



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 36

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge congratulations to Year 1 and Year 4 children who completed their phonics and MTC assessments this week and absolutely smashed it, well done to all of them and our amazing teams.

Reception class had a visit from Safari Stu who showed them snakes and other animals, they got to hold them and understand more about them as part of their topic. This is always one of our favourite experiences of the year.

Thank you to everyone who came to our RSE drop-in session this week. We are so pleased that parents/carers come to learn about what we will be studying and how to support their children. Thank you also to the members of the community who work with Mrs Wehrle and Mrs Haydon to ensure the curriculum is accessible to all.

We had our final Preschool stay and play session this week for all the children coming to AVA Preschool in September it was lovely to see so many families and children in setting. September will be super exciting.

Today we had the pleasure of an assembly by Rocksteady who will be a new provider for music in September. If your children come home wanting to be in a rock band this is the reason why, sorry! We will send more information about how you sign up soon. Well done to all the brave budding musicians who got up and performed this morning.

Sports Week (16-20th June)

Next week we have our annual sports week in school. Mr O'Leary has been busy planning an exciting week with activities and visitors. Please feel free to send your child into school every day next week in sports gear and trainers (don't forget a water bottle, suncream and sun hat!).

Health and Safety

We have, unfortunately, had a very near miss this morning with a Preschool child who was millimetres away from being hit by a car, which only stopped because their Dad banged on the boot.

As we say most week's, please do not park illegally, please think of the children walking to school especially those that are little who you won't necessarily see. Reversing around corners, doing three point turns in the road and backing up over pavements is dangerous and is putting children at risk of serious harm. Please think how you would feel if this was your child. We will continue to support all traffic and parking enforcement in order to keep children safe.

It is never easy to have difficult conversations but at times this is necessary. Change is important in a school to ensure that we are doing what is correct, to ensure that we comply with regulations and statutory requirements and to maintain a safe and financially secure environment for our children and staff. Our goal is to deliver the best education and opportunities for them all. We will continually re-assess our policies, our procedures and ensure that our staff adhere to these as part of our management.

Our support staff are our front line and the first point of contact in keeping the children safe. There may be occasions where we cannot do what is requested, especially at short notice, and they need to be confident in enforcing the policies that we have in place. Whilst this may not align with individual families we have to think of our community as a whole and treat everyone the same, this makes it fair and transparent for all. We think our staff are amazing and do a great job in very difficult and challenging circumstances, any abuse be it face-to-face or over the phone or via social media is not acceptable and as a school we hold zero tolerance for this type of behaviour. All our staff understand that we are firstly educators to the children and are there to help but within our own limitations.

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.

Collection

We are changing the collection points for Years 5 & 6 from September. The timings remain the same, but all children will now be dismissed from the playground gates. This means that there are less transitions of the children between rooms for wrap around care and they will go straight to the hall. You will need to collect from the hall from 2.50pm onwards for wrap around and not the school office. This is to reduce the amount of traffic around the office at this time and reduce the safeguarding challenges that we currently have.

We cannot safely manage afternoon pick-ups or changes of collection after 2pm. If you need to collect your child or change a collection (including the adult), please do so before 2pm. We will be unable to release children after this time, please collect them at their normal collection points or make alternative arrangements.

We send out a permission to collect form each year and ask parents to complete it. This is not an emergency contact this is for anyone who is able to collect your child and has permission to do so. We will take your completion of this document as consent until you notify us in writing of changes.

Thank you to those that have let us know if your child is leaving us and moving to a new setting. This has been extremely helpful in being able to offer places to new children in September. We, of course, do not want to see any child leave but understand circumstances change and we wish them every success in their new schools.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 3 & 4

We are delighted to be welcoming John Patrick Green into school on Wednesday 18th June 2025 to talk to our Year 3 and 4 children about his hit series, 'The InvestiGators'. Green's books are the side-splittingly funny graphic novel series, jam-packed full of silliness, puns and mysteries that kids love. John has previously worked on comics for Nickelodeon, Dreamworks and DC Comics and will be telling the children all about his life as an artist and author.

For this visit, all three books from 'The InvestiGators' series are on offer to purchase. The links are below. You can purchase one, two or all three!

If you want to purchase a book, please do so using these links 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 Tuesday 17th June 2025.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP: Parents, you need to order the books from Our Bookshop- click below:

'INVESTIGATORS' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/investigators-a-full-colour-laugh-out-loud-comic-book-adventure/>

'CLASS ACTION' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/investigators-class-action/>

'WILD GHOST CHASE' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/agents-of-s-u-i-t-wild-ghost-chase-a-laugh-out-loud-comic-book-adventure/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them. Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

AVA PTA

Please support our NEW PTA if you can. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome. We will have ice pops for sale after school on a Friday. In this warm weather these are very welcome (Cash and Card payments welcome).

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/>



Dates to remember (these are subject to change)

- 16 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 18 June – Yr 3&4 Author visit
- 19 June – Yr 5 Transfer Test Meeting (11+) (6pm)
- 24 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 24 June – Sports Day (9.30 -11am Yrs 1,2 &3)
(1.00pm-2.30pm Yrs 4,5&6)
- 25 June – Reception Sports Event (9.30-10.30am)
- 25 June – Preschool Petsman Visit
- 26 June – Year 3 Theatre Trip
- 1 July – Transition morning – All children (Year 6 go to their new

schools)

- 1 July – Open classrooms and meet the new teacher– 3.30-4.30pm
- 1 July – Residential Trip Meeting Yr 5 – 5pm-6pm
- 2 July – Upcoming Reception New Parents Meeting 5pm-6pm
- 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

Reflection



For our reflection this week we invite our AVA community to spend a moment thinking about Pentecost which is marked this month as a special day in the Christian calendar. Often symbolically representing the Holy Spirit as a flame, Pentecost celebrates the day God sent comfort, inspiration and resilience to the disciples, and later to all believers, in the form of the Holy Spirit. A prayer for Pentecost...

Holy Spirit, fill our school,
our homes,
and our hearts
with the warmth of your love.
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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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.