



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

169

159

180

131

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2295

2484

2505

2129

Merit Badges

Reception	TC	LL	
Year 1			OC
Year 2			
Year 3		FS	
Year 4			HX
Year 5		TD	
Year 6			JW SS

Achievement Certificates



Reception	VR-F
Year 1	BMcC
Year 2	MW
Year 3	FC
Year 4	SE FL
Year 5	SW CR NL HL EB
Year 6	EW

Headteachers Awards



Year 4	SO
	CS
	AC
Year 6	LMc-J
	MW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	BMcC
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	NP
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	SW

Reading Star!



Reception	HT
Year 1	HB
Year 2	LG-R
Year 3	NF-T
Year 4	AC
Year 5	EM
Year 6	TB

Golden Table

Rec	RC	Y1	IP	Y2	TC
Y3	IC	Y4	CP	Y5	NL
		Y6	HR		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Year 6 World War 2 Project

Y6's World War 2 Project

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to attend the Year 6 World War 2 Style, Afternoon Tea, class assembly on Monday 29th January.



It was fabulous to see just how much the children were inspired, and how their learning has been enriched in so many different ways throughout their study of World War 2. Monday's showcase assembly demonstrating all of this was genuinely very, very impressive!

Reception Visit to Caldy Manor



Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our trip to Caldy Manor Care Home as the home's minibus is out of action and is being repaired. We will of course rearrange this visit and will inform parents of the new date in due course.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Pre-School Transition to Reception September 2024



All Pre-School parents have been sent a letter outlining the arrangements regarding the allocation of places in our Reception class for September 2024. Please could we ask that return all reply slips are returned to the school office by Monday 5th February.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Pre-School Transition to Reception Letter](#)

Year 4 Class Assembly Monday 5th February at 9.05am 2024



The children of Year 4 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 5th February starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

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

Reception to Year 6 M&M Theatre Production – The Secret Garden Tuesday 6th February 2024



We have arranged for “M&M” theatre in education company to present a performance of “The Secret Garden” at Avalon on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in the afternoon for the children in Reception to Year 6.

The cost of the performance will be £13.75 per pupil, and this will be added to your bill in the usual way. If, for any reason, you do not want your child to attend the performance, please contact the school office.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February 2024



Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year’s theme is all about change and influence online and below is a link to the UK Safer Internet website which has a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and, in an age appropriate way.

This year, Safer Internet Day 2024 is celebrated on 6th February 2024, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place.

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Pre-School and Reception Visit to Imagine That Wednesday 7th February 2024



An educational visit to Imagine That in Wavertree Technology Park, an interactive science and discovery centre, has been booked for Pre-School and Reception children for Wednesday 7th February.

The cost of the trip will be £21.00 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the centre. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:30am. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the centre. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Please click on the links below for more information and permission slip which will need to be handed to the school office by **Thursday 1st February**.

[Pre-School Imagine That Letter](#)

[Reception Imagine That Letter](#)

Year 5 Essential Life Flourish Skills Sessions

Session 5 Friday 9th February 2024



We children will be completing their final “Flourish Wirral” session on Friday.

The programme has been delivered over 5 weeks with each session focusing on supporting and developing essential life skills and including aspects of positive mental health and well-being.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Year 5 Flourish Essential Life Skills Sessions Letter](#)

“Dress to Express” Day Friday 9th February 2024



To round off Children’s Mental Health Week, all pupils and staff are invited to join our ‘Dress to Express’ day on Friday 9th February. Children and staff may come to school dressed in their favourite outfit or colour for a suggested donation of £2.00 each. We will once again be supporting a charity called Place2Be, who shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people’s mental health. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers.

Children who have PE on this day, or have an extra-curricular sports club after school, can either wear their choice of clothes suitable for PE / Sporting activities, or alternatively, they may bring their school PE kit with them to get changed into, before their PE lesson or after school sports club.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th February 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Meatballs and Pasta
Pudding	Ice cream

Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 12th February 2024 at 9.05am



The children of Year 2 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 12th February starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

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

Reception to Year 6 RHE Parent & Consultation Meeting Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 4pm



As a part of your child's educational experience at Avalon School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic (PSHCE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

The parent consultation and information meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 4pm in the Science classroom for parent of children in Reception to Year 6. We would be most grateful if you could indicate whether or not you are able to attend the meeting by completing and returning the attached reply slip by **Friday 9th February 2024**.

[RHE Parent Consultation Meeting Letter](#)

PTA – Reception to Year 6 School Disco Thursday 15th February 2024 4.45pm - 5.45pm



The PTA will be holding a school disco for Reception to Year 6 children on Thursday 15th February in the School Hall from 4.45pm – 5.45pm. A DJ will be playing all the latest music and there will be games and refreshments.

Entry is £5 per child payable on the door.
For more information, click on the link below.

[Reception to Year 6 PTA School Disco Letter](#)

Half Term Break – School to close at usual time Friday 16th February 2024

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School Closes for Half Term Break. After School Care available as usual on that day.

Year 5 & Year 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships Tuesday 5th March 2024



As part of our PSHCEE curriculum we have organised a workshop for the children in Year 5 and Year 6 on understanding the importance of healthy relationships through interactive games and discussion. Each class will undertake a 1-hour workshop session, enabling the children to express their thoughts and feelings in a safe and caring environment.

The workshop is part of the Inspire Project, set up by the Paul Lavelle Foundation Charity, delivering healthy relationships education workshops to Primary schools.

If parents have any questions or queries regarding the workshop, Mrs Callaway or Mrs McGregor will be happy to discuss it further on an individual basis. If you do not wish your child to participate in the above session, please inform the school office by 9am on Monday 4th March. For further information, please click on the link below:

[Year 5 & Year 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships Letter](#)

Year 5 Bikability Course Level 1 & Level 2 Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, & Friday 15th March 2024

Making cycling
viable, safer
and better



We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer the Year 5 children their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 combined course commencing Wednesday 13th March 2024.

The children will be in groups of 6; completing both Level 1 and Level 2 on the same day, therefore they will only need to bring their bike into school for one day. Parents will be informed which day their child has been allocated once the booking process is complete.

Bikability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. The instructors will teach children to ride a bike to National Standards and introduce them to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport.

The course will take place in the school playground and on local roads near to the school. The instructors will carry out a risk assessment of the training areas before the start of the course.

Please click on the links below for more information and to register your child to take part.

[Information Letter](#)

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/b9ae92bd-b59d-4349-8321-18971d735b8f/>

Extra Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Ballet	2.30pm to 3.00pm	Pre-School
	Ballet	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Tuesday	Mini Martial Arts	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2
	Jo Jingles	3.05pm to 3.40pm	Rec – Y2
Thursday	Football	3.05pm to 3.35pm	Rec – Y2

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

(Year 3 to Year 6)

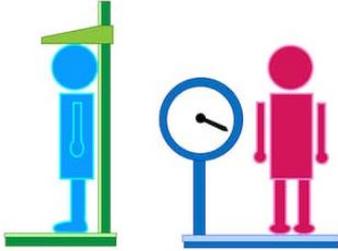
Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Martial Arts	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Lego Club	Lunchtime	Y5 – Y6
	Running Club	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Lion King	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	Computing Club	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Tri Golf	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	STEM	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y3 – Y6
	VR	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5

Friday	Football Training	3.40pm to 4.30pm	Y5 – Y6
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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.

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights



Year 6

Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school after half term, date to be confirmed, to undertake the heights and weights of the Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

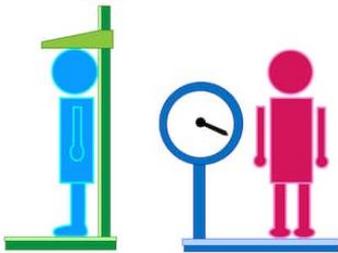
Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

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 below:

[NCMP Height and Weight Check Letter](#)

Reception Wirral NHS Vision/Hearing Screening & Height and Weight Checks



Reception

Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school after half term this year, date to be confirmed, to undertake Audio Vision and NCMP (Height and Weight) screening of the Reception Year.

For the NCMP screening, children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

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 below:

[Audio & Vision screening Letter](#)

[NCMP \(Height & Weight\) screening Letter](#)

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.

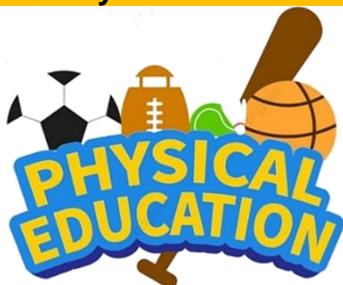
End of the Day Arrangements



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	Monday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

Scooters and Bicycles



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.

[Parent and Carer Brochure CO2.pdf \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

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.

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 and 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.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

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.

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 2024-2025



2023-2024

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

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 21st October to Friday 1st 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 17th February to Friday 21st 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 18th & Monday 21st April 2025
May Day	Monday 5th May 2025
Half-Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Ends	Friday 11 th July 2025 Normal finish time



FEBRUARY

Monday 5 th	Children's Mental Health Week Year 4 Class Assembly (parents welcome)
Tuesday 6 th	Children's Mental Health Week Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th	Reception to Year 6 M&M Theatre Production – The Secret Garden Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 9 th	Pre-School and Reception visit to Imagine That Children's Mental Health Week 'Dress To Express' Day: Fundraising for Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 12 th	Year 5 Session 5 Flourish Wirral Essential Life Skills (Final Session)
Tuesday 13 th	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th	Reception to Year 6 RHE Parent Consultation & Information Meeting
Friday 16 th	PTA Reception to Year 6 School Disco School closes for Half Term Break at the usual time

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd
Monday 26th

Half Term Break
Children return to School

MARCH

Tuesday 5th

Year 5 & Year 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships

Wednesday 13th

Year 5 Bikability Course

Thursday 14th

Year 5 Bikability Course

Friday 15th

Year 5 Bikability Course

Thursday 28th

School Closes for Easter Holiday at the usual time

Friday 29th April to Monday

Easter Break

15th April

Tuesday 16th April

Children return to School

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

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