



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

153

141

120

114

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

4751

4447

4964

4358

Merit Badges

Reception

IP

Year 1

LG-R

Year 2

MAO

Year 3

FL

Year 4

ZB

Year 5

TB

AAO

Year 6

RH
MMc

Achievement Certificates



Reception

DK

Year 1

LD

Year 2

FS

Year 3

RP

Year 4

XF

Year 5

JM

FMc

Year 6

EA

Headteachers Awards



Year 1	CL
Year 2	NF-T NP
Year 5	OC ZD AG JW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	HN
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	SW
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	GL

Reading Star!



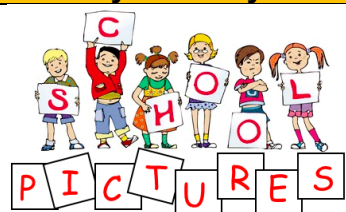
Reception	BMc
Year 1	CL
Year 2	OS
Year 3	SS
Year 4	TD
Year 5	FS
Year 6	EM

Golden Table

Rec	HN	Y1	EC	Y2	NP
Y3	SO	Y4	NL	Y5	OC
		Y6	DB		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Class Photographs Monday 15th May



Class photographs will be taken on Monday 15th May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Monday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Monday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Polite Notice – No Dogs on the School Site



In the interests of health and safety, dogs are not allowed on the school site. We ask that you please respect this request as it is in everyone's interest to keep our school site a safe place for all children, parents, staff and visitors.

Thank you for your co-operation.

House T-Shirt

DEADLINE for Orders – Monday 15th May



During the summer term we will be holding a number of inter-house events at which the children will need to wear a house t-shirt with School logo. If your child does not already have a house t-shirt or if you would like to order a new one, please complete and return the attached form to the school office no later than Monday 15th May 2023

The coloured t-shirts represent the houses as follows:

Blue – St Andrew	Yellow – St David	Red – St George	Green – St Patrick
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The t-shirt come in sizes 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-11 year, aged 13 and small adult, there are samples of these sizes available at the school office. T-shirts cost £6.00 each which can be paid by cheque or preferably by internet banking, please see attached order form for details. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payments in cash.

For the order form please click on the link below

[House T-Shirt Order Form](#)

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



As part of their topic on castle and fairy tales the Pre-School and Reception class children are going to Chirk Castle On Tuesday 16th May. The children will be leaving promptly at 9am and returning to school for around 3pm (depending on traffic). The children should wear their usual school uniform including waterproof coats and sensible footwear. School will provide a packed lunch for the children.

For more details for Reception parents please click on the link below:

[Reception Trip to Chirk Castle](#)

For more details for Pre-School parents please click on the link below:

[Pre-School Trip to Chirk Castle](#)

Year 6 Bike Right Level 1 & Level 2 Course Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 18th May



The Year 6 children who have booked a place on our Bikeability course next week have received a letter confirming their place and informing on which day they will be undertaking the course. The children will complete both Level 1 and Level 2 in one day.

Your child's bike should be brought to school on the morning of their course and taken home at the end of the day. On arrival at school, bikes should be taken to the area outside the Site Manager's (Bill) room, by the main school office.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full PE kit including PE tracksuit bottoms, the cycling helmet, waterproof coat and gloves in case of cold/wet weather.

Health & Safety Reminder – Unsupervised Children



Please could we ask that parents do not leave their children unsupervised on the school site after they have been dismissed by their class teacher. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times, for safety reasons. Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter.

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2023 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions continue as follows:

Date	Time
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](#)

Re-arranged Year 3 Trip to The Old Garden Residential Home

Thursday 18th May



Unfortunately, the Year 3 children were unable to visit The Old Garden Residential Home last week. The visit will now take place on Thursday 18th May to share in some fun activities with the residents. The children will be travelling to and from The Old Garden by minibus and will be back in time for lunch.

Weekly Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 15th May



Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Spaghetti Bolognese
Pudding	Lemon Drizzle Cake

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

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.

Year 1 Beach School

Last Session Tuesday 23rd May



The Year 1 children had a wonderful time at the beach this week. Their last session will be Tuesday 23rd May (amended date)

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.

For more details please click on the link below:

[Year 1 Beach School Sessions - Summer Term](#)

Reception Beach School

Last Session Thursday 25th May



The Reception children had a super time at the beach this week. Their last session will be Thursday 25th May (amended date)

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.

For more details please click on the link below:

[Reception Beach School Sessions - Summer Term](#)

Year 5 & Year 6 PTA Summer Ceilidh & Pizza Night

Thursday 25th May 5pm to 7pm



The PTA have arranged a Summer Ceilidh & Pizza Night for the Year 5 and Year 6 children on Thursday 25th May in the School Hall. Tickets cost £10.00 which includes entry, pizza and ice-cream. The children will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets on the night at £1.00 per strip. There is **NO DRESS CODE**, the children can wear whatever they want.

Please complete and return the ticket order form by Friday 19th May.

For more details and the order form please click on the link below:

[Year 5 & Year 6 PTA Summer Ceilidh Ticket Order Form](#)

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

Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre

Thursday 8th June



As part of their science topic of classification of living things the children in Year 4 will be visiting Eureka Science & Discovery Centre on Thursday 8th June. The children will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am and will be back in time for the end of the school day. Children should wear their full school uniform including blazers but not hats. Please could the children bring a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money with them.

Please complete and return their permission slip by Monday 5th June.

For more details and the permission slip please click on the link below:
[Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre](#)

Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape Thursday 22nd June



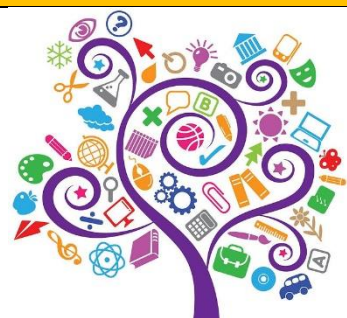
We have booked places for the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on Thursday 22nd June at the "Go Ape" Tree Top Adventure Course in Delamere Forest. The children will be tackling the high ropes course through the tree followed by the large problem solving activity called "Gorilla Games"

The children will need to wear their school PE kit including their long PE tracksuit bottoms or leggings and should bring with them a small backpack to carry their lunch in. School will provide lunches and snacks for the children.

Please complete and return their permission slip together with the payment by Friday 17th June.

For more details and the permission slip please click on the link below:
[Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape](#)

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 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. 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](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term



The extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

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	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
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

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](#)

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.

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.

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

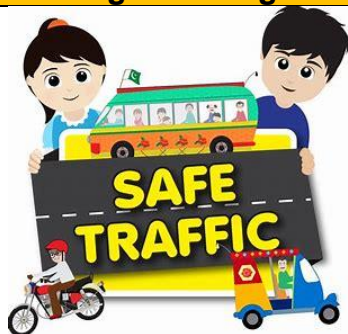


We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

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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MAY

Monday 15 th	Class Photographs
Tuesday 16 th	Deadline for Ordering House T-Shirt Group 1 Year 6 BikeRight Pre-School and Reception Class Visit to Chirk Castle
Wednesday 17 th	Group 2 Year 6 BikeRight
Thursday 18 th	Group 3 Year 6 BikeRight Year 3 Visit to The Old Garden Residential Home
Monday 22 nd	Reception Class Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 1 Beach School Session
Thursday 25 th	Reception Beach School Session Year 5 & Year 6 PTA Summer Ceilidh & Pizza Night
Friday 26 th	School Breaks Up For Half Term At Normal Time

JUNE

Monday 5 th	Children Return To School
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Trip to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to Go Ape

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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