

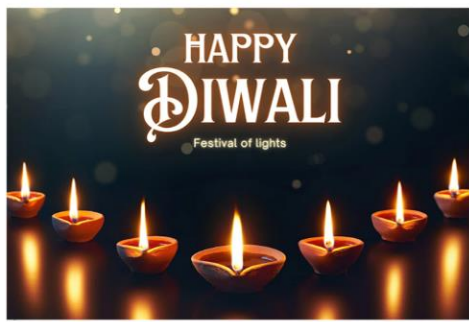


# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 10 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



As we approach the weekend, we wish our Hindu community a very Happy Diwali. Hindus celebrate Diwali as a symbol of light and hope, signifying triumph over evil.

'May this Diwali serve as a symbol of hope and resilience and may the glow of the lamps illuminate our lives and bless us with peace and happiness.'

Thank you to all of the parents who braved the cold and wet last night to join us for the Phonics and Reading workshop. Thank you also to the staff for running this.

Swimming is going well for our Falcons. Eagles will start their classes after Christmas.

Please remember that all clothing and belongings should be named. We are seeing an increasing amount of lost property- including coats. If items are named we are able to get them back to their owners.



Today we marked Remembrance with a parade in Secondary, minutes silence and special guest speaker.

We had 22 children bring in their Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout, Guide and Badgers uniforms to join us in secondary for a special Remembrance Day service. The children looked



really smart in their uniforms and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

They joined our School Parliament representatives for a special wreath laying ceremony at the soldier statue outside of the secondary school, and then had a visit from a really special guest called Murray, who is the Lead Volunteer for Scouting in Aylesbury. He showed the children some special World War One medals and even showed them a diary that his great grandfather kept during his time in the war. It was a really special way to mark such an important occasion. Thank you to everyone who took part.

### **Preloved uniform**

We will have a selection of preloved school uniform available for sale at our book sale on 18th November. These items will be available to buy (cash only) on the day at extremely low prices.

## Children in Need

Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need and we are suggesting the children and staff pay £1 to wear Rainbow/Bright coloured clothing to school. We are also running a crazy hat competition in school. Please use the following link to pay £1

[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)

## School Photos

The children had their school individual photographs done today alongside their siblings if requested. The children were given a code that you will be able to scan in and see the individual photos this is hardcopy the office do not hold a copy of the code. The sibling and individual proofs will also be coming out on hardcopy proofs if the code gets lost. All sibling photos will need to be ordered via proofs you will not get a code for these.

Please allow time for the proofs to come through at which point we will issue an ordering deadline.

## 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/>



## World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is the 14<sup>th</sup> November we will be talking and raising awareness in school during our assembly programme.

## Anti-Bullying Week – WC 13/11/2023

Anti-Bullying Week takes place between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is **MAKE A NOISE!** about bullying.

It is important to remember that there is a difference between children being unkind and children bullying. Bullying is categorised as the following:

- Repetitive
- Intentional
- Hurtful
- Imbalance of power



Throughout the week, our whole school assembly and PSHE lessons will explore bullying – what it is, how we can **MAKE A NOISE** about it when it happens, and the difference between banter and bullying.

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day!

To celebrate the fact that we are all unique, we ask that children and grown-ups wear odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The day sends an important message to our pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying, and it helps us to launch our Anti-Bullying Week activities in a fun and positive way.



### Anti-Bullying Week Competitions – Deadline - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November:

We are running TWO competitions as part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities – there will be prizes available for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category:

**Competition 1: Make a Noise! Poster** –We would like you to design a poster showing how the AVA can MAKE A NOISE about bullying.

**Competition 2: Make a Noise! Poem** – We would like to invite you to write a poem about how the AVA can MAKE A NOISE about bullying.

Consider the following in your poster or poem:

- Knowing the difference between being unkind and bullying
- Speaking to your trusted adult if you are experiencing bullying
- Speak up and stand up if you see bullying happening
- Support the person experiencing bullying

### 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!

### Dates

18th November 2023 – Scholastic Book Fair 9.30-12.30

23rd March 2024 – Scholastic Book Fair 9.30-12.30

22nd June 2024 – Scholastic Book Fair 9.30-12.30

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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

The first Remembrance ceremony in the UK was held in London in 1920 and this week at AVA we have held our own acts of Remembrance in both the Primary and Secondary phases

'Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal. Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.'

*Royal British Legion 2023*

In our acts of Remembrance...

- We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces from many nations.
- We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services.
- We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict.

As we end the week, with conflict still raging in parts of the world we invite our whole community to join with us in a prayer of Remembrance, but also for peace for the future...

## A Prayer for World Peace

God,

As we remember the sacrifices of those who came before us we pray for help to know our shared humanity, to see a brother or sister in every face.

To seek first to understand and for peace and reconciliation to reign.

May we weave new threads of grace and cause seeds of hope to live.

Help us to play our own small part, with acts of kindness and of care.

May we seek out what is just and fair and create new bonds of trust with neighbours near and far.

We ask all this that we might play a part in creating a world where peace comes to Earth

Amen

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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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