



PARENT BULLETIN 15 18 December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a week of Christmas Carols and Concerts to round off our run up to the big day with the Year 4,5 & 6 Christmas events.

The children were superb, and we are so proud of them all and the confidence they have shown, it takes a lot to stand up and sing in front of anyone let alone a whole room of adults.

As I always say many of our children are destined for the stage and a career in show business.

A last reminder of our collection times for tomorrow (all children will exit from the playground):

End of day:

Reception: 12:00pm	Years 3 & 4: 12:20pm
Year 1 & 2: 12:10pm	Years 5 & 6: 12:25pm

All children who requested a retake of photos (be they sibling or individual) will have them taken on Monday 12 January. Unfortunately, this is retakes only.

The first day back at school will be 6 January as Monday 5 January is an INSET day for the whole school. Please can we remind all parents that the office is not open on 5 January, please do not come to the front desk or ring in as the phones will not be answered.

Absence Leave Requests

Thank you to everyone who has used the new absence request form. Letters will be going out this week in reply.

Please note that this system is for planned absence requests such as medical appointments and not illness on the day. If your child is ill and you need to advise the school you still need to email primaryattendance@theacademy.me

Preschool have some new starters in the New Year and they came in to do a settling in session this week with the Preschool team. It was so lovely to see them have so much fun and we can't wait for them to join us in the New Year.

We are really excited to welcome in tomorrow our Pre-schoolers to pre-booked Christmas Activity sessions.

They will be doing lots of fun things like making Christmas cards and reindeer food already for Father Christmas's arrival. A huge thank you to our Preschool team who have done a wonderful job with setting us these sessions.



Our Pre-schoolers have been busy this term studying the Gingerbread Man, learning about Road Safety, learning all about germs and how to keep everyone safe and they even had a visit and a good old chat when Santa popped into class. Our Pre-schoolers have been so busy learning it's been lovely to see, well done Preschool!



We had our Harrison's Annual Colouring Competition to win a Christmas Bear. We are so grateful to our wonderful catering team for all they do for us and it was amazing to see so many beautiful creations. The prizes were presented during our Christmas dinner last week. Please see below the winners this year.



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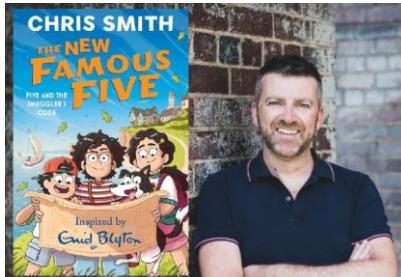
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If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA please email ava.pta@hotmail.com



Author Visit – Advanced Notice

On Thursday 22nd January 2026, we are thrilled to announce that the talented Chris Smith is coming into school to talk about his new book, based on the Famous Five series by Enid Blyton. This will be for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. In the New Year, we will send out the link for you to purchase the book – remember, all books bought for our author visits are signed by the authors!



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

We are delighted to announce that West End in Schools will be joining us again for some drama workshops during the week of World Book Day. The traditional tale this year is '*Hansel and Gretel*'. These will run for all classes from Reception through to Year 6 and will be over three days. The cost per child will be £3 and will be available to pay from January using School Gateway. Only children who have paid will be allowed to join in with the workshops.

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 Hansel and Gretel, but all World Book Day costumes are welcome. If your child would prefer not to dress up, that is fine too!

Reflection



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

On Sunday 21st December Christians around the world will celebrate the Fourth Sunday in 'Advent'.

During the advent season it is traditional to light a candle each week as part of the preparations for Christmas Day.

Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. The lighting of each candle is a symbol of the journey towards Christmas, a day of joy and celebration.

This week we invite our AVA community to join in a reflection for Advent and reflect on the lighting of the Fourth candle in Advent.

*The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is called **the Angel's Candle**, symbolizing peace.*

*Four candles, burning bright,
Chasing away the darkness with light.
Four candles, glowing bright,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.*

A Prayer for the fourth candle of Advent
Loving God,
This Christmas we ask that you put a new song in our hearts and lives.
So that through us your peace may be known here on earth.
Amen.



Wishing you all a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday with your families and we all look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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_VtsKSZm5lcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS

Community Services in Bucks

Helping Hand: 01296 531151, helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Anyone worried about food or warmth over the Christmas holidays, and not sure what help is available, can contact Bucks Council's Helping Hand support line (above).

This line is open 9am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am – 5pm on Friday. The support line is closed on Christmas day, Boxing Day, Monday 28 December and New Year's day but the out of hours team can be contacted in emergencies on 0800 999 7677.

Community Services in Aylesbury

Mind the Gap Peer Support: BBs Café, Aylesbury , Pauline Hayden, 07788438134. Social group: Wednesday 29th December 2-4pm (active Mind the Gap and Wellbeing group members ONLY) booking essential.

St Mary's Aylesbury: 07714 246593 / 01296 437641. Providing hampers to those in need of help this Christmas (call to enquire).
House of Mercy: Aylesbury Tel: **Mobile 1:**07985636361 **Mobile 2:**07506680717. Weekly Food donation.



[Christmas Service Information - One Recovery Bucks](#)

[Christmas Angels | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

THE ROTARY CLUB OF AYLESBURY CAROL FLOAT 2025



HO HO HO Santa is almost ready for his annual visit to Aylesbury.

From Sunday 7th December Santa as usual will be visiting the estates of Aylesbury and the High Street. His helpers will be present with their collecting buckets, card readers , QR codes collecting for our local charities and foodbanks.

So remember to put the dates in your diaries! The visits at the weekend will start around 5.30pm

The visits on weekdays will start around 6pm. All rounds must finish by 8pm (a licencing requirement).

ROUTES

Thursday December 18th
Saturday December 20th

WATERMEAD SOUTH
AYLESBURY HIGH STREET 10am -4pm

More details for each route will be posted on our Facebook page and new website in December and hopefully the Tracker will work.

FB ROTARY CLUB OF AYLESBURY
Web Site ROTARY CLUB of AYLESBURY - welcome

Tuesday 23rd December 4-5:30pm
at AVA Primary School Hall

Carols Round The Crib



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CADETS
(4-7YRS) & (8-12YRS)**

**10.45-11.30AM:
JUNIORS & ADULTS
(13+)**