



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th February 2024

School closes for Half Term TODAY, Friday 16th February and reopens to children on Monday 26th February at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

148

109

145

146

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2508

2733

2789

2384

Merit Badges

Reception			JM	
Year 1	IW			
Year 2				BMc-J
Year 3			OS	
Year 4	EH			SMcW
Year 5	SG	SD'A		
Year 6			TB	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	HT
Year 1	HN
Year 2	AH
Year 3	FS
Year 4	CS
Year 5	CS
	AW
Year 6	GL
	HW

Headteachers Awards



Year 5	EM
	NS
	CS
	LS
	PSP
Year 6	AW
	FS
	MW

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	IW
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	RK
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	SG

Reading Star!



Reception	AS
Year 1	DK
Year 2	TC
Year 3	EMack
Year 4	SO
Year 5	CR
Year 6	OC

Golden Table

Rec	SW	Y1	OC	Y2	BMcJ
Y3	FPS	Y4	RP	Y5	CS
		Y6	HW		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Exciting News!



Mrs Callaway made a very special announcement today; Miss Robertson is getting married on Saturday and she will be known as Mrs Cody after the half term break. The children, staff and indeed our whole school community send Miss Robertson and her husband-to-be our very wishes and hope they have a wonderful day.

We look forward to seeing lots of photos of their special day when we return.

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. If you have not returned your reply slips, please could we ask that you return them to the school office by 26th February, at the latest, so that we can reserve places, before allocating to any external children.

For more information, please click on the link below:

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

School Finishes for the Half Term Break

Friday 16th February 2024



School closes for the half term break today at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

Half Term Break

Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February



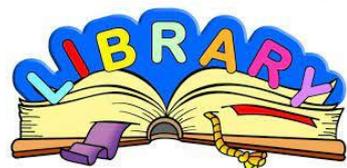
School will be closed the half term break from Monday 19th February until Friday 23rd February inclusive.

The children return to school on Monday 26th February at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Pre-School and Reception Visit to West Kirby Library

Monday 26th February 2024

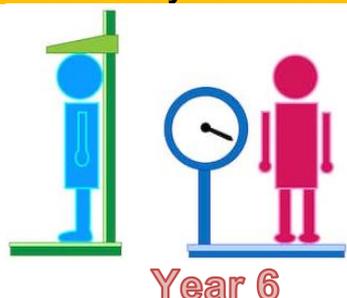


Pre-School and Reception classes are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on the morning of Monday 26th February 2024. This visit will involve an introduction to the Library with a tour, stories and craft activities. We will be walking along the Wirral Way through to the library and would ask that the children come to school with a raincoat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already at school).

If you **do not** wish for your child to visit the library, please let their teacher or the school office know by Friday 16th February, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

Year 6 Wirral NHS Heights & Weights

Wednesday 28th February 2024



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on Wednesday 28th February to undertake the heights and weights of the Year 6 children as part of the National Measurement Programme.

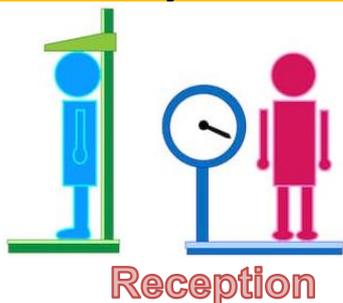
Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

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 Wednesday 28th February 2024



Staff from Wirral NHS will be attending school on Wednesday 28th February 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](#)

PTA Hop into Spring Saturday 23rd March 2024



Family Fun Day on Saturday 23rd March at the Activity for All Centre. Suitable for all ages. More details to follow after the half term break.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 26th February 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice and Spring Roll
Pudding	Flapjack

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Sessions Monday 4th Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th March 2024



Letters have been sent home this week inviting parents to a "Stay & Play" session during week commencing Monday 4th March. 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.

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

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 29th February**

Reception Stay & Play Sessions

Monday 4th Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th March 2024



RECEPTION

Letters have been sent home this week inviting parents to a “Stay & Play” session during week commencing Monday 4th March. Parents will have the opportunity to stay with their child and join in with learning activities. Miss Hardy 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 29th February**

Year 5 & Year 6 Inspire 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 discussions.

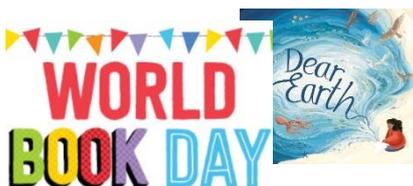
The workshop is part of the Inspire Project, set up by the Paul Lavelle Foundation Charity, delivering healthy relationships education workshops to Primary schools.

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 & 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships](#)

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, and this year instead of asking the children to wear a costume, we would ask that the children in Reception to Year 6 wear their House T-shirt and some old clothes such as joggers. Children in Nursery and Pre-School may wish to wear a coloured t-shirt and some old joggers etc.

The children will be taking part in some large-scale art project work using recycled items such as plastic bottles, cardboard, bottle tops, plastic bags and any other clean recyclable junk items. We would be most grateful for donations of clean recycling items for the children to use. As part of our theme we are also asking for donations of some old, clean clothing which will be donated to a local charity to help other children and our earth.

For further information, please click on the link below:

[World Book Day 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 Bike Right to offer the Year 5 children their Bike Right 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.

BikeRight 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.

[Bikability Information Letter](#)

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

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre Monday 18th March 2024



As part of the children's science and PSHCEE topic work on recycling, a visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre has been booked for Monday 18th March 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £7.50. The coach will set off from school at approximately 9.00am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will provide a packed lunch and we should arrive back in time for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including blazers, and please could we ask that children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in.

Please return the consent forms to the school office by no later than **Wednesday 13th March 2024.**

[Gillmoss Trip Letter](#)

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
Friday	Jo Jingles	Lunchtime	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

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.

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.

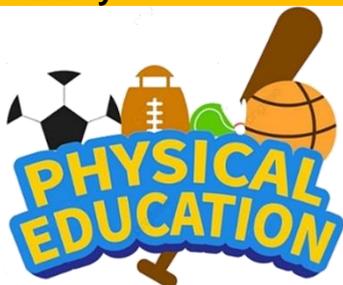
End of the Day Arrangements



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 19th to Friday 23rd
Monday 26th

Wednesday 28th

Half Term Break Children return to School

Pre-School and Reception Visit to West Kirby Library
NCMP Screening for Reception and Year 6

MARCH

Monday 4th

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session
Reception Stay & Play Session

Tuesday 5th

Year 5 & Year 6 Workshop on Healthy Relationships

Wednesday 6 th	Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session Reception Stay & Play Session Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session Reception Stay & Play Session
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course
Thursday 14 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course
Friday 15 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course
Monday 18 th	Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Gillmoss Recycling Centre
Saturday 23 rd	PTA Hop into Spring Family Fun Day
Thursday 28 th	School Closes for Easter Holiday at the usual time
Friday 29 th April to Monday 15 th April	Easter Break
Monday 15 th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to School

No need
to book
Just come along



£5
per child
Cash or Card
Payments
Accepted

Avalon School Parent & Toddler Group



Wednesdays
9.30am to 10.30am

Babies to 5 Years

Guest Session Leaders

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