



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 39

4 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today was American Day in school it being the 4 July. The lunch hall was extra busy with Burger and Fries on the menu, always very popular!

We have had a super busy week and despite the muggy heat the children have coped extremely well.

Our Year 6's went off to their new schools for transition for 1 or 2 days and the rest of the school had a lovely transition morning, seeing their new classrooms and meeting their new teacher in preparation for September.

We had open classrooms this week it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to support their children and look at where they will be in September. This positive experience really helps with the transition to the next year.

A huge Welcome Back to Mrs Khan! You have been sorely missed during your maternity leave and we are so pleased that you are back with us.



We had our Reception new parents meeting this week where we get to meet all the new parents, talk through what is to come and welcome them to our lovely school community.

Musical Rehearsals are continuing all week in preparation for the We Will Rock You performances. The children have been so excited to work with the secondary children again this year and I am sure that they will do us proud. If your child is performing and you haven't completed the form for collection, please do so ASAP.

There will be no school run clubs from now until the end of term. All of our enrichment clubs are now closed and we begin to work on the ones for the Autumn term in September. More information regarding these will be sent out when we start the next academic year.

We hope the children have enjoyed the range of clubs available this year and are looking forward to trying new activities next year. Thank you to all the staff who volunteer to run our clubs, you are amazing.

Thank you to those parents who came to the meeting for our upcoming Year 6 residential. It is so important to share information so that you can support your children with what will be happening.

We know it may be the first time some of the children have been away from home, so positive reinforcement makes a huge difference. The medical and allergies form is still open if you haven't completed this, please do so along with any outstanding payments.

Show Racism the Red Card Workshops



This week, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Paul into school from the educational charity *Show Racism the Red Card*. These workshops were incredibly informative and poignant, and the children felt comfortable talking openly about their understanding of racism and what is and is not appropriate language to use.

Paul was very complimentary about the children, commenting on the quality of questions they asked and how they approached the workshops with maturity.

Upcoming Author Visit - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

We are delighted to be welcoming Olaf Falafel into school on Friday 11th July 2025 to talk to our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children about his life as an award-winning author, illustrator and comedian. This will be a real end of term treat for the children!

The 'Funniest Joke of the Edinburgh Fringe'-winning comedian will make your children laugh a lot and learn just a little bit as he shows us how much the mediums of jokes, wordplay and poetry can uncover about the world around us.

If you want to purchase his book, '*A Poo on a Pogo Stick*', please do so using the link below as it allows us to continue to support the fantastic *Our Bookshop* – the bookshop in Tring that organises these brilliant Authors-to-Schools visits!



Books need to be purchased by the end of Thursday 10th July 2025.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/a-poo-on-a-pogo-stick-the-funniest-joke-book-ever/>

End of Term

The end of term is fast approaching so we thought we would share the end of term timings with you all. If you bring in a lunch for your child, please see below the amended lunch times.

Lunch times:

Reception - 11.00am

Year 1 & 2 - 11.20am

Year 3 & 4 - 11.40am (packed lunches in classroom due to numbers)

Year 5 & 6 - 11.55am

Exit times:

Reception - 12.00pm

Year 1 & 2 & 5 - 12.10pm

Year 3 & 4 - 12.20pm

Year 6 - 12.25pm (Guard of Honour)

Wrap around care

As of September, we will no longer be able to add children onto our wrap around provision on the day, the cut off remains 11pm the night before. We have taken in feedback from our parents who use the provision and feel that this is the fairest and most transparent approach for all. The office staff will sadly refuse to add children on, please respect this decision and make alternative arrangements.

Dates to remember (these are subject to change)

7 or 8 July – Year 6 performance (6pm)

10 July – Reception Vision Screening

10 July – We Will Rock You

11 July – We Will Rock You
11 July – PTA Non-Uniform Day
14 July – Year 5 Hazard Alley
15 July – Year 5 ART Day
16 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9am for Parents)
16 July – Year 6 Prom (6.00-8.00pm)
18 July – Break up for Summer ½ day

AVA PTA

The PTA are hosting a non-uniform Day on Friday 11th July.

We are asking the children to kindly make a donation for the AVA'bury PTA Tombola.

- Preschool/ Reception/ KS1 please bring a clean, soft toy/ teddy.
- KS2 Please bring a bottle, eg Juice/alcohol/bubble bath, unopened and in date!

Items can be bought into school on **Friday 11th July**.

We would really love to share with you our easyfundraising platform. This allows you as shoppers to support us while doing your regular online shopping, without any extra cost to you!!

When you shop via the easyfundraising website, a portion of your purchase is donated to the AVA PTA by the retailer. Please sign up using the following link to help raise money for your school 😊 it's so easy!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/aylesbury-vale-academy-pta/j3tk26/at/EDA0jpqh/DM1329426/facebook/>

Reflection



This week on 4th July, Americans around the world will celebrate Independence Day.

This day celebrates the 'American Declaration of Independence' on July 4, 1776, which declared the American colonies' separation from British rule and came after years of conflict.

This week as America celebrates this anniversary of independence, we ask our community to reflect on freedom in a world that continues to experience conflict and war.

Whilst as individuals we may feel powerless to change the outcome of world events, we can remember to say thank you for the freedoms we enjoy. We can also make a difference by remembering our value of RESPECT which as a Church of England School, is rooted in the Bible.

A prayer...

Dear God,

Help us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted.

Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have and help us to never take these blessings for granted.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you.

Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today by showing RESPECT.

Amen

Have a 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-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

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.