



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

PARENT BULLETIN 18

23 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

January is always a tricky month after the excitement of the festive holidays, but the children have been doing really well. Year 4 are doing amazingly with their swimming lessons and there was a lot of excitement around the recent Author visit yesterday for all KST2 children.

Well done to the Year 6's who sat PIXL assessments this week, as always their attitude and behaviour was exemplary.

Reception classes will be having some special visitors on Monday, we have some lovely volunteer police officers coming in to talk to them all about their current topic.

Thank you for your patience whilst we imbed the new absence system. There are some tweaks to still be made so please bear with us. I've attached the flyer from county which explains more about the process that we need to follow and why some requests will be declined and potentially incur a fine. If you have any queries, please get in touch via the school office.

I am aware that I sound like a broken record, but please can we remind all parents, and those collecting children, not to park across the staff car park entrance or on the yellow lines out the front of the school. Our staff have to be able to get in and out at all times due to their own commitments and I know you think you will only be a minute, but this is often not the case. The entrance should not be blocked or used as a waiting bay. This week the swimming coach was not able to park in its designated space and we had to drop children in an area that we ordinarily wouldn't. Parking on these yellow lines is illegal and putting lives at risk.

We continue to have this horrible virus going around and unfortunately, I think it is one that lingers. We do have children, families and staff with autoimmune conditions and ask that you are mindful about when to send in your child and that follow the guidance from the NHS, please see link below.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Parents Evening

Parents Evening appointments are live to book on the School Cloud system.

Please note there will be no opportunity to make appointments outside of these times with the class teachers, if you are unable to attend both evenings and still wish for an update, please email the school office and an email update will be sent to you.

All meetings regarding SEN concerns etc are to be organised via the SEN team – sendco@theacademy.me

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

We are delighted to announce that West End in Schools will be joining us again for some drama workshops during the week of World Book Day. The traditional tale this year is *'Hansel and Gretel'*. These will run for all classes from Reception through to Year 6 and will be over three days. The cost per child will be £3 and is available to pay using School Gateway now. Only children who have paid will be allowed to join in with 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 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

04.02.26 – R & Year 6 Height & Weight measurements
06.02.26 – Year 3 WOW Day
09-13.02.26 – Children's Mental Health Week
10 & 12.02.26 – Parents Evening
12.02.26 – last full day of Preschool only (staff training)
16-20.02.26 – Half Term
24.02.26 – Open Classrooms – 3.30-4.30pm
2-6.03.26 - World Book Week
06.03.26 – World Book Day Dress Up
16.03.26 – Last week of enrichment clubs
24.03.26 – Rock Steady Concert – 9am
27.03.26 – Last Day of Term (full day)
13.04.26 – INSET DAY
14.04.26 – Start of Summer Term
14.04.26 – Year 4 Ashmolean Trip



AVA PTA

Upcoming Events

30.01.26 – PTA 2nd hand uniform sale – 2.45pm
20.03.26 – PTA Chocolate Mufti Day

<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



This week we invite our AVA community to join us in a reflection for Blue Monday.

Blue Monday is marked in the UK on the third Monday in January, and is often called the "most depressing day of the year." Although the day is not actually based on any scientific fact, its value lies in encouraging open conversation about emotional well-being, raising awareness and reducing stigma around mental health struggles.

Perhaps the true value of Blue Monday is that it reminds us that we can all experience mental health struggles at any time and on any day of the year. Good mental health matters on every day of the year and as a community we can support each other in the tough times.

As we end the week, we invite our community to join us in a prayer for each other in times of struggle...

*God of compassion and grace,
Thank you that you love us when we feel at our best
and when we are at our lowest.
We pray for your strength in our hearts,
that we may work as a community to support each other.
Remind us to encourage one another when the troubles of life start to overwhelm us,
so that no-one has to feel isolated and bear their struggles alone.
Amen*

Have a lovely 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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>

SAVE THE DATE!

RAMADAN FAIR

Saturday 7th February 2026

📍 Aylesbury Vale Academy (Main Hall)
12pm – 4pm

Amazing stalls
Get yourself
Ramadan Ready!

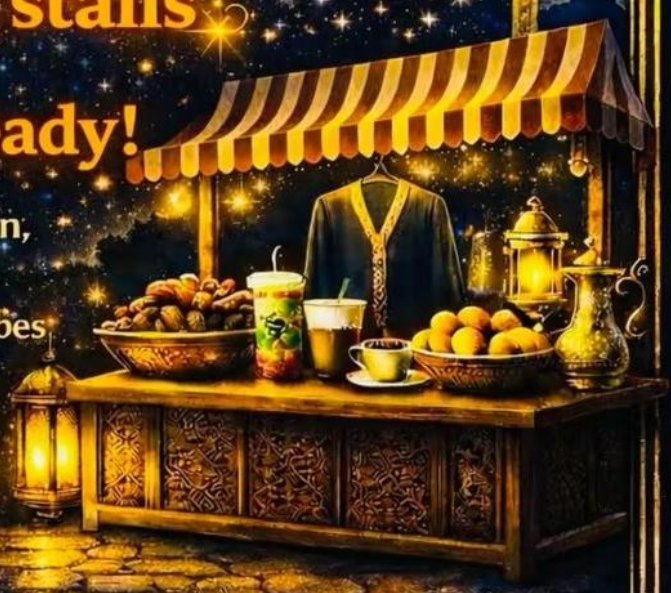
- Featuring authentic Moroccan,
• Palestinian & Islamic finds
• Gifts • Clothing • Abayas • Thobes
• Eid & Ramadan décor
• Food • Dates • Coffee
• Sweets & more!

A warm, family-friendly
community event – open to all!

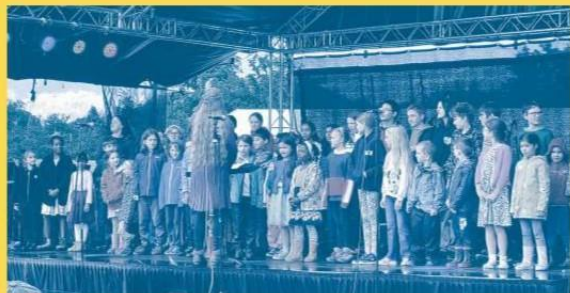
FOLLOW



@artisansofmoroccouk for updates



YOU ARE INVITED TO



BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM

- ALL STANDARDS (1 TERM TO GRADE 8)
- ALL INSTRUMENTS
- ALL SINGERS
- ALL AGES



GOT A QUESTION?

OPEN DAY

**AT AYLESBURY MUSIC CENTRE
SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY
IT'S FREE!**

WALTON ROAD | AYLESBURY HP21 7ST | TEL 01494 216 066
AYLMUSIC@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG

**NO NEED TO BOOK
JUST TURN UP!**



DODGEBALL CLUB

MONDAYS AT AVA

Monday 5-6pm at Ayelsbury Vale Academy

**New Sessions
for year 3 – 6**

