	Year 4 Science Walk to Caldy Wood

MAY

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 6 Residential at Condoval Hall
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 1 Beach School Session
Thursday 4 th	Reception Beach School Session
Monday 8 th	Coronation Weekend Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 11 th	Year 3 Class Assembly
	Reception Beach School Session
Friday 12 th	Year 1 Beach School Session
Monday 15 th	Class Photographs
Tuesday 16 th	Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle
Monday 22 nd	Reception Class Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd	Reception Beach School Session
Thursday 25 th	Year 1 Beach School Session
Friday 26 th	School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5 th	Children Return To School
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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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