



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 24

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week of science, sport and literature.

This week we celebrated British Science Week in school. Pupils across the school have immersed themselves into the theme of curiosity and have taken part in investigations and discussions around buoyancy and why some objects float while others sink. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and watching them work together to solve problems like real scientists.

Our football and netball teams did well this week even in the rain, we are incredibly proud of their passion and commitment to their sports.

We really need new kit for the teams and would like to reach out to any parents or anyone else that you know who might be able to help in sponsorship of the new kit for the netball and football teams. If you are able to help, please can you email avprimary@theacademy.me and we will be in touch.

Author visit

Key Stage 2 were delighted to welcome S.J. Poyton into school yesterday to talk about her new book, *'Mammoth Rider'*.



Her talk was incredibly engaging; she discussed being a writer and the challenges she has faced due to being neuro-diverse (as well as being dyslexic, dyspraxic and having dyscalculia), but she also talked about the science behind cloning and about her time going on palaeontology digs around the world. She even brought in a baby woolly mammoth tooth and some mammoth poo! The children (and staff!) have not stopped talking about her visit!

As always, S.J. and her team were extremely complimentary about our children, commenting on their fabulous behaviour and how intelligent and thoughtful their questions were. Well done, KS2 – as always, you made us proud! We received the following from the author this morning:
“I had a wonderful time, and I would like to say how engaged and enthusiastic your pupils are, you must be incredibly proud of them.”

Radio

The children at **Aylesbury Vale Academy Primary School** will be on-air:
W/C 11th May at around 7:15am and 3:25pm from Monday to Friday
(it will be same question each day, so if you miss it in the morning, you can still catch it in the afternoon).



Thank You

A thank you to our local Mosque and Muslim community for the amazing food donations this week that we have been distributing to our local community and beyond. The food collected and shared out will make a massive difference to many local families from AVA and other local schools. Thank you to Mrs Bryant and Mrs Khan for delivering all the packages.

School Trips

We have taken on board feedback from our parent surveys completed at Parents evening and continue to provide trips to enrich our children's experiences. However, we cannot continue to put these on if we can't pay for them. We will always do our utmost to ensure we give as much time as possible and allow flexible payments to help families spread the costs.

Please can you have a look on your school gateway app under payments to check if any payments are outstanding.

School trips and visits are in place to enrich experiences, most are linked to learning but some are to widen what children do and where they go. There is never any pressure for children to participate, and we understand that some don't want to take part, there will always be an alternative activity happening in school for those children who do not pay or sign up.

Mrs Evans is leaving us today to start her maternity leave. We said a very sad but excited good luck to her today in assembly. We cannot wait to hear about the little one's arrival and look forward to cuddles soon.

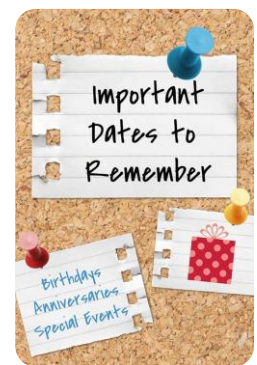
Upcoming Dates

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.

- 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)
- 26.03.26 – Year 4 Open Classroom 3.30-4pm
- 27.03.26 – Year 6 Leavers Hoodies last day to order for school delivery
- 27.03.26 – Last Day of Term (full day)
- 14.04.26 – Start of Summer Term
- 14.04.26 – Year 4 Ashmolean Trip
- 15-17 April – Year 1 Farm visit
- 23.04.26 – 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



01-12.05.26 – MTC Assessment window
 02.06.26 – Year 6 Bletchley Trip
 03.06.26 – Reception new starters Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
 09.06.26 – RSE Drop in Session 3.30-4.30pm
 11.06.26 – Reception new starters Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
 15-19.06.26 – Sports Week/RSE Week and Cultural Week
 17.06.26 – Preschool new starters Stay & Play 4-5pm
 18.06.26 – Year 5 11+ Meeting 5-6pm
 25.06.26 – Preschool new starters Stay & Play 4-5pm
 25.06.26 – Year 5 Residential Meeting 5-6pm
 07.07.26 – Transition Day
 08.07.26 – Reception New Parents Meeting 5-6pm
 13.07.26 – Year 5 Hazard Alley Trip
 13.07.26 – Year 6 Performance 6pm
 15.07.26 – Year 6 Prom
 16.07.26 – Year 6 Assembly
 17.07.26 – End of term – ½ day – SUMMER!



AVA PTA

Upcoming Events

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

This week at AVA we have marked International Women's Day which is celebrated annually on March 8th. This day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also marks a call to action for advancing gender equality.

As we end the week, we invite you to join us in a prayer for women everywhere and especially for all women, mothers, aunts, sisters and friends who work tirelessly for our children and who we celebrate this Sunday on Mothering Sunday.

A Prayer for Women...

Loving God,
We thank you for women and girls all around the world.
For those who have pushed past the obstacles of injustice.
For those who stand tall with pride and dignity.
For those whose resilience inspires and gives us hope.
We thank you for the love and encouragement they bring to our hearts,
For the change they make possible through words and actions.



We pray to you, who made all equal in your image.
That in our working together and in partnership, we might all become the best version of humankind you envision.

Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer from the Methodist Church of England
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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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlqRJQUZUMVCUk1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>