



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

182

185

173

168

Total House Points for the Year To-Date

2753

2979

3067

2628

Merit Badges

Reception		VRF	
Year 1			HN
Year 2		CD	
Year 3		FPS	
Year 4	AC		
Year 5		AW	XF
Year 6		AG SS	

Achievement Certificates



Reception	AS
Year 1	BMcC
Year 2	IC
Year 3	EMK
Year 4	SS
Year 5	HL
Year 6	NS

Headteachers Awards



Year 5

EB

Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants

MW

Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)

AC

Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)

MW

Reading Star!



Reception

SW

Year 1

BMC

Year 2

CL

Year 3

NP

Year 4

WMCD

Year 5

ZB

Year 6

EW

Golden Table

Rec
Y3

LL
NP

Y1
Y4
Y6

IW
FL
ME

Y2
Y5

ES
HW

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

ISA Easter Egg Decorating Competition

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS TUESDAY 19TH MARCH



This week, children have received eggs to decorate in order to enter the Easter Egg decorating competition. The designs must be 3D and can be created in any way you like. We will be looking for the most fun and creative eggs!

The decorated eggs must be returned to the school office, with a £2 donation and in the labelled envelope provided by **Tuesday 19th March**. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 20th March and entered into a national, Independent Schools Association competition.

For more information, please click on the link below;

[ISA Easter Egg Decorating Competition Letter](#)

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies – Class of 2024

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY 28TH MARCH



As in previous years, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to order and purchase leavers hoodies. This years hoodie is storm grey in colour with the Avalon School logo embroidered on the front, a large “Leavers24” screen printed on the back and “Avalon” on the sleeve. The children will be able to wear their hoodies for special occasions in the summer term of this academic year, such as Challenge Week and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly.

The prices are £19.00 for a child size (Age 9-11 or Age 12-13) and £23.50 for adult sizes (X-Small, Small or Medium). All sizes include VAT.

Orders must be placed no later than **Thursday 28th March**.

For more information, please click on the link below;
[Year 6 Leavers Hoodies Information and Order Form Letter](#)

Reception to Year 6 Relationships and Health Education at Avalon



We would like to thank those parents who responded to the recent parent feedback survey about Avalon's Relationships and Health Education (RHE) policy, programme, and resources. We would also like to express our gratitude to those parents who were able to attend the consultation meeting in person.

Following the completed RHE consultation with parents and staff, we have now reviewed our policy and curriculum programme as well as resources, based on your input. I am pleased to say that we have a comprehensive RHE policy and curriculum programme in place that we believe reflects the values and needs of our community.

For more information and to view the calendar of key RHE concepts to be covered this half term, please click on the link below;
[Reception to Year 6 Relationships and Health Education at Avalon Letter](#)

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 as soon as possible, 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](#)

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.

Under 2's go free with a paying adult

For more information, please click on the link below;
[Hop into Spring Letter and Order Form](#)

Avalon PTA News – First Edition – March 2024



Welcome to the First Edition of the PTA termly Newsletter.

Please click on the link below for all the news;
[Avalon PTA Newsletter March 2024](#)

Nursery, Pre-School and Reception Stay & Play Sessions



Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend our Stay & Play sessions this week. We do hope that you enjoyed spending time with the children and gained a greater understanding of their learning, but most of all had FUN!



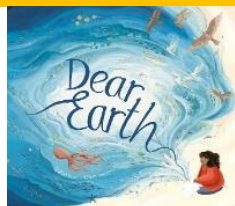
Running Club: Training Session at Upton Hall FJC



The children had an amazing session at Upton Hall FJC School which included running drills and relay practices. We would like to thank all the staff and students at Upton Hall School for hosting our training on Tuesday. Well done everybody and keep on running!!



World Book Day



Children and staff had a wonderful day yesterday creating large scale art projects based on the book "Dear Earth" by Isabel Otter. Using only recycled items, the children created inspirational art pieces which helped highlight how we need to look after our world and make a difference. The art pieces will be stationed around school for a short while to celebrate the children's work following their Inter House challenges!

A big thank you to all the children who brought in clothing to donate to the Leasowe Swap Shop. All the donations will make a difference to so many children.



Year 1 Class Assembly Monday 11th March 2024 at 9.05am



The children of Year 1 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 11th March starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. The theme of the assembly is "Our Mummies make a difference" 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.

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

Making cycling
viable, safer
and better



The Year 5 children who have booked a place on our Bikability 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 the 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.

Red Nose Day – School Uniform “Break the Rules” Day

Friday 15th March 2024

FUNDRAISING

FOR



BREAK THE RULES

Red Nose Day 2024 is just around the corner, and we've decided to join in the fun.

To raise money, the School Council have arranged a “Uniform Break the Rules Day”. Children should come to school in their usual school uniform but are allowed to ‘break some of the rules’ in what they choose to wear.

Should the children choose to break the uniform rules, we would ask for a suggested donation of 50p per rule broken and up to £2.00 to break all of the rules. Please note that we still require long hair to be tied up, no make-up and earrings to be removed. Donations should be brought into school in a named envelope and handed to form teachers / key workers.

We will be selling the new 2024 red noses from the school office at £2.00 each from Monday 11th March. Children wishing to purchase a red nose should bring their money in a named envelope to the school office.



For more information, and to see some ideas of the rules to break, please click on the link below;

[Red Nose Day School Uniform "Break the Rules" Day](#)

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 11th March 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli & Rice
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

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, and as part of our whole school theme of, 'Make a Difference,' a visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre has been booked for Monday 18th March 2024.

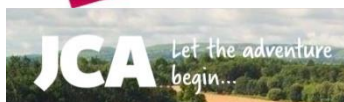
The cost of the trip will be £7.50. The coach will set off from school at approximately 9.00am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will provide a packed lunch and we should arrive back in time for normal pick up.

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](#)

Year 6 Parent/Child Condover Information Meeting Tuesday 19th March 2024



As part of the preparations for our upcoming trip to Condover Hall, we would like to invite parents/carers and the Year 6 children to a meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 3.50pm. Please note that the Year 6 children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at the meeting.

If any parent is unable to attend the meeting, all relevant information will be sent out via email.

We would be grateful if you could indicate on the reply slip whether or not you are able to attend the meeting.

For more information, please click on the link below;

[Year 6 Parent/Child Condover Information Meeting Letter](#)

British Sign Language Lesson Wednesday 20th March



During British Sign Language Week, the children will be taking part in a BSL lesson on Wednesday 20th March.

More details to follow

Parents' Evening In-Person Consultations Nursery to Year 6 – Week Commencing 25th March 2024



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.

We will again be using the School Cloud website for parents to set appointments with teachers/key workers and manage bookings online. School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

We do, however, recognise that not everyone may be able to access the online system to make appointments; in this instance, please contact the school office who will be able to make appointments for you.

Consultation meeting will be set to 10 minutes slots however if you have any concerns that require a lengthier conversation, we request that you contact the school office to arrange an appointment at a separate time.

If you are unable to attend the evening or to book an appointment, please email the school office to discuss.

The appointment booking system will open on Monday 26th February from 4pm and will close at 4pm on Monday 18th March. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter). Please note that Google Chrome is the most reliable browser to use to access the School Cloud booking system.

Parents should logon with the following information:

- To log in you will need to enter your own name, your email and your child's name and date of birth.
- Parents should log in separately for each child where there is more than one sibling.
- Parents will receive an email confirming all appointment bookings made (please check junk mail if not received).

Please note that only one appointment per child can be made, with the exception for separated parents who will be able to make individual appointments.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dates:

Class	Teacher / Key Worker	Dates & Times Appointments Available
Nursery	Jackie Duffy Mandy Elliott Helen Malloy Lucy Hunt	Monday 25 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm
Pre-School	Julie Bache Jo Rice Alison Prandle	Monday 25 th March from 4pm Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm
Reception	Miss Hardy	Monday 25 th March from 4pm
Year 1	Mrs Parkins	Monday 25 th March from 4pm
Year 2	Mrs Roberts	Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm
Year 3	Miss Harrington	Tuesday 26 th March from 4pm
Year 4	Mrs Cody (Miss Robertson)	Monday 25 th March from 3.30pm
Year 5	Mr Ashton & Mrs Kililiku	Monday 25 th March from 3.30pm
Year 6	Mrs Kililiku & Mr Ashton	Tuesday 26 th March from 3pm & Wednesday 27 th March from 4pm

**Reception Visit to Caldry Manor Care Home – Rescheduled Visit
Wednesday 27th March 2024**



We have rescheduled the Reception Class visit to Caldly Manor Care Home during the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March. The children will be taking part in lots of fun activities including crafts, stories and singing.

The children will either be travelling to Caldly 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.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. To enable your child to attend the trip to the Caldly Manor Care Home it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than **Friday 22nd March**.

For more information, and copy of the consent form, please click on the link below;

Invitation to view STEAM Gallery Thursday 28th March



Parents will be invited to view the STEAM Gallery of children's completed projects on Thursday 28th March from 3pm onwards in the Hall.

More details to follow

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
	First Aid Club (5 week course)	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.

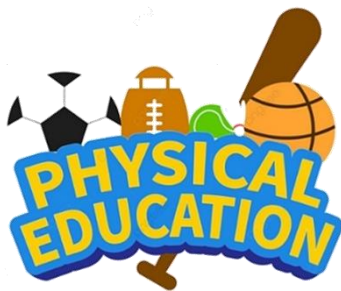
End of the Day Arrangements



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 designated 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 \(frimley-healthtiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthtiertogether.nhs.uk/Parent_and_Carer_Brochure_CO2.pdf)

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 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

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

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



MARCH

Monday 11 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course – Group 1
Thursday 14 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course – Group 2
Friday 15 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course – Group 3
Monday 18 th	Red Nose Day – School Uniform “Break the Rules” Day
Tuesday 19 th	Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Gillmoss Recycling Centre
Wednesday 20 th	Deadline for Easter Eggs to be returned
Friday 22 nd	Year 6 Parent/Child Condoover Information Meeting
Saturday 23 rd	British Sign Language Lesson
Monday 25 th	Year 5 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home
Tuesday 26 th	PTA Hop into Spring Family Fun Day
Wednesday 27 th	Parent’s Evening Meetings – Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5
Thursday 28 th	Parent’s Evening Meetings Nursery, Pre-School, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6
	Parent’s Evening Meetings Nursery, Pre-School and Year 6
	STEAM Gallery Viewing
	School Closes for Easter Holiday at the usual time

APRIL

Friday 29 th March to Monday 15 th April	Easter Break
Monday 15 th	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 16 th	Children Return to School at the usual time

Come and join in the fun!

Saturday 23rd March 2024

5pm to 8pm

Hop Into Spring!
Family Fun Evening



Climbing Walls



High Ropes



Football



Soft Play

and much, much more...

A activity
for all

Arrowe Brook Road
Upton
CH49 1AB



* **CHILD** (under 16's) £15.00 each
Includes all activities and food

* **ADULT** £5.00 each
Includes a strip of raffle tickets

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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