

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

School finishes for Easter break on Thursday 28th March at the usual time. School reopens for children on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

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St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
	House Points	3	
113	104	88	72
Total House Points for the Year To-Date			
3792	3878	3837	3474

	Merit Badges		
RC			
IW			
AH			
		NP	
		SO	
CS			

Achievement Certificates



Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Year 6

Reception AW Year 1 OC Year 2 CD Year 3 SA **WMCD** Year 4 AC Year 5 TD HW Year 6 ZD

Headteachers Awards



Year 5 LS

Mathletics Pupil of the Week



IW **Infants Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)** SW **Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)** AG

Reading Star!



Reception **VRF** OPD Year 1 Year 2 MW**NFT** Year 3 Year 4 SW Year 5 HL Year 6 LMJ

Golden Table						
Rec	OQ	Y1	HB	Y2	CD	
Rec Y3	SA	Y4	CP	Y5	CS	
		Y6	JM			

ISA Easter Egg Decorating Competition



Congratulations to our worthy winners whose wonderful Easter Eggs will be entered into the Independent Schools Association Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Well done to:



EYFS	Rose ParkerSmith
EYFS	Louisa Harding
EYFS	Avyaan Wodeyar
Yr1&Yr2	Bill MacCarthy
Yr1&Yr2	Dottie Kyriacou
Yr1&Yr2	Eva Sankar
Yr1&Yr2	Harry Pollock
Yr3&Yr4	Rufus Kyriacou
Yr5&Yr6	Heidi Llewellyn
Yr5&Yr6	Ella Morville



We will keep you updated as to our winners' progress in the ISA Easter Egg competition.

Sunday Cycling Club



Following on from our Year 5 Bike Right lessons which took place last week, the children in Year 2 have taken inspiration, riding their bikes in Ashton Park last Sunday, where they enjoyed the exercise and the fresh air. Well done Year 2!



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies – Class of 2024 DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY 28TH MARCH



The Year 6 children have the opportunity to purchase leavers hoodies. This year the 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.

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 28**th **March**.

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

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre



The children in our Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 classes had a wonderful time at Gillmoss Recycling Centre. The children learned all about recycling and its journey from our homes to its final destination.



Year 6 Parent/Child Condover Information Meeting



We would like to thank all Year 6 parents and carers who were able to attend the Condover Information Meeting on Tuesday. For those who were unable to attend, an information guide, including an Authorisation Form, has been sent home. Please could the Information and Authorisation Forms be returned to the school office by **Thursday 28**th **March.**

For more information, please click on the link below;

Parent Guide to Condover Letter
Information and Authorisation Form

Year 2 Litter Picking at the Beach



Well done Year 2 on your amazing efforts learning about and caring for our local beach as part of STEAM week.



Year 5 Visit to the Old Garden Care Home



The children in Year 5 visited the residents at The Old Garden Care Home this week to share in their Easter activities.



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 to 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

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



The booking system is now closed. Should you wish to make any changes, please contact the school office or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

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

Year 4 Nature Walk to Caldy Woods Monday 25th March 2024



As part of STEAM week, Year 4 are hoping to go for a nature walk to Caldy Woods (weather permitting) on Monday 25th March 2024 just after morning break. They will be exploring the local habitat and identifying the living things that live there. The enquiry question will be: What is the future of nature?

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let Mrs Cody or the school office know by **8.45am on Monday 25**th **March** so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with a raincoat (in a plastic bag).

Reception Visit to Ashton Park Monday 25th March 2024

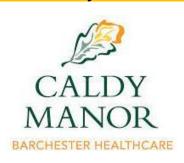


As part of STEAM week, the Reception children will going on a science walk to Ashton Park (weather permitting) on Monday 25th March 2024 at 9.30 am. They will be exploring the local environment to spot signs of spring for the topic of "Seasons and Time". The children will also be having their snack at the park and a play in the play area!

If you **do not** wish for your child to join the walk, please let Miss Hardy or the school office know by 8.45am on **Monday 25**th **March** so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the walk, could we ask that your child comes to school with a raincoat (in a plastic bag) and wellies due to the damp conditions we are experiencing at the moment.

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



We have rescheduled the Reception Class visit to Caldy 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 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.

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

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

Reception visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Letter

Invitation to view STEAM Gallery Thursday 28th March



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

We do hope you are able to view some of the work the children have completed over STEAM week.

School Finishes for the Easter Holiday Thursday 28th March 2024



School closes for the Easter Holiday at the usual time. After School Care will be available until 6pm should you require it.

Easter Holiday Friday 29th March to Tuesday 16th April 2024



School will be closed the Easter Holidays from Friday 28th March until Monday 15th April inclusive.

The children return to school on Tuesday 16th April at the normal time. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am as usual.

We do hope that you have a restful and relaxing Easter Holiday.

Summer Term School Fees



The summer term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers in due course. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the summer term, <u>Tuesday 16th April 2024</u> unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for April will be emailed to parents when we return to school in April.

Lunch



Lunch menu for the week commencing 25th March 2024



Click on the following link for our Lunch Menu

Favourite Meal of the Week		
Main Chicken Roast Dinner		
Pudding Lemon Drizzle Cake		

Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2024 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions commence Wednesday 17th April and every subsequent Wednesday as listed below. These sessions are for children who are moving up to our Reception class and they will have the opportunity to spend time together, as a class, with the Reception staff team, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 17 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 24 th April	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 1st May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 8 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 15 th May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 5 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 19th June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 26 ^h June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	1.30pm to 3pm

If your child does not normally attend our Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon, we would be delighted if you could bring them for the transition sessions above.

For more information, please click on the link below;

Pre-School Transition Sessions Letter

Reception Visit to West Kirby Library Monday 22nd April 2024



Reception children are hoping to visit West Kirby Library (weather permitting) on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 9.30am. The visit will involve activities and storytelling linked to the topic of "Space". The children will be walking along the Wirral Way through to the library.

If you **do not** wish for your child to visit the library, please let Miss Hardy or the school office know by **Thursday 18**th **April**, so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

If you are happy for your child to visit the library, could we ask that they come to school with a raincoat and a pair of wellies (if they are not already in school).

Class Photographs Thursday 2nd May 2024



Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 2nd May in the morning. Children should attend school in their smart summer uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child in the class photograph, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken.

Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at the Grosvenor Museum Friday 3rd May 2024



A visit to The Roman Soldier Tour at The Grosvenor Museum in Chester has been booked for Year 3 children for Friday 3rd May 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £21.00 which includes entry to the Museum Workshop and Roman Soldier Tour. Children will be travelling to the Museum in staff cars and will set off from school at approximately 9:00am. 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.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in.

To enable your child to attend the trip, please return the consent form to the school office no later than **Monday 29**th **April 2024**.

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

Year 3 to Roman Soldier Tour at the Grosvenor Museum Letter

Extra Curricular Clubs



There will be NO after school extra-curricular clubs taking place week commencing Monday 25th March due to Parents Evening inperson consultations. Breakfast Club and after school care will continue as usual up until Thursday 28th March.

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 Davs



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 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.

Parent and Carer Brochure CO2.pdf (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 <u>not to park on the zig-zag lines</u> 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 <u>extra careful and aware of pedestrians</u> 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 If you have any requests for uniform, please email 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 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



MARCH

Monday 25th Parent's Evening Meetings -

Nursery, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5

Reception Visit to Ashton Park Year 4 Nature Walk to Caldy Woods

Tuesday 26th Parent's Evening Meetings

Nursery, Pre-School, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

Wednesday 27th Parent's Evening Meetings

Nursery, Pre-School and Year 6

Reception Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Thursday 28th STEAM Gallery Viewing

School Closes for Easter Holiday at the usual time

APRIL

Friday 29th March to

Monday 15th April

Monday 15th Staff Training Day

Tuesday 16th Children Return to School at the usual time Start of Pre-School to Reception transition days Wednesday 17th

Monday 22nd Reception Visit to West Kirby Library

Easter Break

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Thursday 2nd Class Photographs

Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at Grosvenor Museum Friday 3rd



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