



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 20

31 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had. All year groups have had internal assessments this week and as always the children were amazing and also very respectful if the older children were in longer tests.

We have had lots of sporting fixtures and a football tournament this week. All results will be shared in the quarterly Newsletter from Mr O'Leary. We are so proud of how well the children are doing and playing as a team and learning sportsmanship is a valuable lesson for all of them.

Miss Large & Miss Parker attended the PIXL conference this week to represent school and they both did a fabulous job.

We have had our Phonics advisor in working with Mrs Paxton and the team. These sessions are really beneficial to ensure that we are on track, to give us areas of improvement and additional training. The advisor was very complementary of all the children and staff, so safe to say we are doing great with phonics.

Just a reminder that Half Term is on 14th February, normal pick-up times, but we return on Tuesday 25th February as we have an INSET day on Monday 24th February.

We have a large amount of lost property, not just the clothes (see the trolley in Reception) but also glasses, phones and jewellery. If you or your child are missing anything please come to the school office to check. If these items aren't collected by half term they will be donated to charity.



West End in Schools – March 2025

Hopefully you have seen the letter that went out at the beginning of January regarding the fantastic West End in Schools coming in to celebrate World Book Day again with us this year!

This exciting event runs over three days and is for all classes from Reception to Year 6.

Due to the scale of this, it comes at a substantial cost which breaks down to **£3.88 per child**.

As of this point, we still need to raise over £1000 to be able to go ahead with the visit. If we do not receive the payment, we will need to cancel the workshop. This would be such a shame as children really benefitted from, and enjoyed, the workshops last year.

If you haven't already paid, please do so using School Gateway – it under the heading 'West End in Schools'.

Thank you for your support in running this event.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 4, 5 and 6

We are very excited to announce that children's author, Jacob North, is coming into school on Thursday 6th February 2025 to speak to our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Jacob North will be in to talk about his first book in a "spellbinding" new series. The book is full of spine-tingling monsters, unlikely friendships and a hero to root for from page one.

We work alongside Our Bookshop, based in Tring, to organise these fantastic author visits. By purchasing the discounted book from their website (using the link below), we support them, meaning they can continue to organise such visits for our students. If you purchase the book using the link below, it will arrive on the day of the visit, and Jacob will sign every copy bought.



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

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/ice-apprentices-a-breathtaking-new-childrens-fantasy-series-volume-1/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them.

Reflection

This week we wish our AVA community a Very Happy Chinese New Year which is traditionally celebrated by sweeping clean the old and making way for new fortune and prosperity. This is particularly the case in 2025 as this is the Year of the Snake.

The snake symbolizes wisdom, growth and renewal because it has the ability to shed its skin, which represents transformation. This week we invite our community to give thanks that New Year is an opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning.



We pray especially for our Chinese community as they celebrate Chinese New Year...

*May this Lunar New Year bring joy, good health and harmony into our lives. May 2025 be filled with transformation and may we be blessed with life in abundance in the Year of the Snake.
Amen*

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtq1UIIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

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.