



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 20

6 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to all our staff, our amazing children and the wonderful parents who have all contributed to the SIAMS - Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools - inspection that we have had this week.

We will be able to share the outcomes of this inspection when it has been finalised, but our initial verbal feedback from the inspector was that it went very, very well and that students demonstrated that we are a very caring and nurturing school.

I don't think this was ever in doubt, but this was the message he got from the parents, governors and staff he spoke to as well, not just the students.

We all work extremely hard to provide a wide and varied curriculum, to seek opportunities to expand every child's experience, and to wrap our school in a Christian ethos. We know what we do really well, our children talked about our school and their experiences beautifully and we hope that this came through to the inspector.

One of my highlights from one child when asked, following an assembly, if she would be friends with a pharaoh was **"yes but only if he stopped changing his mind all the time!"**. The confidence to talk to a stranger and explain how she was thinking was brilliant and she is only 5!



Our Year 3 WOW day was part of their upcoming Stone Age topic. This is always a popular topic and the costumes that come in are wonderful, it makes the lunch hall very interesting!

The children have been doing a lot of Stone Age related activities including pottery making. You will be able to see some of this work in our Open Classroom sessions after half term .

A fire crew and their engine came into school today to talk to our Reception children, it is always so exciting for them to see a fire engine close up (and even inside!), we could hear the squeals of delight from the staff room.

Thank you to the fire service for supporting our learning.



We have our parent evenings next week, if you haven't booked a session please do so before the 8 Feb at 6pm when the system will close.

There are no enrichment clubs running next week due to Parents Evenings.



Our wonderful PTA have purchased some new equipment for our sensory gym. Our sensory room is used to offer additional support to those children who need a place to regulate and reset before returning back to class. This additional equipment will be an incredible asset to support this ongoing and increasing requirement.

Thank You! to everyone who contributes to their fundraising efforts it makes a huge difference to the lives of our children.

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 able to join in with the workshops. Those that are not participating will have activities in their classrooms.

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!

10 & 12.02.26 – Parents Evening

12.02.26 – last full day of Preschool only (staff training)

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

This week we invite our AVA community to join us in a prayer for gratitude.

Saying 'thank you' is more than the instruction we learned as small children.

As we grow, rather than being just a command to be obeyed — it becomes a gift to ourselves.

Gratitude in our hearts has the power to transform our lives.

What begins in our heart spills out into our behaviour.

When we become aware of all that has been given to us, recently and over our lifetime, it is hard not to feel humbled, and subsequently motivated to give back.

As we end the week, we invite you to join us in a prayer for gratitude...

Loving God,
Guide me as I move through each day with a heart of gratitude.
Help me to carry my thankfulness into all that I do,
so that my words and actions reflect your love and grace.
I ask this in your name
Amen.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>

SAVE THE DATE!

RAMADAN FAIR

Saturday 7th February 2026

📍 Aylesbury Vale Academy (Main Hall)

12pm – 4pm

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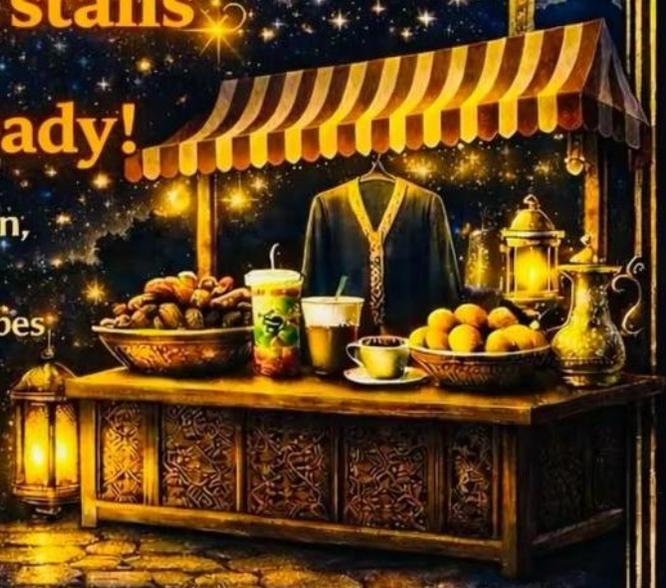
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