



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 11 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week wearing odd socks and being treated to a very special assembly.

The school parliament helped us all learn about anti bullying week. Although it can be quite scary talking in front of 500 people everyone of them showed bravery and confidence. The children watching the assembly were enthralled by what they were seeing and hearing. Our Year 1 and 2 singing club closed the assembly with a beautiful song. This was their first ever performance in front of an audience. It was amazing. Thank you and well done to all of our children (and adults).

On Tuesday staff had our 3rd session of trauma training after school. We know how much everyone has gone through over the past 3 years and we want to ensure we can best support everyone in our AVA community.

Yesterday we held our last open morning of the year. It was lovely to welcome so many new families to the school. We always enjoy showing people around and everything that we are learning and creating. As always, our children were keen to chat and show off their work. Well done everyone.

Parking out the front of the school and in the surrounding roads continues to be inconsiderate. The traffic wardens will patrol the area when they can.

### **Preloved uniform**

We will have a selection of preloved school uniform available for sale at our book sale tomorrow. These items will be available to buy (cash only) on the day at extremely low prices.



### **School Photos**

The photography company are still processing the proofs, as soon as these arrive they will go out to Parents in book bags, at which point we will issue an ordering deadline.

### **Christmas Closure**

We close our doors for Christmas this year on 18<sup>th</sup> December for Pre School and from 12 noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for Years R-6.

The timings are as follows:

Reception - 12.00noon

Year 1&2 - 12.10pm

Year 3-6 -12.20pm

We want to share with you the dates for a very busy Christmas period!

We know planning can be tricky so hopefully these will help. They are as accurate as possible (at the time of writing this update!).

We will continue to update you all as we can. Letters to follow for some events.



# Christmas Dates

4th December – Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)	12th December- Year 1 / 2 Nativity 9:30am (Parents/family)
6th December – Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)	12th December - Reception Production 2pm (Parents/family)
7th December- Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)	13th December – Reception Production 9:30 (Parents/family)
7th December- Christingle 9am (Year 3 parents)	13th December - Year 1 / 2 Nativity 2pm (Parents/family)
7th December- Christingle 10am (Year 4 parents)	13th December- Carol Concert - Year 5/6 in the Secondary hall 6pm (Parents/family)
7th December- Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)	14th December – Year 1 / 2 Nativity 9:30am (Parents/family)
9th December- Choir - Singing at Fairford Leys 'Christmas in the Square' from 3.45pm	14th December- Christmas lunch day (must be pre booked)
11th December – Year 1 / 2 dress rehearsal to the Primary School	15th December - Preschool sing-along AM 10.30 -11.00 PM 2.00-2.30pm
11th December - Reception dress rehearsal to the Primary School	18th December - Preschool Christmas Party – attends normal session and wear party clothes
	19th December - Preschool Parent Consultations

  
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## Medical Update

Our primary aim at AVA is to improve the life chances of children through education.

In order to ensure safety, we have a small team of first aid trained staff who are on hand to deal with issues as they arise throughout the day, alongside treating and supporting students with known medical conditions.

Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms that warrant a 111 call. Parents who feel this service is required should do so with the child in their care.

We have seen an increase in returned 111 calls redirected to the school. These calls will no longer be accepted as they could compromise the well-being of the wider school community.

## Applications for primary school places

The portal for Reception applications for Sept 2024 is now open. All our Reception places are managed by Buckinghamshire Council and you will need to apply directly to them via their portal please find the link below. Please note that our Preschool children **do not** automatically get a place in Reception, we are not a feeder Preschool.

**Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/submit-your-school-preferences/>

**Primary School**  
*applications*



## Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

When: 9:30am-12:30pm  
Where: Primary Main Hall

Last year, your support with our book fairs meant we raised enough money to re-stock all our classrooms with new dictionaries and thesauruses. This was such an achievement and has provided a new and updated vital learning resource for our children.

We hope you are able to attend our first book fair of the academic year. We are now raising money to re-stock our Library with more diverse, engaging and modern texts. This year, to make it easier, we will be using a card reader.

**We are not able to accept cash.**  
We hope to see many of you there!

### Children in Need



We have had lots of rainbows and silly hats in school today, it has been lovely to see all the different colours and support for such a wonderful charity even through to our catering staff who have supported us with Pudsey biscuits.

Thank you so much for all the donations so far.

If you are yet to donate and able to do so please follow the link below to our just giving page, the money goes straight to the Children in Need charity to support all the wonderful work that they do.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1699609351056?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fava-primary-phase-1699609351056&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1699609351056?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fava-primary-phase-1699609351056&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)





## Diabetes Awareness

Tuesday was World Diabetes Awareness Day and this week many of us in school are wearing a blue ribbon to show our solidarity with those who have to cope with managing diabetes every day. We have some poems from our children with diabetes to share with everyone

### My life with Type 1 diabetes

Type 1 diabetes is when your Pancreas shuts down and no longer can produce insulin. This is thought to be caused by an autoimmune reaction (the body attacks itself by mistake). This reaction destroys the cells in the Pancreas that makes insulin, called beta cells. This process can go on for months or years before any symptoms appear. It can happen to anyone at any age.

Type 1 is totally different to Type 2 which is lifestyle related.

I have had this since I was 1 and a half years old but it does not stop me from doing the things I love. When my sugar levels go low I feel funny, hungry and crazy and I talk a lot but when they go high I feel thirsty and energetic. Before I eat I have a jab, that's when I put a tiny needle into my body and it squirts out insulin. I have a fast acting pen which I use when I eat or go high, and I have a slow acting pen which I use once a day.

If you don't understand it properly, I think of it as your brain tells all your organs to do it's job but your Pancreas has headphones on so it can't hear the brain so it doesn't produce the insulin.

Thank you for reading

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**E**VERY TIME WE EAT, WE NEED INSULIN

**T**RY TO KEEP OUR LEVELS STABLE

**E**ATING JELLY BABIES AND DRINKING APPLETISER

**S**OMETIMES IT CAN BE TOUGH BUT WE CAN STILL ACHIEVE OUR DREAMS



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If you have any initial concerns regarding your child, please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>

## Reflection



Diabetes is a condition that can be invisible to others but that is quietly and resiliently experienced by many young people. We know from speaking to children and young people with the condition that it can cause, pain and anxiety as well as the physical dangers that can occur. Despite this, people with diabetes are the same as everyone else and want to live happy and fulfilled lives. As we end the week, we ask our community to think of those in our school community who live with this life long condition and remember them in your prayers...

Loving God,  
You are with us and although you are not seen,  
we know you are by our side.  
You love us more than we can know.  
We pray for those who live each day with diabetes,  
that they might feel your strength, comfort and love at all times  
Amen


Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**



For all of our latest news, to keep up to speed with events, for sharing 'wow' moments, and to stay 'in the loop,' follow us on social media. We have 3 platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>

 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>

 Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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