

PARENT BULLETIN

16 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher Update

Earlier this week, we said farewell to Mrs Hastings, who has worked at AVA as a member of the School Admin team since 2019. She leaves us for a promotion in another local school, and we wish her all the best. Mrs Hastings joined AVA at a similar time to my predecessor, and she forged a strong partnership with Mrs Baughan, supporting the Headteacher with many responsibilities and being a key conduit for information sharing with our families. I am pleased to announce that a replacement has already been recruited, and I look forward to introducing her to you at the appropriate time.

Also this week, we welcomed Mr Moore to AVA, who is joining the Primary Cover Supervisor team. Mr Moore has had a great first week supporting in several classrooms and joining Mr O'Leary for sporting events too.

As the holidays approach, I reminded all children in assembly about our value of Resilience and the importance of keeping standards and effort high right until the end: Penguins class have excelled at that this week with the attendance high of 97.5%. Well done, Penguins!

With best wishes,
Mr Cooper

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Thursday 23rd October)

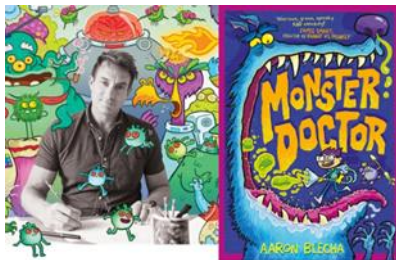
We are thrilled to announce that acclaimed author, illustrator, and character designer Aaron Blecha will be visiting our school for an outrageously fun, highly interactive author event! Aaron is coming to introduce his brand-new, hair-raising graphic novel adventure: *Monster Doctor: A fiendishly funny graphic novel where YOU help cure monsters!*

During his live session, Aaron will guide pupils through drawing his iconic monsters, show how he brings characters to life, and lead the children through interactive storytelling that proves reading is an absolute adventure.

As you can imagine, this will be a wonderfully interactive event and Aaron will be signing books for the children at the event.

If you would like to purchase a book, please do so using the following link:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/monster-doctor-a-laugh-out-loud-adventure-book-where-you-help-cure-monsters/>



After School Club Mobile Number

If you need to contact the staff who run After School Club once the School Office has closed at 4pm, please make use of the mobile phone number provided as this will enable you to speak with the staff on duty much more efficiently!

The number is **07895506310**

Harvest Thank You

A massive thank you for all the very generous donations towards our Harvest collection for Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. The children have been very competitive and, once all items in classrooms have been counted, we shall announce the KS1 and KS2 winners. Harvest collection is now closed, and we shall be packing up and delivering this to the food bank next week with some of our Parliamentarians.

Enrichment Clubs

Children are allowed to bring in snacks for enrichment clubs.

Please make sure they are allergy friendly and are in line with break time snacks with no chocolate.

AVA PTA

Upcoming Dates

12-16/10/26 – Yr 6 Residential

w/c 19/10/26 – **No enrichment/teacher led clubs**

20/10/26 – Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

22/10/26 – Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

23/10/26 – INSET – school closed to children

26-30/10/26 – HALF TERM

03/11/26 – Open Classrooms 3.30-4.15pm

13/11/26 -- PTA Primary Disco (details below)

16/11/26 -- Odd Socks Day (details below)

Odd Socks Day



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With the
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This Anti-Bullying Week we are holding

Odd Socks Day on

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026



Come to school wearing
your odd socks to
celebrate what makes
us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying please speak to:

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#BreakTheSilence



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PTA Primary Disco

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 13th November

Years R - 2 4- 5pm	Years 3 - 6 5:30-6:30pm
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Scan the QR for tickets/
lend a helping hand.

Tickets close Tuesday 10th November 9pm!

If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

Reflection

Happy Birthday

Winnie-the-Pooh!

This week, many people have been celebrating the birthday of one of Britain's most beloved literary characters, Winnie-the-Pooh. Created by author A. A. Milne, Pooh Bear first appeared in the book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, published on 14 October 1926, bringing joy to children and families for 100 years. As we mark this special anniversary, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the timeless lessons found within these much-loved stories.

The adventures of Pooh and his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood remind us of the importance of friendship, kindness and looking after one another. In school, we often encourage children to slow down, appreciate the simple joys in life and value the relationships they have with others. Winnie-the-Pooh's stories show that happiness is often found in spending time together, helping those around us and being grateful for what we have. As families, perhaps this is a lovely week to revisit these classic stories together. They provide a gentle reminder that kindness never goes out of fashion and that even the smallest acts of friendship can make a big difference to someone's day.

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." - Winnie-the-Pooh.

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of stories and for the joy that characters like Winnie-the-Pooh bring to so many people. Help us to be kind friends, to care for those around us, and to find happiness in the simple things each day.

May we show courage like Piglet, thoughtfulness like Christopher Robin, and kindness like Pooh. Help us to spread friendship and make a positive difference wherever we go.

Amen.

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&wdLO R=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

Free School Meals

For anyone wanting to apply for FSM, please can you send then this link:

[Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Application Form – Fill out form](#)

Report Parking Issues

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

Community Services in Bucks

Helping Hand: 01296 531151, helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Anyone worried about food, and not sure what help is available, can contact Bucks Council's Helping Hand support line (above).

This line is open 9am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am – 5pm on Friday. The out of hours team can be contacted in emergencies on 0800 999 7677.

Community Services in Aylesbury

Mind the Gap Peer Support: BBs Café, Aylesbury, Pauline Hayden, 07788438134.

St Mary's Aylesbury: 07714 246593 / 01296 437641.

House of Mercy: Aylesbury Tel: **Mobile 1:**07985636361 **Mobile 2:**07506680717. Weekly Food donation.