



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 27

17 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's the first week back after a lovely break and it is full steam ahead. The children have had a couple of trips out of school this week for Year 4 & 1 which they have all thoroughly enjoyed.

Please have a look at the information in this Newsletter as it's full of dates and community information as well.

Farm

Year 1 had a *mooo*-vellous time on their visit to the farm this week! From the moment they arrived, the children were buzzing with excitement and curiosity, ready to explore life on a real working farm. They asked thoughtful questions, listened carefully, and showed just how inquisitive they can be when learning outside the classroom.

We enjoyed a wide range of hands-on experiences that really brought their learning to life. Highlights included gently holding tiny, fluffy lambs, stroking the sheep, watching the cows being moved to another field, and climbing up to sit inside a real tractor – a definite favourite! Every activity sparked lots of smiles, laughter, and amazed expressions.

The children behaved beautifully throughout the visit and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. They showed a positive attitude towards learning and engaged enthusiastically with Rose the farmer, who was very impressed with their manners and interest.

It was a truly memorable day filled with discovery, fun, and new experiences, and the children returned to school full of stories and new knowledge about farming. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this exciting trip possible!



Ashmolean

The children had a fantastic time on our recent trip to the Ashmolean Museum. From the moment we arrived, the pupils were full of excitement and curiosity, and they represented the school beautifully throughout the day. The children took part in an engaging, hands-on workshop led by the museum team, where they respectfully explored a range of fascinating artefacts and asked lots of thoughtful questions. They particularly enjoyed looking at Ancient Egypt, discovering how museums care for and preserve precious objects.

It was wonderful to see classroom learning come to life as pupils made links to their history lessons from both Year 3 and 4 and shared their ideas confidently with both adults and their peers. The children showed excellent manners, teamwork and listening skills as they moved around the museum, and many staff (and the public!) said how well mannered, polite and courteous our children were. We are incredibly proud of their behaviour, and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you, as always, for your support in making this memorable and enriching trip possible.

The Ashmolean is free to visit and open to the public.



Upcoming Author Visit – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

On Friday 24th April 2026, we are delighted to be welcoming author Nancy Leschnikoff to our school to talk to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children about her exciting new picture book, *Ug Want Hug!* This is even more exciting as it is the first author visit for our Reception children!

Nancy will be spending time with the children to share the prehistoric fun of her book, *Ug Want Hug!* She'll be talking about her life as a creator, how she brings her characters to life, and—most importantly—signing books for the children during the event!

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order his books from Our Bookshop, the host of this author visit:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/ug-want-hug-a-funny-story-with-a-gentle-message-about-consent-for-young-children/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day.



St George's Day

WOMEN IN HISTORY FAYRE

Sunday 26 April

UNIFORMED PARADE
Market Square
4-5pm

FAMILY FUN
Friars Square
12-4pm

QUIZ, TALKS & DEMOS
King's Head
12-4pm



Florence Nightingale

FREE EVENT




AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL





Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management **Development** **Toileting**
Wellbeing **Healthy eating** **Sleep** **Emotional health**

Find advice on supporting your child's health and wellbeing.

 www.healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire

Message your local school nursing team:

07312 263 175

Or scan the QR code to start a chat:



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).

Preschool Sessions

We are continuing to look at our Preschool availability for September. If you are looking for a Preschool place, please put down your child's name so that you can be considered for the September intake.



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.

- 23.04.26 – Class & Leavers Photos
- 23.04.26 – Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting 5pm
- 11.05.26 – Year 6 SATs Week
- 15.05.26 – Charity Mufti Day
- 15.05.26 – Year 3 Theatre Trip
- 01.05.26 – MTC Assessment window (fortnight)
- 25-29.05.26 – HALF TERM**
- 01.06.26 – Year 2 Dino Day
- 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 – RSE Week and Cultural Week**

17.06.26 – Preschool new starters Stay & Play 4-5pm
17.06.26 – KST2 Author Visit
 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
29.06.26-03.07.26 – Sports Week
30.07.26 – 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 – 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 6pm
 16.07.26 – Year 6 Assembly 9.30am
 17.07.26 – End of term – ½ day – SUMMER!



AVA PTA

Upcoming Events

24.04.26 – PTA Race Night – Adult only event
 07.05.26 – PTA Meeting
 15.05.26 – PTA Primary Disco

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/aylesbury-vale-academy-pta/j3tk26/at/EDA0jipqh/DM1329426/facebook/>
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

The PTA are excited to share our first adult only event - Race Night 2026!

This is a community event so all welcome.

Further information about the event and tickets can be found here; <https://pta.events/racenight2026>

Reflection

A reflection on Spring weather...

Spring is here, and as the last couple of weeks have shown us, the weather can be warm and sunny one minute then wet and chilly the next.

April is a month of transition; the long, cold days of winter start to fade and are slowly replaced with warmth and light, but as a result, the skies open - welcome to a month of very changeable weather.

Thankfully, there is a bright side to the rain in April, when sunlight enters a raindrop, refraction results in the different colours of white light being bent at different angles. This means when the sun is behind you and the rain is in front of you, a rainbow of colours is reflected back from the inside of all the raindrops. - The result - one of the joys of April - an abundance of rainbows.

This week we invite our AVA community to reflect on the power and symbolism of a rainbow.

Rainbows are more than just a natural phenomenon; they are a timeless symbol of hope, connection, and spiritual growth. Across many cultures and spiritual traditions, the rainbow represents a bridge between the earthly and the divine, a promise of renewal, and a reminder that beauty often emerges after life's storms.



Loving God,

We thank you for the beauty of rainbows.

May they remind us of your gift of hope and the beauty of the world we live in.

Let each rainbow inspire us to be instruments of peace, spreading love, renewal and understanding in the world.

Amen.

Picture courtesy of www.freepik.com

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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/>



All bets £1
CASH ONLY!
6 races inc
charity race.

AVA PTA PRESENTS

RACE NIGHT



APRIL
24th

7-10:30PM
AVA SECONDARY SCHOOL
MAIN HALL

*Get ready for a fun-filled
evening as we host our very
first Race night.*

£10pp inc Pizza!

Grab your tickets here!
www.pta-events.co.uk/aylesburyvaleacademy



ADULT ONLY EVENT



**BAR AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE**



cash & card accepted at the bar!

WENDOVER YOUTH CENTRE

ACTIVITIES

CIN Hangout Cafe
Thursday 6.30 - 8.00






The Hangout is our relaxed SEND youth session. Spaces are limited.

Email Shanie@wendoveryouth.co.uk

Friday Night Youth Club
Friday 6:15-8.15 - Year 4-8

Email Samantha@wendoveryouth.co.uk

**WHARF ROAD, SCHOOL
CAMPUS, HP22 6HF**

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**CHILDREN
IN NEED**



COMMUNITY DAY

AYLESBURY UNITED



FOOTBALL CLUB

A 21CD INITIATIVE

A CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WHEN:

**SATURDAY
25th APRIL**

ENTRY FROM: 2pm
KICK OFF: 3pm

FREE ENTRY

FREE ENTRY condition:
Register and donate an item to Youth Concern

at the gate.

Suggested £3 Donation to Youth Concern



MATCHDAY

KIDS' PAPER AEROPLANE COMPETITION BEFOREHAND

50:50 DRAW:
WIN HALF THE POT!

AUFC Pan Disability team cake sale:
DELICIOUS TREATS!

& MORE: STALLS,
FACE PAINTING
FUN FOR ALL!

FUN PRIZES TO WIN!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
AYLESBURYUNITEDFC.COM/EVENTS

MATCHDAY FIXTURE:
AYLESBURY UNITED FC vs. HERTFORD TOWN
(AT HOME: THE MEADOW, CHESHAM)
- DON'T MISS IT!

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