



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 37

### 20 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an extremely hot week it has been this week! I have at times felt like I was melting and I am sure you have too.

We have taken steps in school to manage the activities around the heat. We've taken each day at a time and amended events accordingly. We know it is very difficult for children to regulate body temperature and are aware it can make some of them feel poorly. Please continue to take precautions next week as it looks like this weather may continue.

This week has been sports week. We've had a lot of visitors in doing different sporting activities including teaching us about water safety. We hope that the children have enjoyed trying new sports and participating in competitive and non-competitive events. Huge thank you to Mr O'Leary and Ms Granville for organising this wonderful week.

Please can we remind all parents to supply a water bottle, these can be refilled in school, put suncream on your child and make sure that they bring a hat to school. This is so important when the heat can be overwhelming for some. Pollen and UV are also high so if your child suffers from hay fever or sun allergies please ensure that they have taken medication prior to coming to school.

It was wonderful to see all the new Reception children this week who will be joining us in September. We had some very excited little ones and some tears when they had to leave. Our last Reception 'stay and play' will be next week.

#### Sports Day

We want to share the following information with you ahead of our sports days next week.

The events will take place on the Primary Field, please enter through gate A (on the playground) and exit through gate B (on the car park). We will ask all spectators to leave the site at the end of each session.

#### Dates and timings:

Years 1, 2 and 3 - 24th June 9.30am-11.00am

Years 4, 5 and 6 - 24th June 1.00pm-2.30pm

Year R (Turtles and Dolphins) - 25th June 9.00am-10.00am

We will open the gates 10 minutes before the events. Please do not arrive early as this is a standing event and you will all have a good view. If you choose to take photographs these MUST NOT be shared nor used on social media or any other platform.

Small children (siblings) must remain with spectators at all times, they must not use the equipment on the playground or go on the pirate ship. Scooters and bikes must be left outside of the playground in the bike racks.

Please can we ask that no snacks/food are consumed on the school grounds as we have children and staff with severe allergies to all types of food.

There will be no toilet facilities available to spectators or young children please do not ask staff for access to the school. We do not have the capacity to allow this and there will still be children working in classrooms.

Please remember, it is especially important that on Sports Day that all children have a sun hat, suncream applied and a bottle of water as we have a sunny week ahead.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we encourage fun participation whilst managing competition. Please support and cheer for all of our children, some find activities such as sports days overwhelming, especially with a large audience.

Some children do not have a grown-up who can support them on these days and for this reason we remind you that the children remain with us in our care during all of the events.

By all means wave, cheer and encourage the children, but please do not ask your children, who are participating in the events, to come and see you. It is important that all children remain safe and therefore we ask that you respect our organisation of these events.

### **Year 3 & 4 Author Visit**

On Wednesday, we welcomed the brilliant John Patrick Green, author and illustrator of the 'InvestiGators' series.

The children were outstanding and a true credit to our school! They asked brilliant questions and were genuinely interested in John's journey as an author and illustrator, beginning when he was just 10 years old, selling comic strips to his friends on the playground!

They were also treated to a draw-along session, practising how to draw one of the main characters from the graphic novel series. As always, thank you to you all for continuing to support these fantastically inspirational author visits.



### **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.

### **Collection**

We are changing the collection points for Years 5 & 6 from September. The timings remain the same, but all children will now be dismissed from the playground gates.

Children in wrap around provision should be collected from the hall from 2.50pm onwards and not the school office. This is to reduce the amount of traffic around the office at this time and reduce the safeguarding challenges that we currently manage.

To safely manage afternoon pick-ups for the whole school, changes of collection arrangements cannot be made after 2pm. If you need to collect your child or change a collection (including the adult), please do so before 2pm. We will be unable to release children after this time, please collect them at their normal collection points or make alternative arrangements.

We send out a permission to collect form each year and ask parents to complete it. This is not an emergency contact this is for anyone who is able to collect your child and has permission to do so. We will take your completion of this document as consent until you notify us in writing of changes.

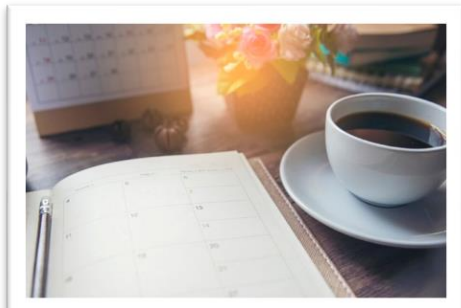
Thank you to those that have let us know if your child is leaving us and moving to a new setting. This has been extremely helpful in being able to offer places to new children in September. We, of course, do not want to see any child leave but understand circumstances change and we wish them every success in their new schools.

### AVA PTA

Please support our NEW PTA if you can. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome. We will have ice pops for sale after school on a Friday. In this warm weather these are very welcome (Cash and Card payments welcome).

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/>



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

- 24 June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play 4-5pm
- 24 June – Sports Day (9.30 -11am Yrs 1,2 &3)  
(1.00pm-2.30pm Yrs 4,5&6)
- 25 June – Reception Sports Event (9.30-10.30am)
- 25 June – Preschool Petsman Visit
- 26 June – Year 3 Theatre Trip
- 1 July – Transition morning – All children (Year 6 go to their new schools)
- 1 July – Open classrooms and meet the new teacher– 3.30-4.30pm
- 1 July – Residential Trip Meeting Yr 5 – 5pm-6pm
- 2 July – Upcoming Reception New Parents Meeting 5pm-6pm
- 7 or 8 July – Year 6 performance (6pm)
- 10 July – Reception Vision Screening
- 10 July – We Will Rock You
- 11 July – We Will Rock You
- 11 July – PTA Non-Uniform Day
- 14 July – Year 5 Hazard Alley
- 15 July – Year 5 ART Day
- 16 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9am for Parents)
- 16 July – Year 6 Prom (6.00-8.00pm)
- 18 July – Break up for Summer ½ day

### Reflection

This week we invite our community to join us in a reflection for Men's Health Month which takes place every year in June.

The modern world is not an easy place to grow up in, and in recent years, movements such as #MeToo and the rise of influencers have meant that masculinity has become a topic everybody seems to have an opinion on.

The men, boys and young people in our community need our prayers more than ever, so this week we ask you to join us in a prayer for their guidance and support...



Loving God, we pray for all the men in our community and for their mental and physical health,  
We pray for boys and young people as they grow to maturity, that your light may be reflected in their lives.  
We pray for all to have courage and integrity.  
Thank You that you always know the strength of character needed to hold true to your values.  
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\\_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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.