



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 7

17 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a slightly quieter week with our Year 6's away on residential but they have been missed and it is lovely to receive all the updates and photos. They all look like they are having a wonderful time, making memories and trying new things.

We had our Phonics and Early Years Reading Workshop this week, thank you to all the parents that attended it was amazing to see so many of you there. These events are so helpful in supporting parents/carers to continue cementing the learning at home and giving the children all the support that they need to be able to progress and shine. We will be looking to do some similar workshops throughout the year that focus on other learning areas.

We had our last Open Morning this week and our final sets of prospective parents through our doors. We are always so proud of our school and our children.



Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our Harvest festival drive for the local foodbank. We really appreciate all the donations and know that they will be so gratefully received and given out to the local community.

We had the school immunisation team in this week to administer the vaccinations for Years R-5 if you signed up your child to have it. They are back next week to administer for our Year 6's so if you would still like your child to have a vaccination please contact the school immunisation team: **01494 323000**

A reminder to all parents that there are **no teacher led/enrichment clubs next week** due to Parents Evenings.

We also have an **INSET DAY** next Friday. It has been on the dates below and the school calendar.

Sibling and individual photos have moved to the **14 November**. All sibling requests will still stand for the new date if submitted already the form is still open if you need to request a photo.

This Thursday, we were so excited to welcome back Paula Harrison to talk about her new book, *Kitty and the Missing Pumpkins*. Paula talked to Year 1 and 2 about her inspiration for the stories (her own cat!) and the characteristics of Kitty. She also created a new character with the children – Dolphin Boy! A huge well done to Year 1 and 2 for being such good role models during the visit, showing the AVA Way throughout! As always, thank you for continuing to support these wonderful author visits.





Dates for Diary

October

- 20 – No clubs this week
- 21 – Parents Evening Yr R-6 3.30-6pm
- 23 - Parents Evening Yr R-6 3.30-6pm
- 23 – Last Day of Half Term – full day
- 23 - Non-uniform day (PTA event)
- 24 – **INSET Day**
- 27-31 – HALF TERM

November

- 3 – First Day back
- 4 – Open Classrooms – 3.30pm-4.30pm
- 7 – PTA Disco's
- 14 – Individual and Sibling Photos



AVA PTA

Non uniform day Thursday 28th October

The PTA are inviting all primary school children to a non-uniform day in exchange to bring a small donation for our upcoming Christmas event. We are asking for donations of various items including but not limited to- new and unused gift sets/ toiletries and good condition toys/games/ that you might have already at home.

These items can be handed to your teacher on the morning of Thursday 23rd October.
Thank you so much for your support.

PTA Disco

We are so excited to be hosting a 'Dis-Glow' when we return after half term on Friday 7th November.

Get ready to dance, get ready to glow! Shine extra bright in white or neon!

Tickets are limited and are on sale now, they include a snack and a drink for each child. You can purchase them here:

<https://pta.events/Disc-Glow2025>

If you can also sign up to lend a helping hand on the day, that would be much appreciated.

Pre loved uniform collection bin

We are delighted to see our new donation bins our side of primary and secondary reception areas. We welcome all branded items at the drop off for our next pre love sale.

Please see a poster at the end of the Newsletter about the upcoming disco that the amazing PTA have organised. There is a QR code that you can scan to buy tickets or to volunteer.

<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



As we end this week, we invite our AVA community to join us in a reflection for the upcoming festival of Diwali which begins this weekend. Diwali represents new beginnings and the victory of light over darkness, good over evil. The festival lasts for five days, starting with Dhanteras on October 18th and concluding on October 23rd.

We wish those in our community who are celebrating...
Happy Diwali
May you be surrounded by love, light and happiness.

At AVA, we are blessed that our school is a community of rich religious and cultural diversity. We believe we can all learn from each other and encourage respect, dialogue and understanding.

This Diwali we invite our whole community to pray for peace and work together to create a safe and loving environment for everyone.

A Reflection for Diwali...

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Loving God,

As our community lights its lamps and celebrates this Diwali, may your light illuminate our hearts and homes.

May we work together to create a safe and loving environment for everyone.

Bless us with respect, wisdom, joy, and prosperity.

Guide us on the path of goodness and remove any darkness from our lives.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXTq1UIIUUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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.

THURSDAY 23RD
OCTOBER

PRIMARY
NON SCHOOL
UNIFORM
DAY

INVITING ALL CHILDREN
TO BRING IN A SMALL DONATION
TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT
SPECIAL THIS YEAR.

WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF NEW
AND UNUSED ITEMS SUCH AS GIFT SETS &
TOILETRIES AND GOOD CONDITION
TOYS/GAMES/STATIONARY SETS
THANK YOU!



AVA PTA PRESENTS:



DIS- 'GLOW'

Friday 7th November



1.45-2.40pm Reception

4.00-5.00pm Yr 1 and 2

5.15-6.15pm Yr 3 and 4

6.30-7.30pm Yr 5 and 6



Scan code to buy tickets and/ or volunteer

AVA.PTA@HOTMAIL.COM



Diwali Festival of Lights 2025

Sunday 2nd November

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
12 till 5pm

Fun family event

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Cultural and Bollywood Dance
 - Henna Tattoos
 - Craft Activities
 - Dhol Drummers
 - Street Food & Chai Stalls
- plus much more!

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:

holycowcommunityevents.org



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Charity Reg No: 1194665



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Museum



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TEA



Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA Presents

FIREWORKS NIGHT 2025

Saturday 8th

November 2025

BBQ - Refreshments - More

WIN THE CHANCE TO START THE FIREWORKS

Fireworks Tickets 2025

Purchase tickets at [www.pta-
events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta)



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