



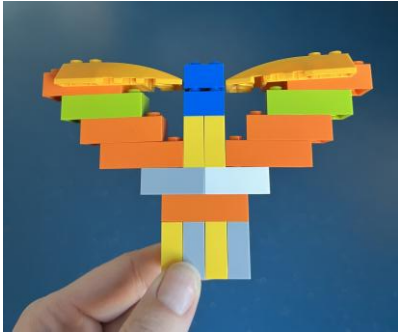
The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 13

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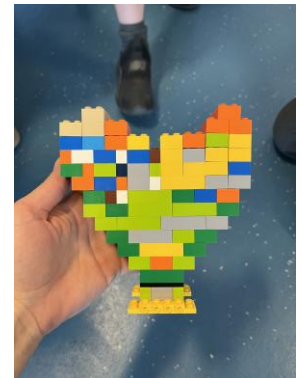
Dear Parents/Carers,



Our Year Two children enjoyed an exciting Lego charity workshop as part of the Build to Give campaign. The session was designed to promote creativity, teamwork, and kindness, while also supporting learning through play.

During the workshop, children took part in a variety of fun games and hands-on activities that encouraged problem-solving, communication, and imagination. One of the highlights was building colourful Lego hearts. For every heart created,

Lego donates a set to children who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas.



The classroom was filled with excitement as the children experimented with different shapes and colours, proudly sharing their creations and discovering how their play could help others. The games and challenges throughout the session helped develop key skills while keeping the atmosphere lively and enjoyable.



We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and compassion shown by the children. By taking part in Build to Give, they have not only had fun learning through play but have also contributed to a meaningful cause and helped to spread joy to children around the world. Mrs Wehrle has uploaded pictures of the children's creations (Lego only) to social media with the hashtag #buildtogive

If you would like to take part at home it's very simple, follow this [link](#) and it will explain what you need to do.

A huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Rock concert at school. Miss Russell was so proud of each and every one of them and it was lovely to see parents there supporting them as well.

We had our dress rehearsal today for the Year 1 & 2 school Nativity. We are so in awe every year at how well the children do in front of so many people and this year was no different.

The whole of primary got to see how amazing our children are, they did a great job, and we can't wait for parents to see this next week.

We had our termly fire drill yesterday. This can be quite a scary thing for our littlest children as it is sometimes the first time they have practiced this.

As always, they did us proud and we had a safe and swift exit of all the children, staff and visitors from the building.



Year 2 have been writing letters to Father Christmas. This morning, Panthers and Leopards had an opportunity to post their letters. They made their way to the local post box singing Christmas songs all the way, spreading festive joy. They were incredibly excited and thrilled to have an opportunity to post their letters. All children who posted their letters should receive a reply from Father Christmas very soon!



Christmas Performance Dates				
December 2025				
FRI	02	9-11 AM	Rock Steady Concert	
MON	08	9.30-10.30AM	Reception Performance	
	08	2-3PM	Years 1&2 Nativity	
TUE	09	9.30-10.30AM	Years 1&2 Nativity	
WED	10	9.30-10.30AM	Year 3 Christingle	
	10	Christmas Lunch (No parents info only)		
	10	Christmas Jumper Day (No parents info only)		
MON	15	9.30-10.30AM	Year 5 Carols	
TUE	16	9.30-10.30AM	Year 4 Carols	
WED	17	9.30-10.30AM	Year 4 Carols	
	17	6-7PM	Year 6 Concert	
FRI	19	9-12AM	Preschool Christmas Activities	
(this is in allocated slots of 1hr each)				

The end of term is fast approaching so we thought we would share the end of term timings with you all. If you bring in a lunch for your child, please see below the amended lunch times.

Timings for 19 December 2025

Lunch times:

Reception - 11.00am

Year 1 & 2 - 11.20am

Year 3 & 4 - 11.40am (packed lunches in classroom due to numbers)

Year 5 & 6 - 11.55am

Exit times:

Reception - 12.00pm

Year 1 & 2 & 5 - 12.10pm

Year 3 & 4 - 12.20pm

Year 6 - 12.25pm

Please can we remind parents that any non-essential appointments must be made outside of school hours. As a school, we authorise absence for illness, medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day, religious observances and exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher. We are also as accommodating as we can be when unavoidable emergencies happen. It is vital that your child is in school as much as possible in order to maximise learning. When children are taken out part way through the day, it disrupts their day, as well as the lesson they are in. Please ensure all non-essential appointments are made outside of school hours.

Our wonderful choir went to sing at Roman Park today. It always brings so much joy and happiness to the people involved in these events and the children sang beautifully. Our children made Christmas cards for all of the community that we sung for, and they were really pleased to receive them.

Every year we celebrate and support Christmas Jumper Day. This is on **Wednesday 10 December** which will also be our Christmas Lunch Day, please remember to book your child's Christmas lunch via the School Gateway app!



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.

Donate by scanning this QR code



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](#))

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.



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On Sunday 7th December Christians around the world will celebrate the Second 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.

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

*The second candle on the Advent Wreath is called **the Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing faith;***

*Two candles, burning bright,
chasing away the darkness from light.
Two candles, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.*



A Prayer for the second candle of Advent...

Loving God,

On this second Sunday in Advent, as we anticipate Christmas day, help us to hear anew your voice calling us to prepare the way for you.

Live in us, through your Spirit, that our lives will bring praise and honour of your name.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtq1UilUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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](#)

Sunday 7th December 3-5pm Berryfields Green

Berryfields Carols

With AVA Band, Greenridge & AVA Primary Choirs



Candy Store ★ Nativity Activities

Decoration Making ★ Christmas Games & Crafts

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine ★ Free Glow Sticks

All activities are free just pay for refreshments



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www.churchonberryfields.org/christmas



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



Carolfest

Join us for community carol singing

Sunday 14 December

6pm (arrive from 5:45pm) in St Mary's Church



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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 7 th	MEADOWCROFT & QUARRENDON
Monday December 8 th	HAWKESLADE
Tuesday December 9 th	THE COPPICE / IVINGHOE VIEW
Thursday December 11 th	SOUTHCOURT
Saturday December 13 th	WEEDON RD/SAVERNAKE
Tuesday December 16 th	HAYDON HILL
Wednesday December 17 th	ELM FARM NORTH
Thursday December 18 th	WATERMEAD SOUTH
Saturday December 20 th	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.

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