



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



**School finishes for the summer holidays on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the usual time (3.40pm)  
Children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Infant Achievement Celebration (Reception to Year 2) Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



The children and staff of the Juniors would like to invite their parents and carers to their Achievement Awards Celebration on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2pm in the School Hall.

We do hope that you will be able to join us!

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

[Junior Celebration letter](#)

### Junior Achievement Celebration (Year 3 to Year 6) Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



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[Junior Celebration letter](#)

### Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July



On Tuesday afternoon the children in Reception will have a Teddy Bear's picnic. During the morning, children will be making their picnic plates and enjoying a feast of a sandwich, a biscuit which they will decorate and some fruit and a drink.

All packaging will be emailed to parents on Monday. If you have any objections, please let Miss Harrington or the school office know by Monday

10<sup>th</sup> July. Similarly, if your child has any allergies we are not aware of please inform Miss Harrington or the school office.

### Reception Ice Cream Making Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July



To finish off a wonderful year in Reception on Wednesday morning, the children will be making ice cream. Once made, they will decorate with sprinkles and sauce. All packaging and ingredients including allergens will be emailed to parents on Monday. Please let Miss Harrington or the school office know of any allergies by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Year 6 Leavers Assembly Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July



The children and staff of Year 6 would like to invite their parents and carers to their Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 1.20pm in the School Hall.

We do hope that you will be able to join us!

### School Closes for the Summer Break Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July



School closes for the summer break on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the usual time.

**After School Care will be available until 5pm.**

We would like to wish the whole Avalon community a restful and enjoyable summer!

### PTA Fundraising During The Summer Term



The PTA have had a busy summer term fund raising. A BIG thank you to our PTA for organising some fun events and to everyone who attended. They have raised:

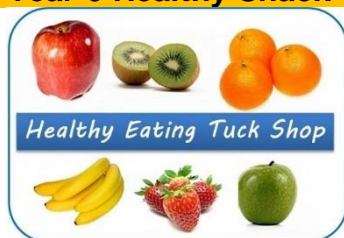
**£800.00 from the Race Night**

**£600.00 from the Strawberry Tea**

**£590.00 from the Summer Raffle**

**THANK  
YOU!**

## Year 6 Healthy Snack Shop



Thank you to everyone who purchased healthy snacks from our Year 6 Healthy Snack Shop this half term all in aid of Cancer Research UK and Aid Africa. The children have raised a fantastic:

**£116.24**



## Sunny Weather



As we are enjoying the beautiful hot sunny weather, please could we remind parents and carers to ensure their child brings a refillable water bottle to school to help them stay hydrated, a sun hat and have applied sunscreen as necessary each morning prior to coming to school. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

## Extra- Curricular Clubs



All extra-curricular clubs have now finished for this academic year.

## Year 6 Fun Day at the Beach



The Year 6 children had a fun filled day at the beach starting with a visit to Ashton Park followed by fun and games at the beach, creating amazing sandcastle structures and enjoying their alfresco lunch.





## Pre-School Graduation



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Pre-School graduation today. We hope you have enjoyed watching your child's journey throughout Nursery and into Pre-School. We wish them all good luck for their new year ahead with new goals, challenges and even more dreams to aspire to!

## ST GEORGE – House Cup Winners Reward Trip



The children of St George's visited Riverside Bowling in New Brighton on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A fantastic afternoon was had by all. The treat was certainly a big hit with the children!



## End of Year Reports Nursery to Year 6



The End of Year Reports for children in Nursery to Year 6 have been sent home with the children this week.

## Weekly Lunches Menus

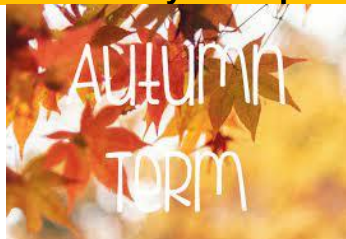


Lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 10th July:

Day	Menu
Monday	Chicken Goujons, Potatoes and Beans
Tuesday	Chilli and Nachos
Wednesday	Picnic Lunch

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Pizza
Pudding	Banoffee Slice

## Autumn Term Starts Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September



The children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30am

Before School Care is available from 7.45am

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Term Dates 2022-2023



### 2022-2023

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
Bank Holiday	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
Ends	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Normal Finish Time

### 2023-2024

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Term Starts	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half-Term	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half-Term	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024</b>
Ends	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Normal finish time



Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half-Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Ends	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Normal finish time



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

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Email: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)



## JULY

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Achievement Celebration 2pm

Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Achievement Celebration 2pm

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.20pm

School Closes for the Summer Break At The Usual Time

**After School Care available until 5pm**

## SEPTEMBER

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Staff Training Day

Staff Training Day

Children Return

No need  
to book  
Just come along

New Price

£5  
per child  
Cash or Card  
Payments  
Accepted

from September

  
AVALON

# Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group

Wednesdays  
9.30am to 10.30am



Babies to 5 Years



Guest Session Leaders

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE  
T: 0151 625 6993 / E: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)  
[www.avalon-school.co.uk](http://www.avalon-school.co.uk)



St. Bridget's Church

# Summer Club

August

23rd ~ 25th

0845 ~ 1200







# Info



Who can go : children aged 5-11. Don't have to be church-goers.

Where : St. Bridget's School fields.

What : children will do music/singing  
Crafts, games, nature study,  
& Bible stories.

How many : Numbers are limited to 25,  
So book early!

Do I have to go to all 3 mornings? Ideally,  
but you can choose 1, 2 or 3 mornings.

How much ? £5 per child, per morning  
or £10 per family, per morning

Contact : To secure your place email  
[argibb@btinternet.com](mailto:argibb@btinternet.com)