



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 6

10 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good Luck to all our Year 6's who took the secondary transfer test as the results are out today. Please remember regardless of the outcome we are extremely proud of each and every one of you and how hard you all work.

A test does not define or measure who you are or what you are capable of achieving. Tests do not measure everything and as long as you do your best you will be able to achieve your dreams.



We will be waving off some of our Year 6's as they go off on residential on Monday. We know this is the first time some of them will be away from home, but rest assured they will have the most amazing time and have lots to tell you all when they return next Friday.

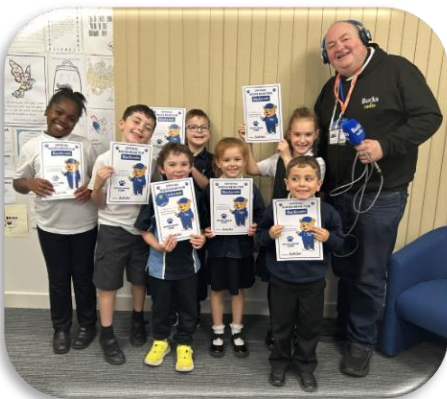
The children have been doing Race for the Kids in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital and the fundraising they are doing to build a new cancer centre. A big thank you to Mrs Upton and Mr O'Leary who have both been working hard organising all the races this week.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we have surpassed our £300 target but would like to raise as much as we can for the cancer unit. If you would still like to donate, please find the link below:

<https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/katupton/race-for-the-kids-school>



GREAT ORMOND STREET
HOSPITAL CHARITY



Bucks Radio came into school this week to talk to some of our younger children about things in everyday life, kids do say the funniest things. They were all fabulous and we can't wait to hear what the episode is like!

Please can we remind all parents not to park across peoples' driveways or block access to roads. We have had several complaints about parking again and we need to be respectful of the community we live in, residents



should not be left unable to get in or out of their homes.

Please can we also ask that you do not park across the entrance to the car park, staff still need access to come in and out at all times. The car park is for staff and school visitors only and should not be used to drop off children in the mornings.

Parents Evening bookings are live. If you are unable to attend either of the dates offered, we are able to provide and email update on request, please email the school office to request one.

Sibling and individual photos have moved to the **14 November**. All sibling requests will still stand for the new date if submitted already.

We have a preloved drop bin (blue) in our Reception area for any preloved uniform.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 1 & 2

On Thursday 16th October, we are delighted to be welcoming author Paula Harrison back to our school to talk to our Year 1 and 2 children about her new book, *Kitty and the Missing Pumpkins*. Paula Harrison is one of the most wonderful children's authors and will provide enormous amounts of entertainment for the children during her talk. She will be talking about the exciting world of publishing, and her latest children's book, which is part of the *Kitty* series.

If you purchase a book for your child, Paula Harrison will be signing them at the event.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/kitty-and-the-missing-pumpkins-2/>



Tom McLaughlin Author Visit

This week, we were thrilled to welcome Tom McLaughlin into school to talk about his new book, *Alan – King of the Universe*.

He shared his journey to becoming an author and the difficulties he faced along the way due to having dyslexia. His humour throughout kept us all

giggling, particularly when he read a chapter of the book! As always, thank you for supporting our author visits – they are such a highlight!

Dates for Diary

October

13-17 - Yr 6 Residential
14 - Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30am
15 – Flu immunisations Yr R-6
20 – No clubs this week
21 – Parents Evening Yr R-6 3.30-6pm
23 - Parents Evening Yr R-6 3.30-6pm
23 – Last Day of half term – full day
24 – INSET Day
27-31 – HALF TERM

**Open mornings are for Prospective Primary Parents*

Christmas Performance Dates December 2025

FRI	02	9-11 AM	Rock Steady Concert
MON	08	9.30-10.30AM	Reception Performance
	08	2-3PM	Years 1&2 Nativity
TUE	09	9.30-10.30AM	Years 1&2 Nativity
WED	10	9.30-10.30AM	Year 3 Christingle
	10		Christmas Lunch (No parents info only)
	10		Christmas Jumper Day (No parents info only)
MON	15	9.30-10.30AM	Year 5 Carols
TUE	16	9.30-10.30AM	Year 4 Carols
WED	17	9.30-10.30AM	Year 4 Carols
	17	6-7PM	Year 6 Concert
FRI	19	9-12AM	Preschool Christmas Activities

(this is in allocated slots of 1hr each)



AVA PTA

Please see a poster at the end of the Newsletter about the upcoming disco that the amazing PTA have organised. There is a QR code that you can scan to buy tickets or to volunteer.

<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

This week we invite our AVA community to join us in a reflection for World Mental Health Day which takes place every year on 10th October.

As we end the week, we invite you to reflect on the daily images and words that remind us that all around us the world is going through a tough time right now. Even if we're not directly affected by events, it can still feel like a lot to cope with. We need to understand that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what we, or anyone else, is going through.

We urge everyone finding things tough to reach out for support, you do not have to cope alone! World mental health day is a reminder to us all of the importance of good mental health and that it's good to reach out and seek help.

A Prayer for World Mental Health Day

Adapted from a prayer by Alison Webster



God of compassion,
When our hearts are in downward freefall, be with us
When our minds race with anxiety, be with us
When our throats close in fear, be with us
When sleep will not come, be with us

You meant us to be both fragile and ordinary.
Silence the voices that say we are not enough.
Help us to know that we are treasured,
We are prized,
We are cherished,
We are loved.
Infinitely.
By you. Amen.

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

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

AVA PTA PRESENTS:



DIS-GLOW

Friday 7th November

1.45-2.40pm Reception
4.00-5.00pm Yr 1 and 2
5.15-6.15pm Yr 3 and 4
6.30-7.30pm Yr 5 and 6



Scan code to buy tickets and/ or volunteer
AVA.PTA@HOTMAIL.COM



Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA Presents

FIREWORKS NIGHT 2025

Saturday 8th

November 2025

BBQ - Refreshments - More

WIN THE CHANCE TO START THE FIREWORKS

Fireworks Tickets 2025

Purchase tickets at [www.pta-
events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta)



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