



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 22

27 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing and fun half term with your families and loved ones.

We have cases of chickenpox in school across several year groups. Please can we ask that you are mindful of symptoms and please do not send in your child if they have a temperature or if spots appear as we have immunosuppressant individuals in school and in our families that need to be very careful. As always it is our duty to protect members of our community.

We have a few trip payments that are live on School Gateway across several year groups. Please can we ask that you go in and check your child's year to see if there is anything outstanding.

We have had sporting fixtures this week even with it being the first week back and hopefully moving into Summer (and fingers crossed better weather) we can expect Mr O'Leary to add even more to the calendar. The children love being part of a team here at AVA and it is so important for them to try different sports and to remain active.

Our Leavers Hoodies (for Year 6) will hopefully go live over the weekend if not on Monday for our Year 6's to order, we are just doing a double check of proofs. As with last year they are able to choose any colour available to them. We also have some samples of sizes in the Year 6 classrooms so that they can try them on and see what size they would prefer.

As we start to ramp up to our lovely Year 6's moving on to secondary just a reminder that the Year 7 offer day is Monday 2nd March.

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.

We have had emails from concerned residents regarding parking and dangerous driving outside the school. As always, we refer them to Buckinghamshire Council to report any vehicles and provide license plates/evidence to the council to follow up on. We all need to live in this community and confrontations about parking between residents and parents can be upsetting and are unnecessary if all vehicles are parked legally and correctly, not across verges, on yellow lines or across driveways etc. If someone is reporting illegal parking, there is nothing the school is able to do especially if tickets or further sanctions are issued.

World Book Week (2nd – 6th March 2026) – Advanced Notice

Next week is world book week to all those that have paid for the West End in Schools, thank you. We are really looking forward to seeing the excitement and joy from the children, who have signed up, when they participate in 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 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!

- 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)
- 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
- 16.04.26 – Class & Leavers Photos
- 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

Next week on 4th March Hindus around the world will celebrate Holi.

Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates Spring, Love, and New Life. The festival marks the arrival of spring and the end of winter. It lasts for a night and a day, starting on the evening of the Purnima, the day of the full moon, during the Hindu calendar month of Phalguna.

Holi is known as the "festival of colours" which reflects that, alongside religious observance, it is also a time for fun, dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water.

As we end the week we wish our Hindu community and their families "A very happy and blessed Holi! May the colours of Holi fill your life with love, happiness, and peace"...

A Prayer for Holi

In this time of colour and joy, we come before you with hearts open to the lessons of love and the promise of renewal.

May we, trust in a love that sees us as we are, neither diminished by doubt, or afraid of imperfection, but radiant in our full humanity.

In this world of division, may we be bold in our togetherness.

In this season of transformation, may we make space for new beginnings.

Finally, in the face of all that seeks to dim our light, may we throw colour, raise our voices and dance forward in hope.

Amen (*adapted from an original prayer by Rev. Abhi Janamanchi*)



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/>