



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

## PARENT BULLETIN 14

### 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week with a Primary Assembly led by Revd. Lane and Gemma Moncada. We learned all about Advent, waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. As always we are so lucky and grateful to have the support of our local church and to see Gareth and Gemma in school on a weekly basis. Thank you to them both.

This week has seen our choir out of school more than they have been in school! A huge thank you to all of the centres, groups and charities that have welcomed us. We have loved performing and shining our light at Christmas. We have another performance tomorrow from 4pm at the Christmas fair in Fairford Leys. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to Ms Russell, Ms Sinclair, Mrs Doherty, Mrs Perrin and all of the staff behind the scenes for your help with these events.

Today our Year 6's have celebrated their topic of 'The Vikings' in style. The day has been spent taking part in lots of activities whilst dressed in their finest Viking attire. At the same time our Year 4 children were acting out a Roman battle with their amazing Roman shields. It has been a very 'historic' day at AVA today!!

Yesterday we held our two Christingle services in school. These were beautiful with the children making us proud. Thank you to Reverend Lane for joining us. These events are so important to us and help us make and share special memories.

With the school pupil numbers being so high we need to be fair to all families and for every event we allocate 2 spaces per child. This is something that has been directed by our health and safety advisers. We have a strict risk assessment and cannot go over numbers. I know that this may cause upset but we need to be fair to all. Our hall has a limited capacity (which includes the children performing) due to floor space and fire exits. This is not flexible- it is fixed and the law.

Therefore, we cannot allow more people to attend- including children. We have deliberately added extra performances to accommodate all families and therefore ensure no one misses out. Please do not put our staff in an awkward position by trying to bend the rules. None of us like to disappoint people but safety for all of our children and community must come first.

We are looking forward to lots more performances next week as we move into the Nativity season! Bring tissues!



WELCOME BACK!

This week we welcomed Mrs Wehrle back from maternity leave. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicholls who has been covering her in Leopard class.

Thank you to all our amazing parents. Your kind contributions helped us make the Christmas cakes and I wish you could have seen the laughter and the concentration as they mixed and weighed and then made their secret Christmas wish! We hope this added to this magical time for every one of our Year 2 children.



Year 2 Christmas Cakes

### Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day to date we have raised £158. The link is below if you are still able to donate.

[AVA Primary - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

### 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



Lunch is early on the 19<sup>th</sup> December please ensure that if your child has a packed lunch they bring it with them when they arrive in the morning.

***Return to school for all children on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.***

### 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/>

### SEN

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

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

One of our lovely parents has offered to help us fund raise for events at the school. The flyer attached has all of the details needed or order some lovely gifts.



### Reflection

This week we wish our Jewish community here at AVA a 'Very Happy Hanukkah'.



The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," as the celebration commemorates the Jewish people's rededication to the Temple. Let us join with our Jewish community in "rededicating" ourselves to finding our own light within, and working to create a world where all people can live free to share their light.

We wish our Jewish friends Chag sameach! Let the light shine every day of your life.

### The Second Week of Advent Represents: PEACE and PREPARATION

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

*"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7*

**Advent Wreath Prayer:**

Candle Name: The Bethlehem Candle

*As we light the candles on the Advent wreath, may we feel the light of God's presence as we pray...*

*Jesus, you entered our world at Christmas to bring peace. This Advent, may we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.  
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=>

Any questions, please contact [avaprimary@theacademy.me](mailto:avaprimary@theacademy.me) FAO: Mrs Clark

**Sunday 17th December 3-5pm Berryfields Green**

# Berryfields Carols

*With AVA Band, Greenridge & AVA Primary Choirs*



**Candy Store ★ Nativity Activities**

**Decoration Making ★ Christmas Games & Crafts**

**Mince Pies & Mulled Wine ★ Free Glow Sticks**

*All activities are free just pay for refreshments*



*living life to the full*

**CHURCH ON BERRYFIELDS**

[www.churchonberryfields.org/christmas](http://www.churchonberryfields.org/christmas)

