



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 12 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, we did not expect to be seeing snow this early. It brought much excitement to the school to say the least! It always amazes me how children don't feel the cold like us adults, that said please remember to send your children into school with the appropriate clothing and wellies if the weather looks like they are needed. It is always a good idea for children to have a spare pair of socks and trousers/leggings in their bag at this time of year as we have had a lot of muddy falls recently. Whilst we try to keep children warm and dry, they love playing in puddles and snow and as you will see in the morning most actually make a bee line for a puddle.

We have been contacted this week by a member of our community who lives near the school, she has politely requested that parents are considerate when dropping and picking up children and avoid blocking driveways and gates. It is not fair for residence to not be able to either access or leave their property due to selfish parking.

Our school parliament have had two very important meetings this week. The first was with our local Parish Council and our secondary school Parliament. They discussed local issues including road safety and will be working with the councillors to come up with some new initiatives that support our school. The second meeting was with local schools and was the first meeting of the community group. This meeting also involved the children coming up with initiatives and ideas but most importantly (in the children's eyes) involved eating lunch!! A huge thank you to Mr Johnson for all his hard work and support with our amazing school Parliament.

We counted the change that we collected in school and the money that we raised online for Children in Need and are pleased to share that we raised just under £400 this year. This is a huge achievement, and we are so proud to be able to help charities in this way.

The school football team have been in action again playing Thomas Hickman last night at home. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to our fan base for their loyal support. Mr O'Leary is extremely excited about all the matches and future sporting events.

Our Year 6's have been practising for their end of year assessments and have all had a go at sitting some test papers in school. Well done to all the children - your attitude and behaviour has been impeccable.

Thank you to those of you who visited our book fair and second-hand uniform sale on Saturday every sale that we make has a positive impact on the school and enables us to purchase luxuries for the children.

Free School Meals

We now have an online free school meal application on our web site under the **Parents** tab. 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.

No Pen Day

Today was our first *No Pens Day*! Everyone, staff included, had to complete the day's learning without any writing implements - I have to say, they all did a great job!

The children were all very excited and engaged in the day's activities - we had presentations, speeches, drama and discussion, as well as a range of practical maths lessons using lots of different resources.

There was also a 'silent origami' session, where children had to communicate non-verbally in order for their partner to complete the activity. Being able to communicate effectively and appropriately in a range of situations is a vital life skill and days like today enable us to show the children how to communicate in a range of ways. Please ask your children what communication skills they learnt or practised today!



PTA

At our meeting on Tuesday evening, we had a great turn out to re-launch our PTA. There have been some fantastic ideas for events so please check your emails and social media for events coming soon. Thank you to everyone who joined Mr Gibson in school.

Coat Drive

Do you have any coats, for ages 3-18 years old, that you don't need anymore? If you do, please donate them.

We are doing a coat drive to provide a coat for any student who may need one to stay warm all winter long.

For any donations, please bring them to the Primary or Secondary Reception by Friday 13th December. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Currier on inclusion@theacademy.me

Christmas Schedule (Year R-6)

I have attached below a brief list of all of the Christmas activities. You will receive the relevant information from your child's phase leader, for each of the different activities. I just wanted to ensure that you have these important dates in your diary to plan your own schedules over the busy period. I have added 'PARENTS' to the events that you are able to attend.

Tues 3rd Dec 9.00am IROCK concert to parents (primary hall)

Wed 4th Dec AM Yr 2 post letters to Santa (walk to post box)

Thurs 5th Dec 1.00pm Choir at Roman Park

Friday 6th Dec 11.30 Year 6 watching secondary drama show

Mon 9th Dec 9.30am Reception Christmas Show (primary hall) - PARENTS

Mon 9th Dec 1.45pm Year1&2 Nativity (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Tues 10th Dec 9.30am Year1&2 Nativity (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Wed 11th Dec 9.30am Year 3 Christingle (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Wed 11th Dec 11.20am - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thurs 12th Dec 9.30am Year 3 Christingle (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Thurs 12th Dec 9.30am Drama Club show to parents

Sat 14th Dec 4pm Choir at Fairford Leys - PARENTS

Sun 15th Dec 5pm Choir at Roman Park - PARENTS

Mon 16th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS

Tues 17th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 4 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS

Tues 17th Dec Evening Year 6 Carols (Secondary Hall) - PARENTS

Fri 20th Dec - finish from 12.00-12.20pm

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.

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Starting School

A reminder for all parents with children due to start school (in Reception) in September 2025 that the portal to apply is now open. Please apply within a timely manner as late applications could cause you to miss out on chosen schools.

Starting School!

Reflection



A reflection for UK Parliament week 2024.

This week students in both the Primary and Secondary Phases learned more about the UK Parliament as part of Parliament Week 2024.

As we end the week, we invite our AVA community to pray for those in the UK Parliament...

God of truth,

We pray for the UK Government and Parliament to receive your wisdom and strength in their duties.

We ask for your holy and positive influence throughout all Government departments.

We pray that the members of the UK Parliament will be moved to show wisdom, integrity and truth in all their responsibilities.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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Primary SEND concerns

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>

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School & College Member



Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark

Parking issues: [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet)

Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas on the Cobbles

Sunday 24 November
Aylesbury Town Centre
12 noon-5:30pm

**FREE
EVENT**

QR code, Aylesbury Town Council logo, Bucks radio logo, Facebook, Instagram, and X social media icons.