



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 41

### 18 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we close the doors today for the Summer we take a moment to reflect and reminisce about the 2024-2025 school year.

We have had a jam-packed sporting year with over 60 competitive fixtures and in excess of 250 children representing our school. We have been to many new and exciting places, met crazy creatures, watched live theatre, performed in our own shows and concerts as well as taking part in WOW days dressed up! We have cooked, made a life-sized donkey, fund raised for charities and supported our local community by singing our hearts out!

As the AVA primary family, we have had ups and downs (and everything in between). We know life has been challenging for some of our children, we know that it's been fun for others, but most importantly we know that we have each other and have worked together and supported one another.

I am so very proud of our school and all that we offer and achieve.

I would like to thank all the families that have supported us, our new PTA and our amazing staff. The adults here at AVA primary really care about everyone and everything. They are amazing and make coming to work easy.

I wish our Year 6 children the best of luck in the next chapter of their educational journeys. They really are a special bunch and will go out into the world and shine. Please don't forget us.

Thank you for all the beautiful emails, cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated by us all. I wish you all a safe, fun filled summer and ask you to check in with those around you and be kind. Have the best time making memories with your gorgeous children.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

#### 2024-2025 Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

As always, attendance is a high priority for AVA Primary and we strive to be above the national average every year.

This year, we have achieved a fantastic 95.1%! In Autumn Term, 126 children had 100% attendance; in Spring Term, 145 children had 100% attendance; in Summer Term, 137 children had 100% attendance and on top of this, 35 children had 100% for

the whole academic year!

We are so proud of all the children who have been celebrated this year due to their outstanding attendance and we look forward to seeing these numbers grow next year!

The higher your child's attendance, the more they get from their education and the more experiences they are able to be a part of – excellent attendance really does make such a positive difference to a child's journey. Thank you for supporting us to continue to raise our attendance year on year.

### Last week's author visit

Last week, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were treated to the hilarious Olaf Falafel who joined us to talk about his new joke book. He talked about his journey into writing, and shared some very funny stories – there was a lot of laughter for both children and adults (and a lot of talk about poo!!) Olaf also led a draw-along for the children to take part in which they all thoroughly enjoyed!



We have been so lucky to welcome nine authors / illustrators into school this year and this wouldn't be able to happen without your support in purchasing the books. 'Our Bookshop' in Tring organise these events for free but can only do so if children continue to purchase the books. We are looking forward to welcoming more authors in next year. Thank you all for continuing to support a love of reading and writing for our children!

### Artist Visit

On Tuesday, Year 5 had a visit from an artist who has used willow to create a huge donkey for the Waddesdon Christmas events.

The children each had a turn putting the donkey together and then everyone also made a flower to create a bridal which will be used to decorate the donkey.

It was fantastic to hear from a real artist and her journey into her line of work. The children had a fantastic time and again, we received lots of compliments about how polite and respectful they were.

### Hazard Alley

Year 5 visited Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes on Monday, where they learned about how to stay safe in a range of situations through taking part in practical activities.

These included road safety, water safety, the dangers of using short cuts like dark alleyways, how to make a 999 call and what information to give on that call, what to do in house fires and how to prevent fires from happening, and loads more!!

They represented the school admirably, gaining compliments on their behaviour and politeness from both staff at the safety centre and the coach driver. They were truly fantastic ambassadors for AVA and we're very proud of them!

### Bucks Music Trust

Yesterday was an exciting day as we had an orchestra from Bucks Music Trust (BMT) visit us and teach us all about different instruments.

Our musician friends, including a Year 6 volunteer, played lots of famous tunes including themes from Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean! The whole school has also been working very hard to learn a song to sing along with them and they performed this wonderfully at the end.

Below is a flyer for Bucks Music Trust, if you have a child that already plays an instrument and they would like to join a band, orchestra or choir scan the top QR code. If you would like potential music lessons for your child on a chosen instrument scan the bottom QR code. These are all organised by BMT so please contact them.



#### **Academic Year 2025-26**

##### **Start Dates**

Reception, 1 & 2 – 4 September

Years 3,4,5&6 – 5 September

A reminder to all parents that from September **all** children will be collected from the gates in the playground. No children will be dismissed from out the front of the school. Timings will remain the same for the year groups:

Reception – 2.45pm

1&2 – 3.00

3&4 – 3.05

5&6 – 3.10

### 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.

### AVA PTA

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

As we end the academic year we invite our AVA community to join us in a prayer of thanks...

Loving God

At the end of this school year we give thanks to you.

We give thanks for our AVA community.

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom.

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

We give thanks for the hope that has lifted our hearts, and for the love that has kept us going.

We ask you to bless us all as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

Amen - *Adapted from a prayer by Doug Ruschman*



Have a wonderful and restful summer with your loved ones and we will see you in September.

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

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#### 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.