

## **PARENT BULLETIN 31**

### **2 May 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a bit strange having a 5-day week sandwiched between two 4 day weeks but we have made the most of the beautiful weather and are looking forward to the bank holiday.

All Year 1 children visited the farm this week as part of their current topic. It was lovely to hear about all of the different experiences including meeting a 12-hour old calf and watching the lambs being fed. Thank you to Miss Large and the team for organising this.

Yesterday we were super excited to welcome the British Olympic Gymnast Beth Tweddle into school. She spoke to us about her careers (as an athlete and TV presenter) and about the importance of fitness on our body and mind. This was a huge privilege, and we love opportunities such as these.

We are pleased to announce that AVA Primary School will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) with some special events.



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May we would like children to come to school dressed in the colours of the Union Jack flag (red/white/blue) or even come dressed as the Union Jack itself! Don't worry if your child doesn't have clothes in these colours, any bright colours will do.

After lunch, children will gather on the field for music, dancing and victory biscuits to commemorate this important national anniversary. Children are welcome to bring their favourite picnic blanket if they have one.

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 netball team who have come second in the league this season. This was their first year of competitive matches and they have smashed it! Thank you to Mr O'Leary and the staff who have been their best cheerleaders and umpires!

The School Class photos were completed this week and the leavers photos. Once these have been edited and are available to order we will let you know.

#### **Absences/Attendance**

We have a high amount of calls that our attendance team either cannot hear properly, cut out or do not give the information needed to report the absence. People come into the office during drop off or get other parents to report absences, email the [ava.primary](mailto:ava.primary) and enquiries email address or call the main office or even secondary to report absences. With all the routes being taken absences can be easily missed or not picked up in time.

We are therefore streamlining the way in which absences can be reported in stages. The first stage will be to stop the phone calls. The absence phonenumber will be closed permanently from May half term. Please report all absences to:

[primaryattendance@theacademy.me](mailto:primaryattendance@theacademy.me)

Please do not email the avaprimary or enquiries email address (you will be asked to email primary attendance) or leave a message on a different phonenumber as these are not monitored for absences and you will receive a chasing email. If you get through to the office or come into the office, you will be asked to email into primary attendance.

We will in the future move to online reporting of absences with required evidence, but this is an ongoing process to determine the best and most effective approach to this.

#### **Dates to remember (these are subject to change)**

- 14/15 May – Book Fayre (after school)
- 20 May – Year 6 WW2 event
- 16 May – PTA Disco (Years R-6)
- 2 June – Year 2 Dino Day
- 3 June – Year 6 Bletchley Park
- 3 June – New Preschool Parents Stay & Play
- 9 June – Year R Safari Stu
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- 16 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 24 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 24 June – Sports Day
- 25 June – Reception Sports Event
- 26 June – Year 3 Theatre Trip
- 1 July – Transition morning – All children
- 1 July – Open classrooms – 3.30-4.30
- 2 July – Upcoming Reception New Parents Meeting
- 7 or 8 July – Year 6 performance
- 10 July – Reception Vision Screening
- 14 July – Year 5 Hazard Alley
- 16 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 17 July – Year 6 Prom
- 18 July – Break up for Summer ½ day.

#### **PTA**

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook page that they welcome all parents to join:

The link is [www.facebook.com/groups/avapta/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/avapta/)

Or they can search Aylesbury Vale Academy PTA on Facebook.

This will reduce the amount of emails via the school but also keep all parents up to date on PTA Events.

The next meeting of the PTA is **08/05/2025 at 6.30** in the Primary Hall, everyone is welcome to attend.

## PTA Events

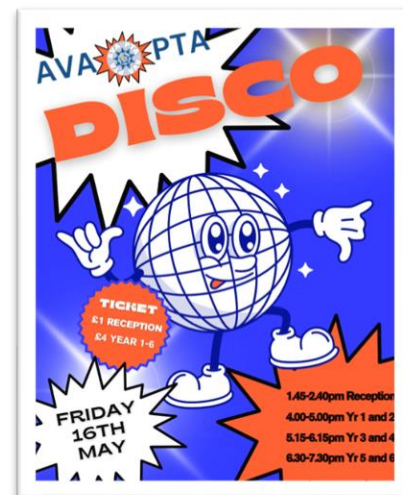
Tickets for the PTA disco's are on sale.

Enjoy games and dancing and showing off your best dance moves! Tickets for Reception include squash & biscuits, tickets for Years 1 - 6 include a drink, crisps & a small sweet treat. Tickets can be purchased via the link below. No tickets are being sold in school.

<https://pta.events/AVAPTADISCO2025>

## Reflection

A reflection for the upcoming anniversary of VE Day ...



Next Thursday marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. This day, known as VE Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end.

On 8 May 1945 at 3pm, an announcement on radio shared the message that, following Germany's surrender the day before, the war in Europe had come to an end.

Sadly, even though VE Day marked victory for Europe over Germany, it did not mark the end of World War Two.

This did not come until 15 August 1945 and after two atomic bombs

were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As we remember VE Day on 8 May we invite our community to pray for peace and remember all those who have lost their lives in war around the world.

Loving God,

As we remember VE day, we are reminded to pray for peace in the world,

for unity amongst people,

for the most vulnerable,

for those who have suffered in the past and those suffering today,

for the fearful,

and for those who grieve.

We ask all these things in your name.

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](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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me) - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.