

PARENT BULLETIN 16

9 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Spring Term!

I thought we might have seen some lovely snow this week but I think it's been too wet with all the rain we've had.

It continues to be bitterly cold so please send the children in wrapped up warm as we do still go outside when possible.

You will be receiving the Phase Newsletters this coming week please have a read through for PE days and topic information.



I have had a new addition to my office, this is the amazing work of some of our children. The team and I are just debating names and where he/she will stay.

A huge welcome to our Preschool new starters. They are our youngest children and although it can be a worrying time to start somewhere new, they have done an amazing job and I've heard lots of squeals and laughter coming from preschool which is always a good sign.



As we look to welcome our youngest children we start to prepare for our wonderful Year 6's. Leavers Hoodies are being discussed as we speak and although it seems a long way off the next couple of terms will go in a flash and before you know it they'll have had their prom and will be taking their last steps out of Primary.

We will send out some more information about the hoodies so please keep an eye on your emails and towards the end of the Spring term we'll be sending out the dates for all the Leavers events in the Summer term. Get your tissues at the ready!

For all the parents who have requested a retake of photos this is happening on Monday. All sibling and individual photos that have been requested via the form will be completed then and the order process will be the same. The children will come home with a QR code to scan in and order.

The email regarding Parents Evening went out this week. The bookings will open on 12 January @ 6pm. All appointments are in person and will be 8 minutes long, this allows the teacher enough time to see all parents over the 2 days. Please can we ask that all SEN discussions are organised outside of parents evening as these discussions often take more time and it allows a member of the SEN team to be present.

The enrichment clubs start next week, there are still a couple of spaces on some clubs so please check the payments section of your School Gateway account. Choir, Science and Life Skills are all full so you won't be able to book onto these. Just to give you some context of how quickly these clubs are filled, Science club sold out within 13 minutes of going live.



AVA PTA

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

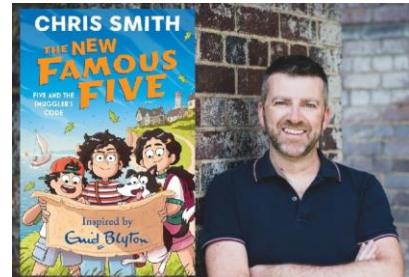
If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

Author Visit – Years 3,4,5&6

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.

Please find below the link to order:

<https://www.ourbookshopstring.co.uk/product/five-and-the-smugglers-code-the-new-famous-five/>



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 is available to pay using School Gateway now. 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

As we end the week, we invite our AVA community to join us in a reflection on the cold weather that has greeted our return to school.

Despite the freezing temperatures it has been a privilege to share in the excitement of our primary aged children at the first hint of ice and snow.

Unlike adults their joy is unburdened by practical considerations, and it's always a pleasure, even for just a moment, to share their excitement.

As we end the week, we urge you to stay as warm and safe as possible and invite you to join us in a prayer for winter...

Loving God

During this time of winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

During this time of winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

During this time of winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that can take away the darkness.

Amen

Adapted from a prayer by Cal Wick

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_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/>

Tantrums, Tears and Big Feelings!

What's really happening – and how to respond!



Respond with confidence. Stay calmly connected to your child.

A practical early-years seminar for parents navigating big emotions. Tools you can use immediately at home.

FREE SEMINAR - Monday 12th January 2026

WHERE: Fairford Leys Church: 17:00 - 19:00

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