



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 26

14 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are only a couple of weeks away from the Easter holidays, this term has flown by. As always, the summer term is jam packed full of activities and assessments, so a lovely restful Spring break will be needed for all, hopefully the sun will be shining.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting last night....watch this space for exciting events happening soon.

For those needing to plan childcare the end of term is Friday 4 April and the start of the summer term is Tuesday 22 April.

We will be releasing the Summer Clubs towards the end of term, please keep an eye out for these when they are released as they do go quickly. Please also ensure that your child wants to do the club before paying for it. All clubs can be booked through a payment request on the School Gateway app and not via the Clubs section.

Hot meals will be going live in the Easter holidays.

We are so excited to have Mrs O'Neill back in school from the 24th March. She has been really missed whilst away on maternity and we can't wait to have her back in school!

Please can we remind all parents to please send back any football kit from matches. We have a number of missing shirts/ socks/ shin pads and shorts and cannot book any more fixtures until these are returned.

Please can we remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the premises.

The Government plans to phase out **Transitional Protection** for Free School Meals from **1st April 2025**. However, children who become eligible before **31 March 2025** will have their eligibility protected until the end of their current educational phase. To ensure your child does not miss out, we strongly encourage you to **apply for Free School Meals before 31 March** if you haven't already.

Please submit your application as soon as possible via the link below:

[\[Free School Meals Application Form\]](#)



Upcoming Author Visit – Yrs 5 & 6

We are delighted to be welcoming back Rhian Tracey on Thursday 27th March 2025 to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about the third book in her series, 'The Bletchley Park Mysteries'. Rhian previously came in last year to launch the Year 6 WW2 unit which starts after Easter, and we are fortunate again that she can come in to launch this year's WW2 unit as well. For Year 5, it provides a taster of what's to come in Year 6!

Rhian Tracey will be talking to the children about her thrilling mystery adventure Wink, Murder: A Bletchley Park Mystery. She will share her historical research, writing process and interesting facts about the lesser-known histories of World War II.

Books need to be purchased by the end of Wednesday 26th March.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/wink-murder-a-bletchley-park-mystery>

Year 5 and 6 Sports Festivals

Please see below the information, dates, and times for the upcoming Year 5 and 6 Sports Festivals. Students will be representing The Aylesbury Vale Academy in a Hockey and Football sports festivals.

On the day students will be participating in a hockey/football festival, children will be participating with a local school in multiple hockey/football games. This sports festival includes all the year group. Students will need their PE kit.

As this festival is taking place during the school day, unfortunately parents won't be able to attend. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr O'Leary.

Year 6 Sports Festival – Wednesday 19th March 2025 - Hockey

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary Astro turf

Time - 9:30 – 11:00.

Year 6 Sports Festival – Wednesday 26th March - Football

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary 3G

Time - 9:30 – 11:00.

Year 5 Sports Festival – Thursday 27th March – Football

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary 3G

Time - 1:30 – 3:00.

Year 5 Sports Festival – Thursday 3rd April - Hockey

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary Astro turf

Time - 1:30 – 3:00

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 21 March

Comic Relief is fast approaching (Friday 21st March), and the School Parliament have recently met to think of how AVA Primary will celebrate this important charitable event.

First, all the children and staff in the school will be invited to wear as many different colours as possible, so for example you might wear odd socks, different coloured trainers, a blue top, bright red trousers and a bright orange hat!



The KS1 children will also participate in a clown colouring competition, whilst the KS2 pupils will attempt to design their very own clown. The children will follow this up with a written piece of work to describe their clown or tell a story in which they appear.

Furthermore, volunteers in each class will be invited to act as a clown, perhaps by telling jokes, juggling or doing silly walks.

Last but not least, there will be prizes throughout the day.

All we ask, is for a small donation to the AVA Just Giving page for Comic Relief, this goes directly to the charity - [Just Giving Page - Red Nose Day 2025](#)

Reflection

This week at AVA and across the UK people have joined together to celebrate British Science Week. British Science Week is a ten-day celebration with thousands of events running throughout the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths.

As we end the week we invite our AVA community to join with us in a prayer for British Science Week...

British
Science
Week



Loving God,

We ask for your blessing on this year's British Science Week.

We thank you that science is open to all.

May the week spark wonder in the hearts and minds of those participating.

Help us to use the adventure of science to bring people together.

In the spirit of scientific investigation, help us all to be open to new ideas, building friendships and creating better communities.

Amen

Adapted from a prayer by Christians in Science

Have lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Baughan

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

Primary SEND concerns

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

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Free School Meals

Please find the link below: <https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.