



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

#### House Points

**123**

**218**

**166**

**88**

#### Total House Points for the Year To-Date

**4120**

**4260**

**4294**

**3792**

#### Merit Badges

Reception				OQ
Year 1				OC
Year 2			MW	
Year 3		FS		
Year 4				CP
Year 5	SW			
Year 6		OS	TB	

#### Achievement Certificates



Reception	HT
Year 1	DK
Year 2	TC
Year 3	FC
Year 4	FL
Year 5	EB
Year 6	ME

## Headteachers Awards



Year 1	IW BMAC
Year 3	OS
Year 4	SMCW AC
Year 6	OC

## Mathletics Pupil of the Week

Mathletics

Infants	MW
Lower Juniors (Y3-Y4)	WMAC
Upper Juniors (Y5-Y6)	HW

## Reading Star!



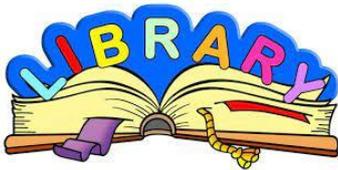
Reception	SW
Year 1	OPD
Year 2	BMCJ
Year 3	SA
Year 4	SO
Year 5	ZB
Year 6	AG

## Golden Table

Rec	LL	Y1	OPD	Y2	HP
Y3	EMAC	Y4	CS	Y5	CR
		Y6	SS		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Reception Visit to West Kirby Library



The Reception children had another action packed trip to the Library on Monday. After walking along the Wirral Way, they enjoyed a story time session all about 'Space' before singing some space themed songs and finishing off the morning with some 'Space' themed crafts.



## Year 3 "Share & Showcase" Event



What a wonderful "Share and Showcase" event held by Year 3 today.

Thanks to all those parents and carers who were able to attend this event.



## Reception Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Reception will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings on the dates noted below:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April AM  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May AM  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May AM  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May PM

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

**For more information, please click on the link below:**

[Reception Beach School Sessions](#)

## Year 1 Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 1 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings on the dates noted below:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April AM  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May AM  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May AM  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May AM

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

**For more information, please click on the link below:**

[Year 1 Beach School Sessions](#)

## Year 2 Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 2 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings on the dates noted below:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April AM  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May AM

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May AM

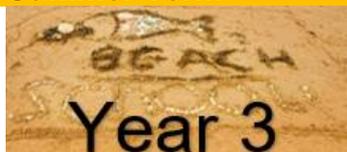
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May AM

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

**For more information, please click on the link below:**

[Year 2 Beach School Sessions](#)

## Year 2 Beach School Summer Term



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 3 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, in the mornings on the dates noted below:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May AM

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May AM

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May AM

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May AM

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there.

**For more information, please click on the link below:**

[Year 3 Beach School Sessions](#)

## Pre-School Transition of Reception September 2024 Arrangements



The Pre-School transition to Reception sessions commenced on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

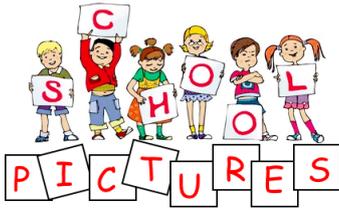
Date	Time
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>h</sup> June	1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](#)

## Class Photographs Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024



Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



A visit to The Roman Soldier Tour at The Grosvenor Museum in Chester has been booked for Year 3 children for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chilli and Rice
Pudding	Devonshire Scones & Cream

## May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday.

## Year 4 Visit to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024



As part of the Year 4 Science topic The Digestive System, an educational visit to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre has been booked on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The cost of the trip will be £20.50 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the Science & Discovery Centre, and all activities. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 10.00am. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten in the centre. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including blazers but not their hats. Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Eureka Science and Discovery we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £20.50 no later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**.

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

[Year 4 Eureka Science & Discovery Letter](#)

## Year 3 Class Assembly Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024



The children of Year 3 would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. They are very much looking forward to talking about their latest topic, the Romans. 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.

## Junior Performance of The Lion King



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of "The Lion King" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you all that they have learned.

The performances will be as follows:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Evening Performance at 6.00pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Evening Performance at 6.00pm

Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the performance, enabling people to take their seats.

**More details to follow on Monday.**

## **Year 4 & Year 5 Adventure Day to Petty Pool Outdoor Education Centre Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



We have booked places for the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** to visit Petty Pool Outdoor Education centre.

The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the Petty Pool instructors. The cost of the trip is £45.00, this covers the cost of all travel, insurances and all the activities. The children will need to wear their school PE kit and should bring with them a small backpack to carry their lunch in. School will provide lunches and snacks for the children.

We will be leaving Avalon at 9am and our activities finish at 4pm at Petty Pool. The longer day will enable us to fit more activities into our programme. It is anticipated that we will be back at school for 5pm (traffic permitting). Children should be collected from school at 5pm.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Petty Pool we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £45.00 no later than **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

[Year 4 & Year 5 Petty Pool Letter](#)

## **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Ness Botanic Gardens Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



**Ness Botanic Gardens**

As part of the class topic about Spring and Growth, an educational visit to Ness Botanic Gardens has been booked for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We hope the visit to the gardens will enhance the children's learning about caring for our planet and local environment whilst extending their knowledge and understanding of the world.

The cost of the trip will be £13.00 which will include the cost of the coach, entry to the gardens and workshop. The coach will set off from school at approximately 9.15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch including a drink, which will be eaten at the gardens. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Children are required to wear their school PE kit (school long track pants rather than shorts or skorts). Please could we ask that all children bring with them a small rucksack to carry their lunch in. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

To enable your child to attend the trip to Ness Gardens, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the consent form and make the necessary arrangements to pay the £13.00 no later than **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

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

[Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Ness Gardens 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.

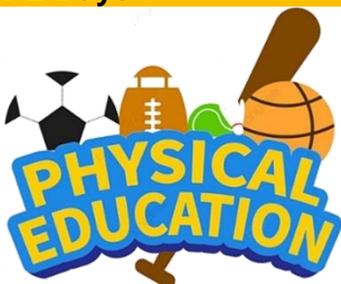
## End of the Day Arrangements



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/Parent%20and%20Carer%20Brochure%20CO2.pdf)

## 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 Tennis	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)

**Please note that there will be NO running club session on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Acro Dance	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	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	Rounders	3.40pm to 4.40pm	Y3 – Y6
	Sign Language	Lunchtime	Y3 – Y6
	Green 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.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). New wet play bags are charged at £5.00 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 [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Term Dates 2024-2025



### 2023-2024

Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>
Ends	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Normal Finish Time

### 2024-2025

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Half-Term	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>
Ends	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 12 noon finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half-Term	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>
Ends	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Normal finish time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Bank Holiday	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
May Day	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Ends	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Normal finish time



## APRIL

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Reception Beach School Session  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session

## MAY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-School to Reception Transition Day  
 Year 3 Beach School Session  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Photographs  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 Visit to the Roman Soldier Tour at Grosvenor Museum  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential to Conover Hall  
 Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential to Conover Hall  
 Pre-School to Reception Transition Day  
 Year 3 Beach School Session  
 Year 4 Visit to Eureka Science and Discovery Centre  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential to Conover Hall  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Return from Conover Hall  
 Reception Beach School Session  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Class Assembly  
 Reception Beach School Session  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Pre-School to Reception Transition Day  
 Year 3 Beach School Session  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Assembly  
 Junior Production of "The Lion King" Matinee Performance 2.00pm  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 1 & Year 2 Beach School Session  
 Junior Production of "The Lion King" Matinee Performance 2.00pm  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Pre-School to Reception Transition Day  
 Year 3 Beach School Session  
 Junior Production of "The Lion King" Evening Performance 6.00pm  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Reception Beach School Session  
 Junior Production of "The Lion King" Evening Performance 6.00pm  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 & Year 5 Adventure Day visit to Petty Pool Outdoor  
 Education Centre  
 School closes for Half Term Break  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday  
 1<sup>st</sup> June Half Term Break  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Children return to School

## JUNE

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Ness Botanic Gardens

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

Avalon School, Caldy Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 2HE  
T: 0151 625 6993 / E: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)  
[www.avalon-school.co.uk](http://www.avalon-school.co.uk)