

PARENT BULLETIN 12

28 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had lots of our little Reception children in school today in their jimjams! It was a bedtime story day linked to their topic for this term. Excited probably doesn't describe how they were feeling, it was so lovely to see them all, reading their books, having their hot chocolate and biscuit before going home. We apologise should any pj's come home mucky they do still go outside to play!

Our preschool children have just received some lovely new resources for their area. Their curriculum led books and resources will be well used, I am sure. I did hear a rumour about Gingerbread men!

We will soon start to get our Christmas decorations out and put the tree up in the run up to the end of term. Please remember to book the Christmas lunch via the School Gateway app.

This is on **Wednesday 10 December** which will also be our Christmas Jumper Day!



This year we will be supporting a charity that is close to home and to our hearts.

The Pepper Foundation are a charity that supports children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, and their families, at home with hospice care, play and family days out making what can be an extremely challenging time for families one of joy, support and memory making.

One of our families is supported by this wonderful charity and we want to do all we can to support them, and other children and families who need them, at times when things can be tricky.

Please can we ask that you follow the link below or scan the QR code and donate £2 or as much as you can to make the holiday period a happy time for all children.

We're hosting a **Christmas jumper day fundraiser**, and it's really easy to participate.

- Scan the QR code to donate £2 (or [use this link](#))

Please keep an eye out for all the Christmas information that is being sent out to ensure you manage to get tickets for your child's event. There will be some more information coming out shortly.

Donate by scanning
this QR code



The children are so excited and have been working hard learning songs and lines. The corridors are full of Christmas songs (and dances) and we can't wait for you all to see what they have been practising.

The seasonal sickness is doing the rounds for staff as well as children. Please can we remind all parents that if your child has been sick/vomiting or has diarrhoea please **do not** send them into school. Sickness and diarrhoea spreads quickly with children and adults. It is imperative that they are kept at home for 48hrs from the last bout of illness. If they are sick or have diarrhoea again then the 48hrs starts again.

This spread of illness impacts staff as well, this includes coughs and colds, we have had extremely high levels of staff sickness alongside the children and ultimately it is the rest of the children who are impacted in their learning.

We must also remember that in school we have immune compromised staff and children who can become seriously ill. We must all be responsible for minimising the risk and stopping the spread of infection.

I am really disheartened to have to send out, alongside Mr Gibson, a letter regarding WhatsApp/Social Media groups. My staff, whatever their role, only have the best interests of the children and the people that they work with at heart. They should not be subject to abuse, foul language, social media trolling or any other form of abuse. We have a duty of care to our staff, children and community and we must ensure that our school remains a safe, secure and happy place for anyone who walks through our doors.

We continue to have parking issues around the school and had to send out an email this week about an ambulance that struggled to get through traffic where people had stopped to let out their children.

Please can we ask that you do not park illegally, block traffic or stop emergency vehicles from being able to get through to help someone.

If you need to report dangerous or illegally parked vehicles the following link is at the bottom of our Newsletters.

Report Parking Issues

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

As the weather gets a little colder, we are seeing more children with sore, red lips. Children are allowed to bring in a small lip balm that is kept in their bags and brought out to use when they need it. This should not be a pigmented balm with any colouring to it. Lip gloss, lipstick, lip colourings and other novelty lip coverings are not permitted. If you will be sending your child in with a lip balm, we do ask that they are reminded that whilst we encourage sharing in many other circumstances, lip balm is a personal use item which should not be shared with other children.

Safeguarding Newsletter

Please find attached this month's Safeguarding Newsletter. This month we look at child-on-child abuse, how parents can nurture respect and empathy, and the age ratings for some popular games and social media apps.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about the safeguarding newsletter, feel free to contact us on safeguarding@theacademy.me

AVA PTA

To volunteer for our PTA A Sprinkle of Christmas event please sign up via the link below.

We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour helping on our stalls.

www.pta-events.co.uk/aylesburyvaleacademy

Many Thanks



<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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On Sunday 30th November 2025 Christians around the world will celebrate the First Sunday in 'Advent'. 'Advent' is the Christian season of preparation for Christmas, it is a time of reflection on the birth of Jesus. 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 first candle in Advent.

*The first candle of Advent is called **The Prophets' Candle**, symbolizing hope;*

*One candle, burning bright,
Chasing away the darkness from light.
One candle, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.*

A Prayer for the first candle of Advent
Loving God,
On this first Sunday in Advent, we as we anticipate Christmas day,
we know that we are in your presence.
Give us your peace that through us all may know the hope that you bring.
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_VtsKSZm5IcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTq1UIIUUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>

AVA PTA PRESENTS

A SPRINKLE OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 13th December

2-5pm

AVA Secondary School Hall

FREE ENTRY



- * AVA singers
- * Games
- * Cakes and refreshments
- * Anti bullying stall
- * Raffle
- * BAR - Baileys hot choc and mulled wine
- * Photobooth with instant pics!
- *Christmas shopping experience
- 'ELFRIDGES' - and free wrapping service



Glow in the Dark Tournament

**11th December
6-8pm**

**Come and learn how to
play handball!**



£3 per player



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

Sunday December 7th
Monday December 8th
Tuesday December 9th
Thursday December 11th
Saturday December 13th
Tuesday December 16th
Wednesday December 17th
Thursday December 18th
Saturday December 20th

MEADOWCROFT & QUARRENDON
HAWKESLADE
THE COPPICE / IIVINGHOE VIEW
SOUTHCOURT
WEEDON RD/SAVERNAKE
HAYDON HILL
ELM FARM NORTH
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