

## PARENT BULLETIN 9

### 7 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The nights have become darker and we are feeling that winter is just around the corner with fireworks on Wednesday night and the start of preparation for all the Christmas celebrations coming up in December. Although it has been quite mild, as the days get colder the children will need a coat and suitable shoes for any outdoor play.

We have quite high levels of sickness not only in the children but also the staff. Please can we remind all parents/carers to not send your child into school if they are not fit to be in school. This will help us to reduce the spread of any viruses and bugs as we move into the winter months.

If your child is off school, please email the attendance team on [primaryattendance@theacademy.me](mailto:primaryattendance@theacademy.me) to ensure that they are recorded onto the system correctly. Please do this before 9am otherwise you may receive an automated email chasing for a response. We do not monitor the phonelines for absences and if you call into the office, you will be directed to email in.

Please can we also ask that messages are not passed on at the gate to staff for any absences or important information. Staff are dealing with high numbers of children in a very short space of time and cannot be expected to pass all messages from all parents onto the relevant people, they often move from the gate to teach or directly into meetings. All other messages outside of attendance need to go via [avaprimary@theacademy.me](mailto:avaprimary@theacademy.me)

Parking as always is an issue, and we continue to get complaints from our neighbours about parking at drop off and pick up times. This is becoming increasingly more dangerous and riskier as the days get darker. Please can we ask all parents to park considerately and appropriately for a residential area. People should not be parking over or in peoples drives and should not be blocking access to roads or restricting the view of other cars trying to manoeuvre on the roads. If you have concerns or wish to raise a complaint regarding parking please report this to Buckinghamshire Council - <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

We are working hard to improve attendance and reduce the number of late arrivals in school where children are missing significant amounts of learning time. This will be an evolving process but one of the first steps is to ensure that no child is signing into the Invenry system when they arrive in school, this should be completed by their accompanying adult. The office team will not be signing in children on parents' behalf any more so please ensure that you accompany your child to the office and sign them in correctly on the system. The same applies with children who are being collected for appointments etc. If your child walks to school and arrives late you will be notified of this and they will need to be signed in via the attendance team. Allowing children to sign into the system creates a safeguarding risk that we need to mitigate and ensures all children are signed in properly on the system. If you do not sign your child in, you may receive an automatic email chasing this up from the attendance team even though your child may be in school. This data is reported via the school census to the department of education and we will be using this to manage attendance moving forward.

A reminder that we have school photos next **Friday 14 November**. Sibling photos will be done first thing followed by the individual photos. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time to ensure that any

sibling photos are completed, we cannot guarantee this for late arrivals. All children must be smartly dressed in full school uniform there will be no PE that day for any classes. Please ensure that your child has a jumper or cardigan with them to wear for their photo.

We have our remembrance service next week where we remember all those brave service men and women who fought and continue to serve and protect our country.

A reminder that children who attend scouts, sea cadets or any similar organisation are able to wear their uniform for the day and be involved in the service as per the letter sent out last week. It will be lovely to see them all in their uniforms to pay their respects, we will be taking a photo for the Newsletter next week.



For Children in Need this year, the school parliament has decided the children in all key stages will participate in some fun classroom-based activities (linked to the number 25) as well as an enjoyable 'Strictly Come Dancing' inspired physical challenge.

Unfortunately, we cannot dress up this year as the event falls on the same day as our individual school photographs. If you wish to donate money to this very worthy cause, please do so via:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We thank you in advance for your help in supporting this very important cause.

### Anti-Bullying Week – WB 10th November 2025

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance wants all children to understand that they have the power to speak up safely when they see bullying happening. Throughout the week, children will be using their PSHE lessons to explore this in more detail. There will also be a whole school assembly. As always, we are inviting children to wear odd socks all week to show that we can all express ourselves and celebrate our own individuality.



### Dates for Diary

#### November

- 7 – PTA Disco's
- 11 November – Armistice Day
- 14 – Individual and Sibling Photos



#### AVA PTA

We hope the children are excited for the PTA Disco's tonight and have fun dancing!

#### 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](mailto:ava.pta@hotmail.com)

### Reflection

Around the world, November has been the designated month for diabetes awareness since 1975.

World Diabetes Day will be marked next week on 14th November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin in 1921.



As we end the week we invite our AVA community to join us in a reflection for World Diabetes Month.

For those living with diabetes, their condition affects every part of their day – home, work, and school – with constant caution and extra effort. This is the daily responsibility of living with diabetes. Diabetes means those with the condition have to think about everything they eat and even the simplest tasks require many extra decisions.

Living with diabetes can sometimes feel overwhelming and make it harder to see a brighter future ahead. This week we invite you to pray for those in our community who are living with this condition. We invite you to offer your support where you can, so that everyone in our AVA community can ASPIRE to a better future...

...more and better life than they ever dreamed of. John Ch10 v10.

A prayer for World Diabetes Month...

Loving God,

We come before you in our search for a supportive community for all.

Help us to work to be a community who uplift and encourage each other.

May we foster relationships rooted in love and understanding.

May we find a place where we can grow together in respect and friendship, sharing our joys and burdens.

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-](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJiq5HlqRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtq1UIIUUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

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#### **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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me) - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.





Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA Presents

# FIREWORKS NIGHT 2025

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

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)



[pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)



# FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP



COST  
One card £5 + booking  
fee

Two cards £8.50 +  
booking fee

Join us for a fun and festive family craft session!  
Get creative and make your very own collage Christmas card  
to share holiday cheer with loved ones!

WHERE: Cheddington Village Hall, Church Lane, Cheddington  
LU7 0RU

WHEN: Saturday 15 November 11:30am – 12:30pm

SCAN ME TO  
SIGN UP!



PARENTS  
FOR  
FUTURE  
HERTS &  
BUCKS



Growing  
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