



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 35

6 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last half term of this academic year! Where has the time gone? Hopefully you all had a relaxing break last week and got to spend time with your nearest and dearest.

We started the week with a visit from some dinosaurs! Year 2 spent Monday digging for fossils, learning about prehistoric times and meeting the dinosaurs up close. Thank you to the Year 2 team for organising this amazing experience.

Year 6 ventured out of school on Tuesday and headed over to Bletchley Park as part of their World War 2 topic. The children had a brilliant day and returned to school with so much knowledge and information. A highlight seemed to be dancing in the ballroom.

All children have now completed their choices for classmates for next year and staff are busy putting all the pieces together. This process plays a huge part in the successes we see as our children transition to different years and different settings. Please continue to support your children at home and reassure them that we will check that this is as smooth as possible.

Mrs Stewart is holding a Year 5 secondary transfer test (11+) information evening for Year 5 parents on Thursday 19th June (in her classroom). We will send all information home for those parents that cannot make the evening.

Well done to the Year 4 children who have completed their MTC (multiplication table checker) this week. This is done with the class teachers on laptops and as always our children all tried so hard. We are now moving into KS1 Phonics season.

Well done to Orangutan class who took part in a rounder's tournament this week. All those PE sessions and after school clubs are paying off. It's the Gorillas turn next week.

We are busy planning for our 2025 sports week (from 16-20th June). Children can wear school PE kit for the entire week. There will be many exciting activities to participate in and we hope that the children enjoy learning new sports skills.

Please can we remind all parents to keep your children with you if stood in or around the car park. We are still having some very near misses when staff are trying to exit and enter the car park.

We have to have a new food waste system in place which separates food from normal waste. Any waste from lunch boxes should be kept in the lunchbox and taken home and not thrown away in school. We are letting the children know this and they will be reminded in the lunch hall but also need to advise parents. This will allow parents to see what is and isn't being eaten from lunchboxes. Please can you be mindful of what you put in the lunchbox if it has to be in there all day and go home.

Please can we remind all parents and visitors on parents behalf that they should not enter the building without signing in and being accompanied by a member of staff with a staff lanyard this includes any requests for toileting. We still have very small children on site who like to run and we need to keep them safe and secure within the school grounds. We are reminding staff but also need to ask that no-one is to enter or exit the primary building through the double doors these need to remain shut for the children's safety and no-one is to let people into the building via the first double doors without informing the office staff first. These steps are a critical part of our safeguarding and security within the school.

We have been receiving a higher than usual amount of forms for completion by staff members over the past few weeks – some personal, some education-related. Staff are working through these forms as they come in, but we cannot guarantee you will receive them back within 24-48 hours. If you have any requests for forms to be completed by staff, please understand these may take 7-10 days before being returned. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 3 & 4

We are delighted to be welcoming John Patrick Green into school on Wednesday 18th June 2025 to talk to our Year 3 and 4 children about his hit series, 'The InvestiGators'. Green's books are the side-splittingly funny graphic novel series, jam-packed full of silliness, puns and mysteries that kids love. John has previously worked on comics for Nickelodeon, Dreamworks and DC Comics and will be telling the children all about his life as an artist and author.

For this visit, all three books from 'The InvestiGators' series are on offer to purchase. The links are below. You can purchase one, two or all three!

If you want to purchase a book, please do so using these links as it allows us to continue to support the fantastic Our Bookshop – the bookshop in Tring that organises these brilliant Authors-to-Schools visits!

Books need to be purchased by the end of Tuesday 17th June 2025.

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

'INVESTIGATORS' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/investigators-a-full-colour-laugh-out-loud-comic-book-adventure/>

'CLASS ACTION' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/investigators-class-action/>

'WILD GHOST CHASE' - <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/agents-of-s-u-i-t-wild-ghost-chase-a-laugh-out-loud-comic-book-adventure/>

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

Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

AVA PTA present Cool Fridays!

Start Date: 6th June from 2.45pm!

Join us **after school in the car park** for some refreshing **ice pops** – perfect for a sunny afternoon treat!

Prices: 50p – £1

Card payments welcome (min. £1 spend)

Let's make Fridays fun and tasty! See you there!





Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 Rounders festival

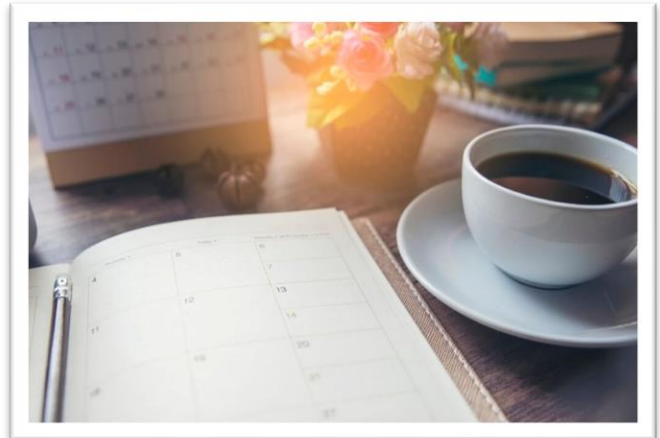
Gorillas - The whole class will be participating in a Rounders festival, we will be playing against other local primary schools

As these are taking place during the school day, unfortunately parents will not be able to watch.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr O'Leary via the school office.

Dates to remember (these are subject to change)

- 9 June – Year R Safari Stu
- 9 June – New Preschool Parents Stay & Play
- 16 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 24 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
- 24 June – Sports Day
- 25 June – Reception Sports Event
- 25 June – Preschool Petsman
- 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
- 16 July – Year 6 Prom
- 18 July – Break up for Summer ½ day



Reflection

A Reflection on Education



This time of year is always so busy in school with lots of end of year and key stage assessments. Our Reception children are ending their time in Early Years, our KS1 children are taking part in the phonics check, our Year 4 children are participating in the multiplication tables check and of course our Year 11s are sitting their GCSEs. Of course, we wish all our community the strength and aspiration to be their best selves.

However, this week, amid all this busyness, we invite our AVA community to pause for a moment to join us in a reflection for children with little or no access to education. Sadly, despite progress over recent decades, many children around the world are still denied the opportunity to go to school due to reasons that include poverty, gender, natural disaster and war.

This week we ask our community to pray with us that people everywhere — especially children — will have access to gain the education, wisdom, and skills they need to reach the fullness of life God intends for each of them. Amen

Have a lovely weekend especially those members of our community celebrating Eid.

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-](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRTg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

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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 - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.