



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 10

### 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope that you had a lovely half term and that it was full of light, whether that be celebrating Diwali or watching fireworks.

We started the week with our annual Diwali assembly. This followed on from our amazing pupils performing their very own (self-directed) Diwali play. We are always so proud of our diverse community and love learning about festivals and traditions.

At the end of last term our Parish Council joined us in school to receive all the Harvest collected in school. Across the Academy we collected over 1100 items. The food bank up at Roman Park are hugely grateful to our school parliament and our community for this huge effort.



Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need and this year the school parliament has decided to invite the children to wear their pyjamas at school for a £1 donation to be made via the school's 'Just Give' online platform.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1731063858934?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fava-primary-phase-1731063858934&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1731063858934?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fava-primary-phase-1731063858934&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

In addition to this, the children in both key stages will participate in some fun classroom-based activities as well as a brief but enjoyable Joe Wick's inspired physical challenge. The parliament would also like to attempt a Pudsey £1 challenge which will involve the children bringing in spare pound coins which will be used to fill a giant outline of the famous bear. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting this very important cause.

*Lest We Forget*



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
— 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER —

On Monday (11th November) we will be observing a 1 minute silence as it is Armistice Day.

Any children who attend groups outside of school (such as Cubs, Brownies etc) are invited to wear their uniform to school to participate in the school's remembrance service. Please refer to the letter from Miss Parker for further information.

Thank you to the Berryfield's Parish Council for providing the Poppy Wreaths for us. Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been selling poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion this week. Thank you to everyone who has purchased this.

Our Eagles (Year 4) start swimming on Monday. Please pay for the sessions on the school gateway and ensure children have the correct equipment and kit for their lessons.

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!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for open classrooms on Tuesday. It was a hugely popular event with over 80% of the school community in attendance. Thank you also to the staff who loved being able to show you the work that the children have been producing.

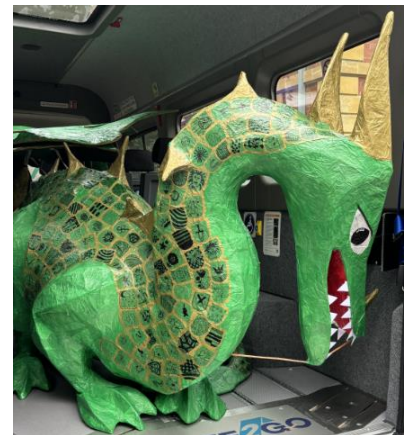
## Phonics

Last night Mrs Paxton and Mrs Foulger hosted our Phonics Workshop - thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to hearing how you are learning and supporting your children at home.

### Waddesdon Dragon

Just to share the product of all the hard work that went into the Waddesdon dragon last half term from all of our children— it looks amazing.

We believe that Waddesdon Manor are so impressed with AVA that they will be sharing a discount code so that families of AVA children can go and visit the dragon during the winter lights display period.

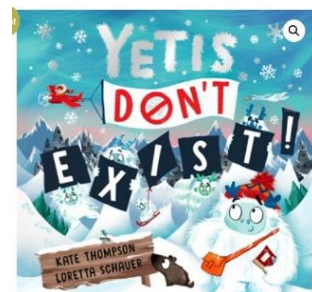


Well done team and well done to all of our children who created scales to add to the amazing creature .

### Author Visit – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Years 2 & 3

One Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, we are thrilled to be hosting the wonderful illustrator, Loretta Schauer. She is coming in for an exciting interactive assembly with all the children in Years 2 and 3. She'll be talking about her new book, *Yetis Don't Exist*, A FUR-tastically funny rhyming adventure, packed with visual humour and delights.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/yetis-dont-exist-a-silly-snowy-rhyming-adventure/>



Books need to be purchased by the end of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week is even closer to our hearts this year as it's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

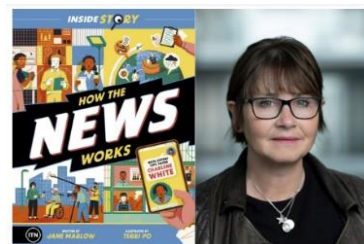
Respect is one of our three core values and it is a value that we talk about and show every day. To show our support for Anti-Bullying Week, children are welcome to wear odd socks this week.

Our PSHE lessons this week will have an anti-bullying focus and there will be a special assembly to explore anti-bullying as well.

### Author Visit – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Years 5 & 6

One Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, we are excited to be hosting the amazing real-life journalist, Jane Marlow! This will be a fun-filled event, where she'll discuss her new book *Inside Story: How the News Works*, give the children the skills to navigate fake news, and get them involved in a quiz to find out what job you would be best at in the industry. This visit is for Years 5 and 6.

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### Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

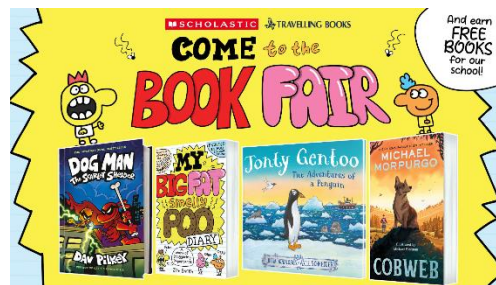
On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024, we will be holding our first Scholastic Book Fair! It will run between 9:00am and 12:00pm in our Primary Hall and is a perfect time to buy some Christmas presents!

Whilst we run the book fair, we will also be selling our pre-loved uniform items – all items available will include the AVA logo.

Scholastic Book Fair – card only

Pre-loved Uniform – cash only (donations)

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



### YDP

YDP bookings are now live to book the after school clubs that they run.

[www.ydpoxford.co.uk](http://www.ydpoxford.co.uk)

### Reception Parents

This week in Reception we have been talking about pants and covered subjects such as pants are private to you. This is part of the Pantosaurus campaign by the NSPCC, link below.

[Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-them-at-home/let-s-talk-pants-with-pantosaurus/)

### Reflection

Last week on 31<sup>st</sup> October those in our Hindu community celebrated Diwali. We belatedly wish them a VERY HAPPY DIWALI and look forward to welcoming many of our secondary students this week on 8<sup>th</sup> November for a Diwali Party.

Diwali is the Hindu festival of light and as we end the week we invite our AVA community, to reflect on how we can all bring light into the world.

*Loving God,*

*We pray that we can walk in your light and create our own light for others to see and feel.*

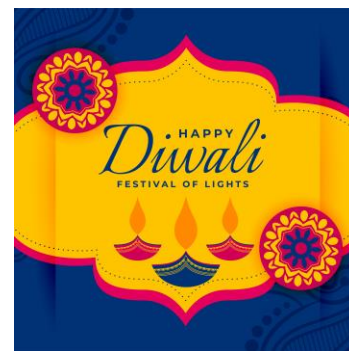
*Help us to be a bright beacon of light so that we can guide the way for others.*

*When we struggle to see, remind us of your Holy light, so that we can walk a path of love.*

*Amen.*

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**



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