



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 21

13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the Winter Olympics, we all particularly enjoy watching the Home Games section where children re-enact their favourite sport in washing baskets or cardboard boxes.

I have had another addition to my ever-growing number of animals in my office. This beautiful seal will be stationed in our school library for the children to enjoy. We make these creatures in school and a huge thank you to Ms Dadson and the Art team for 'Berry' the beautiful seal.



Preschool had their stay and play sessions today decorating pancakes and making fun valentines inspired crafts. It is always so wonderful to see our families in setting enjoying activities with their children and seeing what we do in Preschool.

Parking is unfortunately rearing it's head again. We have been made aware of car parking on the road outside near residential areas blocking the road, emergency vehicles would not be able to get through and residents would not be able to leave their homes.

We must ask all people who are collecting to please not park across drives, on verges or in the middle of the road. We must respect the community we live and work in.

We wish all those families celebrating Chinese New Year, a wonderful and prosperous celebration. The Chinese New Year in 2026 will usher in the Year of the Horse, specifically the Fire Horse, beginning on February 17, 2026, and symbolizing intense energy, passion, independence, and a drive for success, following the Snake year.



World Book Week (2nd – 6th March 2026) – Advanced Notice

Final Reminder for the West End in Schools event. The cost per child will be £3 and is available to pay using School Gateway now. Only children who have paid will be able to join in with the workshops. Those that are not participating will have activities in their classrooms. **This payment closes today.**

To end our World Book Week, children will be invited to dress up on **Friday 6th March 2026**. It would be great to see costumes linked to the theme of Hansel and Gretel, but all World Book Day costumes are welcome. If your child would prefer not to dress up, that is fine too!

Upcoming Dates

Please take a look at our web site for term dates as we don't always come back on a Monday!

16-20.02.26 – Half Term

24.02.26 – Open Classrooms – 3.30-4.30pm

2-6.03.26 - World Book Week

06.03.26 – World Book Day Dress Up

16.03.26 – Last week of enrichment clubs

24.03.26 – Rock Steady Concert – 9am (parents of Rock Steady Musicians)

27.03.26 – Last Day of Term (full day)

14.04.26 – Start of Summer Term

14.04.26 – Year 4 Ashmolean Trip

AVA PTA

Upcoming Events

20.03.26 – PTA Chocolate Mufti Day

12.03.26 – PTA AGM 6.30pm Secondary Hall.



<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/aylesbury-vale-academy-pta/j3tk26/at/EDA0jpqh/DM1329426/facebook/>

If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

Reflection

Next week on Wednesday 18th February, Christians around the world will begin observing the period of 'Lent'. This time, the 40 days leading up to the celebration of Easter, is set aside in the Christian calendar to focus on drawing closer to God through prayer, fasting, and giving to others. This is similar to other faiths who also observe their own times of fasting at different times in the year. For Christians the Lenten period is a time to reflect, to say sorry and admit when we haven't got things right, to seek help from God and to give thanks for our community by giving to others.

In school this week and to mark this season, we have reflected on the encouragement and joy that acts of kindness can have on others. We have been reminded that even when an act of kindness may seem small to us, the effect on others can be profound and lasting.

This week we invite our AVA community to join us in a prayer for Lent and if you feel able, to join our Primary age children in '40 acts of Kindness for Lent'. A useful checklist is attached to help!

Loving God,

As we enter the journey of Lent, guide us on the path that leads to you.

Fill our heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves.

Enable us to hear your voice in the deepest reaches of our hearts.

Help us to accept others, showing them your great love through our acts of kindness towards them.

Stay with us through the coming days and remind us that we can always turn to you.

Amen.

Adapted from a prayer from www.dynamiccatholic.com



Have a wonderful half term with your families and we will see you back at school on 23 February 2026.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRjQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtq1UiiUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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 - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.

Report Parking Issues

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

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DODGEBALL CLUB

MONDAYS AT AVA
Monday 5-6pm at Ayelsbury Vale Academy

New Sessions
for year 3-6