The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 23
6 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We finish this week surrounded by all different characters from so many books that even Captain English (Mrs Foulger) had trouble naming them all! What a wonderful display of costumes to celebrate World Book Day or week in our case. Reading is such an important part of a child's development and can spark their interest in so many topics, it is beneficial in lots of different ways.

We have West End in Schools in this week carrying out their workshops which the children thoroughly enjoyed, it is always wonderful to see them participating in enrichment activities that have such a significant impact on their learning.

Thank you to everyone who paid for their child to join the sessions.

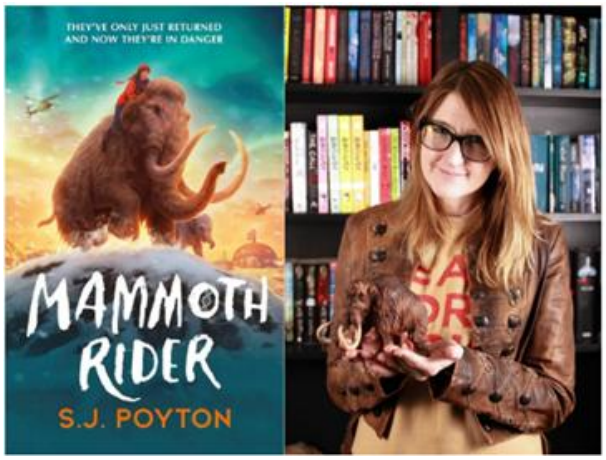
We have a fairly short half term this Spring and will soon be moving into the Summer term where, as we do every year, we will be looking to mix up the classes ready for transition day in July.

It is important for children socially and academically to be with different children year on year and we feel this is a crucial part of their resilience and development. We won't be asking the children until the Summer term and emails will go out just before transition day.

Every child chooses 3 friends who they work best with and is always allocated at least one of those friends, in any order.

The admissions team are starting to look at our Preschool admissions for September 2026. If you wish to apply for a Preschool place or know someone that does please put in an application via our portal which can be found on our website under Preschool.

Author Visit – KST2



On **Thursday 12th March**, we are delighted to be welcoming author S.J Poyton to our school to talk about her exciting new novel, *Mammoth Rider*.
She'll be coming in to ignite your child's imagination with this thrilling adventure. From real fossils to de-extinction, this immersive journey will inspire all young eco-heroes.

S.J Poyton will be signing books for the children at the event. Below are the details to secure a **signed copy** to bring the magic of the tundra home.
We work alongside *Our Bookshop,* based in Tring, to organise these fantastic author visits. By purchasing the discounted book from their website (using the link below), we support them, meaning they can continue to organise such visits for our students. If you purchase the book using the link below, it will arrive on the day of the visit, and S.J Poyton will sign every copy bought.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP*: Parents, you need to order the book from Our Bookshop- click below:*
https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/mammoth-rider/

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them.
Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

As always, thank you for your support with these events and visits. Promoting a love of reading is something The AVA is extremely passionate about, and visits such as this are extremely powerful for our children.

Uniform, jewellery and presentation

Please can I remind you all of our policy around school uniform, PE Kit, jewellery, hair colours, makeup and false nails etc.
We have had some children arriving at school with breaches to the above. It is vital that we stick to our policy in order to keep everyone smart, equal and safe. We are always preparing the children for the next stage of their journey and as we are getting the Year 6 children ready for their secondary moves it seems an appropriate time to remind ourselves of our expectations.

Upcoming Dates

Please take a look at our web site for term dates as we don't always come back on a Monday!
12.03.26 – Author visit KSt2
16.03.26 – Last week of enrichment clubs
24.03.26 – Rock Steady Concert – 9am (parents of Rock Steady Musicians)
24.03.26 – EYFS Castle & Soft play
24.03.26 – Preschool Stay & Play 3.30pm (new starters only)
27.03.26 – Last Day of Term (full day)
14.04.26 – Start of Summer Term
14.04.26 – Year 4 Ashmolean Trip
15-17 April – Year 1 Farm visit
23.04.26 – Class & Leavers Photos – change of date from last week
23.04.26 – Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting 5pm
11-14.05.26 – Year 6 SATs
15.05.26 – Charity Mufti Day
15.05.26 – Year 3 Theatre Trip

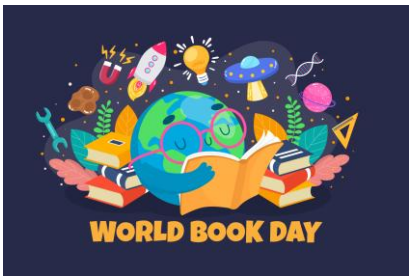
AVA PTA

Upcoming Events

12.03.26 – PTA AGM 6.30pm Secondary Hall.
20.03.26 – PTA Chocolate Mufti Day
27.03.26 – PTA Chocolate Tombola
15.05.26 – PTA Primary Disco
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

Happy World Book Day!
World Book Day was created by UNESCO in 1995 as a celebration of books and reading. Here at AVA World Book Day is always a well loved celebration. Children have spent the week immersing themselves in reading and enjoying various book related activities.
Today we invite our AVA community to reflect on how different our lives would be if never learned to read?
As we end the week, please pray with us that children everywhere will be surrounded with the support and encouragement they need to become the best version of themselves



A prayer for World Book Day...

Dear God,
We pray for every child to benefit from the chance to explore our world through reading and books.
Thank you for the power of a good book to transport us to new places and to give us new experiences.
Thank you for the creativity of authors and illustrators who create books for us to enjoy.
Thank you for the people who have helped us learn to read.
We pray for all children to be surrounded with the support and encouragement they need
to reach the fullness of life that God intends.
Amen.

Have a lovely and hopefully sunny 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_VtsKSZm5iIcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UlIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/