

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2023

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

House Points, Merit Badges, Achievement Certificates, Headteachers Awards, Mathletics and Reading Star will be announced next week.

Golden Table						
Rec Y3	HW	Y1	IP	Y2	EC	
Y3	E MacK	Y4	SS	Y5	PSP	
		Y6	LK			

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA-CURRICLAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK DUE TO PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parents Evening Consultation Meetings Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 6th November 2023



Parent Evening Consultation Meetings will be held in-person in your child's classroom with their teacher/key worker. Parents/Carers will receive their child's progress report prior to their parent consultation meeting and have the opportunity to see their child's work.

The School Cloud booking system closes to at 4pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Lucy Hunt Helen Malloy	Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm Thursday 9 th November from 4pm Thursday 9 th November from 4pm Thursday 9 th November from 4pm
Pre-School Jo Rice Julie Bache		Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm Thursday 9 th November from 4pm
Reception	Miss Hardy	Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm

Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	Thursday 9 th November from 4pm
Year 3	Miss Harrington	Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm
Year 4	Miss Robertson	Thursday 9 th November from 4pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Tuesday 7 th November from 4pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Thursday 9 th November from 3pm

Year 6 Visit from Jewish Community Monday 6th November 2023



After careful consideration and consultation with the synagogue we decided to postpone the trip on this occasion. We will rearrange for later in the academic year.

As an alternative, we have arranged for a member of the synagogue Jewish community to visit school on Monday 6th November as part of the children's learning about the Jewish faith.

PTA Halloween Spooktacular



A BIG thank you to our PTA for organising the Halloween Spooktacular. The children all had a wonderful time and they raised a fantastic

£256.00



Click on the link below for more spooky photos. PTA Halloween Spooktacular Photos

Reception & Year 1 Music & Movement Lunchtime Club



We are launching an exciting new music and movement club with Jo Jingles for children in Reception and Year 1. The club will be held at lunchtime from 12.30 until 1pm and will take place at school. Jo Jingles provides classes to many early years environments including primary schools and after school clubs for children up to 7 or 8 years of age.

The aim of Jo Jingles is to encourage learning and development through musical fun and structured classes. All Jo Jingles sessions feature educational themes and a variety of activities to suit all children's learning styles and preferences. More details can be found by clicking on the link below. Jo Jingles Letter

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 6th November 2023



Click on the following link for our **Lunch Menus**

Favourite Meal of the Week		
Main Lasagne & Salad		
Pudding Crispy Cakes		

PTA Logo Design Competition DEADLINE for Enteries Monday 13th November 2023



The PTA need your help in designing their new logo. You can be as colourful and creative as possible but your design must include the intitals PTA. Pencils and felt tips only, no glitter please! All entries, with a £1.00 donation are to be returned to the school office by Monday 13th November. The winner will be announced in the Achievement Assembly on Friday 17th November and the winning logo will be used across all the PTA's stationary and events etc.

Good Luck!

Please click on the link below for further information. PTS Logo Design Competition Form

Anti -Bully Week – Odd Sock Day Monday 13th November 2023



Week commencing Monday 13th November is Anti-Bullying Week and to start the children's learning and activities around this very important topic, we will be holding an Odd Sock Day on Monday 13th November to promote the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week which is "Make a Noise About Bullying".

We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1, which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

Year 6 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home Monday 13th November 2023



The residents of The Old Garden Care Home have invited our Year 6 Class children to visit them in the morning of Monday 13th November to take part in the residents Remembrance Day activities. The children will either be travelling to The Old Garden Care Home in their minibus. Should the children require a suitable car seat for the journey, please can parents provide one on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch. Completed permission slips should be returned to the school office no later than Thursday 9th November.

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

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to War Memorial Wednesday 15th November 2023



Weather permitting, the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting the war memorial in West Kirby on Wednesday 15th November. The children will leave school at 1.10pm and will return in time for normal end of the day. If you have any objections and would rather your child did not take part in this activity, please inform Mrs C Roberts or the School Office by Monday 13th November. A first aider will also be accompanying the children on the visit.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below. Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to War Memorial Letter

Sharing Assembly Thursday 16th November 2023



On Thursday 16th November, at 9.10am, we will be celebrating and sharing a variety of the activities and learning that children will have participated in during Anti Bullying week, such as songs, dancing, role play and other cross curricular pursuits. We would very much like parents to join us for this very special event.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below. Anti-Bully Week - Odd Sock Day Letter

Children in Need Spotacular Friday 17th November 2023



This year's event is embracing all the fun ways in which you can fundraise, and it is called the Great SPOTacular! So, it will be a non-uniform day,

however they should try to add wearing something spotty or simply feel SPOTacular! We would ask for a small donation of £2.00 per child in aid of Children In Need.

We will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from school office from Monday 13th November.



The kitchen will be open for business at 8.00am to 8.25am on the day. For a suggested minimum donation of £5.00, they will be serving breakfast batches with bacon or sausage or cheese on toast and a drink or a Grab-n-Go breakfast of a Danish and a drink.

Parents are more than welcome to join their children for breakfast. If your child and/or you would like to join the breakfast party, we would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached slip with the

correct money to the school office by Monday 13th November letting us know how many people will be attending and whether they will want bacon, sausage or cheese on toast so that we can order appropriate quantities.

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

Children in Need SPOTacular Letter

Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Wednesday 22nd November 2023



The residents of Caldy Manor Care Home have invited our Reception Class children to visit them during the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd November to take part in lots of fun activities linking to our 'Celebrations' topic including; decorating biscuits, games with balloons and parachutes, visiting their chickens and exploring playdough. The children will then enjoy some juice and biscuits and sing some songs with the residents.

The children will either be travelling to Caldy Manor in their minibus or in an Avalon staff members own car. We would therefore be grateful if parents could provide a suitable car seat for the journey on the morning of the visit. The children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit during their visit and will return to school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

Reception Caldy Manor Letter

EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay & Play Sessions Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November 2023



Letters have been sent home this week inviting parents to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 27th November. Parents will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. The EYFS staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have.

Stay & Play sessions are available for parents & carers either in the morning or the afternoon.

Please return the slip provided, highlighting which session best for you and return it to the school office by Thursday 23rd November.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below. EYFS Stay and Play Session Letter

Christmas Decoration Competition

Winners Announced PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December 2023



Our Christmas trees will soon be arriving at school, ready to be decorated! We will again be running a competition for each child to decorate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree in the School Office Foyer. The winning decoration from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair and winners will each receive a prize. Your child should have received a bauble with a name tag and further information.

All competition entries must be returned to school with a £2 donation by Monday 27th November to be entered into the competition.

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Tuesday 5th December at 2pm 2023



We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm in the school hall.

Look out for more information next week!

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Wednesday 6th December at 2pm 2023



We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall.

Look out for more information next week!

Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Thursday 7th December 2023



We have booked for all the children in Year 3 to Year 6 to see a stage production of Cinderella at the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester.

The cost of the trip will be £18.00 and this includes the coach and theatre ticket. School will provide the children with a drink and s snack.

The coat will leave school at 9.15am and will return to school in time for lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear the full school winter uniform including blazers but not school hats.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below. Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip Letter

Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day Friday 8th December 2023







We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive. The whole school will be enjoying our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Friday 8th December.

Look out for more information next week!

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties Monday 11th December 2023



The children in Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Monday 11th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying to some festive treats made by our fabulous Catering Team and a visit from Santa himself.

Look out for more information next week!

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Wednesday 13th December 2023



We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term, Wednesday 13th December at 10am. The service will finish at approximately 11am.

More information to follow.

School Finish for Christmas

Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon



School finishes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon.

Breakfast club will be available as usual from 7.45am

Christmas Break

Thursday 14th December to Monday 8th January



School is closed for the Christmas break from Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon and reopens to children on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

We hope you have a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Scooters and Bicyles



It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bicycles and scooters in the morning. However please could we ask that bicycles and scooters are not left on the school grounds during the day for safety reasons.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

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.

Kooth – A Handy Guide for Parents and Carers



Parents and carers may be supporting a child or young adult who are experiencing difficulties with mental health, or following a particular trauma. The link below is a resource with strategies to support.

<u>Parent_and_Carer_Brochure_CO2.pdf</u> (frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS 6TH 7TH 8TH 9TH 10TH NOVEMBER

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
	Yoga/Dance	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Friday	Drama	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Y1 – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

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Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Coding	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Choir	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Creative Writing	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5
Friday	Drama	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Reception to Year 2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS SIGN UP: Year to Year 6

Acro Dance Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Ballet Sign Up: Louise HSOD

Football Sign Up: Football First

Multi-Skills Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Netball Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Tag Rugby Sign Up: Activity 4 All

Please note that children attending sports clubs (including Acro Dance) should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

For ballet the children should wear their ballet kit.

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



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email 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.

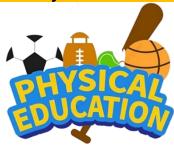
End of the Day Arrangements



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

PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Monday

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.

Snack 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 Caldy 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.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:

http://www.uniformityschools.com/

Pre-Loved Uniform



Pre-Loved Uniform

you have any requests for uniform please 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.

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



Mrs Goodwin will be running a half marathon in Benidorm at the end of November, to fundraise for Cancer Research UK, in memory of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation to the charity and support her challenge, please click on the link below for more details.

Half Marathon for Cancer Research UK

Term Dates 2023-2024



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 16 th October to Friday 27 th 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 19 th 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	

2024-2025

Autumn Term		
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	
Half-Term	Monday 21 st October to Friday 1 st November 2024	

Ends	Friday 13 th December 2024 12 noon finish	
	Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025	
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	
Half-Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025	
Ends	Friday 28 th March 2025 Normal finish time	
Summer Term		
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 th April 2025	
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2025	
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 18 th & Monday 21 st April 2025	
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025	
Half-Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025	
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 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

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway <u>jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk</u>



NOVEMBER

Monday 6th Visit from the Jewish Community

Tuesday 7th Parents Evening Consultation Meetings

Nursery - Jackie Duffy from 4pm Pre-School - Alison Prandle from 4pm Pre-School - Jo Rice from 4pm

Reception - Miss Hardy from 4pm
Year 1 - Mrs Parkins from 4pm
Year 3 - Miss Harrington from 4pm

Year 5 – Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku from 4pm Thursday 9th **Parents Evening Consultation Meetings**

Nursery - Mandy Elliott from 4pm Nursery - Lucy Hunt from 4pm Nursery - Helen Malloy from 4pm Pre-School - Julie Bache from 4pm Year 2 - Mrs Roberts from 4pm Year 4 - Miss Robertson from 4pm Year 6 – Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton from 4pm

Monday 13th PTA Logo Design Competition Entry Deadline

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day

Year 6 Visit to The Old Garden Care Home

Thursday 16th Activities around Anti-Bullying Week

Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 15th Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to War Memorial

Friday 17th Children in Need Spotacular

Wednesday 22nd Reception Class Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Tuesday 28th EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions Wednesday 29th EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions Thursday 30th EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay and Play Sessions

DECEMBER

Friday 1st Announcement of winners of Christmas Bauble Competition

PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5th Nursery and Pre-School Nativity

Wednesday 6th Infant (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Thursday 7th Year 3 to Year 6 Storyhouse Theatre Trip

Friday 8th Christmas Jumper & Whole School Christmas Lunch Monday 11th Nursery, Pre-School & Infanct Christmas Parties Wednesday 13th Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church

12 NOON FINISH NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

Thursday 14th December to

Tuesday 9th January

Chrstmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 8th Staff INSET Day

Tuesday 9th Children Return to School

Flute Lessons with Catherine GreenWood

Dear parents and carers,

My name is Catherine Greenwood, I started learning flute and piano at the age of 6. I gained a place at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester and attended the school from when I was 13. After school, I moved to London to do a degree in music performance at Guildhall School of Music and Drama. I graduated in 2001 and went on to perform with some of the country's top orchestras, including the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Welsh National Opera. I have over 20 years teaching experience, delivering flute and piano lessons to pupils of all ages and abilities from brand new beginners to university and conservatoire students. I believe my pupils thrive under a nurturing teaching style where every student is seen as unique and an individual and I adapt my teaching accordingly, following my pupils' leads.

Kind regards

Catherine Greenwood

Lessons will take place during the school day.

Individual Lessons cost £20.00 for a 30 minute lesson.

If you would like your child to undertake flute and for further information lessons please contact me on <u>catherinemayer5@aol.com</u> to check availability.



