

PARENT BULLETIN 35

19 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week!

This Wednesday, we welcomed Clare Pollard to school to talk to KS2 about her new book, *'The Othernavts'*. The visit was particularly well-timed for Culture Week, as her book is based on Greek Mythology. This is a popular topic in Year 4, and all the children were engaged, using every opportunity to share their own knowledge with Clare!

As always, we would like to thank Our Bookshop in Tring for arranging these visits, and we would also like to thank our parents for continuing to support these events, helping us to embed a life-long love of reading!



This week we have been celebrating Culture Week across the school. On Monday we welcomed children to wear their own cultural clothes and we celebrated together on the field as a school. The children were able to have their pictures taken in a photo booth with props from around the world and played a variety of different games.

On Wednesday we welcomed KASO dance in, who taught a variety of different cultural dances to each class.



Throughout the week the children have also been completing a range of different cultural activities for the different lesson subjects. They are very excited to show you all of their amazing work on **Tuesday 23rd June** after school.



In Year 3, we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

The children have learnt the mummification process, built pyramids, and have enjoyed looking at artefacts.

We have some of our amazing children taking part in the school production of Annie.
If you would like tickets, they are on sale now. Please follow the link: <https://ow.ly/yMrh50ZbMAy>

Sports Week

It is sports week next week. The children can wear sports kit all week apart from the days when it is their classes sports day when they need to wear school PE kit.

Author Visit

On Monday 29th June 2026, our final author visit of the year will take place as we welcome the outstanding Phil Earle into school!

Phil is an incredibly popular author with our KS2 children, and we are delighted to have secured his visit! Author of the acclaimed *When the Sky Falls*, Phil visits us to introduce his hilarious new series, *Finn N. O. Hope*.

Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, this "comedy classic" is guaranteed to get kids laughing.

Pre-order now to gift your child a **personally signed copy!**

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 Chris 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/finns-epic-fails-downhill-from-here/>

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.

Thank you for all your continued support this year for these 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. We can't wait for more author visits next year!

AVA'Bury Festival – Save the Date!

We're delighted to announce that our fourth AVA'Bury Festival will take place on **Saturday 26th September!**

Run by our fantastic PTA, this much-loved event raises funds for the school and promises a great day for the whole family. There will be live music from students and guest performers, delicious food stalls, fun activities, and the odd bouncy castle!

We'd love to see as many families there as possible - please bring your friends and join us for what is always a brilliant community event.

If you are interested in running a stall or getting involved, please get in touch with the PTA:

ava.pta@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

HTKD Aylesbury are now at AVA!

Become a part of something greater at Hollingsworth Taekwon-Do Schools!

Our kids classes are perfect for children aged 4+and of all abilities. Our experienced instructors will help your child develop confidence, discipline and fitness while having a blast! 🥋

We also have classes for adults.... there's no age limit here 😊

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WhatsApp: 07767309817

Email: htkdaylesbury@gmail.com

Location: AVA Primary School

Upcoming Dates

Please take a look at our web site for term dates as we don't always come back on a Monday!

We've put all of our dates below to take us up to the end of Summer as we are starting to come into a busy time of year.

Please keep an eye on these in case any changes need to be made or there are additions to the list.

23.06.26 - Open classrooms (Cultural Celebration) 3.30-4.30pm

25.06.26 – Preschool new starters Stay & Play 4-5pm

25.06.26 – Year 5 Residential Meeting 5-6pm

29.06.26-03.07.26 – Sports Week

30.06.26 – Yrs 1- 3 (AM) & Yrs 4-6 (PM) SPORTS DAY – weather permitting

01.07.26 – Reception Sports Day 9.30am – weather permitting

01.07.26 – Year R Safari Stu

02.07.26 – Reserve Sports Day

02.07.26 – Reception Vision Screening

07.07.26 – Transition Day – AM only

08.07.26 – Preschool Animal Encounters

08.07.26 – Reception New Parents Meeting 5-6pm

13.07.26 – Year 5 Hazard Alley Trip

13.07.26 – Year 6 Performance 6pm

14.07.27 - Year 6 Performance 9.15am

15.07.26 – Year 6 Prom 6pm

16.07.26 – Year 6 Assembly 9.30am

16.07.26 - Year 6 Shirt Signing

17.07.26 – End of term – ½ day – SUMMER!



AVA PTA

There are many ways you can support your PTA, if you are interested, please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

Reflection

This week we invite our community to join us in a reflection for Men's Health Month which takes place every year in June.

The modern world is not an easy place to grow up in, and in recent years, movements such as #MeToo and the rise of influencers have meant that masculinity has become a topic everybody seems to have an opinion on.

The men, boys and young people in our community need our prayers more than ever, so this week we ask you to join us in a prayer for their guidance and support...



Loving God, we pray for all the men in our community and for their mental and physical health,
We pray for boys and young people as they grow to maturity, that your light may be reflected in their lives.
We pray for all to have courage and integrity.

Thank You that you always know the strength of character needed to hold true to your values.
Amen

Have a wonderful 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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRTg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>