



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 2

11 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had our first fire alarm of the year and, as always, the children were brilliant. Well done for being so calm and sensible coming out of school. It is never easy for the littler children but they were all amazing!

Headteacher Update

What an incredible first full week!

My thanks go to our amazing staff for all their hard work building relationships and setting routines for the children; my thanks to parents for your resilience as we get back into the rhythm of term-time. Most of all, well done to all the children for rising to the challenge I set them at the start of the week!

In assembly, I spoke about looking at school a bit like putting coins into a piggy bank: the more you put in, each and every day, the more you have to take out and enjoy later on. Through the kindness they show, the big dreams they chase and having the courage to keep going when things go wrong (and often they will!), they are building up their knowledge and skills for life ahead.

Well, they must have all listened to me, because we've had some lovely achievements to celebrate this week, from a whole host of "Lola" certificates going home in Reception to all the Year 6 students who worked so hard in the 11+ tests.

Two dates for your calendar:

- **Saturday 26th September** is our PTA's AVA'Bury festival. For those who are new, this is a great social event where we invite all from our community to come and enjoy food, drink, music and entertainment on the Secondary school field. Last year we had lots of families with Primary aged children joining us and it would be lovely to have the chance to meet as many of you as possible this year too. More details about times and tickets can be found on our website and through social media.
- **Friday 18th** will be a non-uniform day for all Primary children, in support of our PTA. There is no set theme — just sensible and practical choices for a day at school — and there is no payment required. What we do ask is that, if your child is taking part, please could they bring in a donation for the PTA tombola stall being run at AVA'Bury. Donations could be a cuddly toy or game, an unwanted gift food item, a second-hand book. These could be suitable for either adults or children.

With best wishes,
Mr Cooper

AVA'Bury Festival

We're delighted to announce that our fourth **AVA'Bury Festival** will take place on **Saturday 26 September!**

We are seeking volunteers to help ensure the day runs as smoothly and successfully. If you would like to help out, please get in touch with the PTA: ava.pta@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you

Before the summer, Esquires Coffee Shop very kindly donated a sum of money to AVA Primary through Usbourne Books in order for us to order some new books for our Library. We would like to thank both Esquires and Lucy from Usbourne Books for their kindness in doing this - we have a fabulous new box of books all ready to share with the children as they start their library sessions!

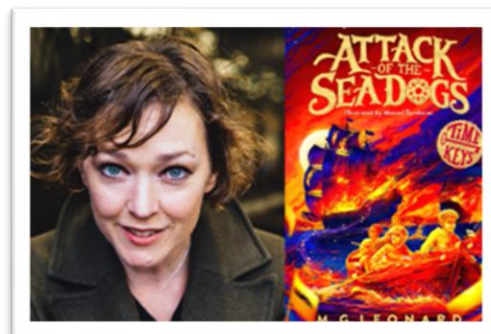
Upcoming Author Visit – Years 4, 5 and 6

On Thursday 24th September, we are delighted to be welcoming author MG Leonard to our school where she will be talking to the children about her wonderful new book, Attack of the Sea Dogs.

MG Leonard is the bestselling writer of children's books such as Beetle Boy, the Adventures on Trains series and The Twitchers books. Her work has been translated into over forty languages and Beetle Boy is currently in development for a TV series. She's coming to talk about her amazing Time Key series and her new book Attack of the Sea Dogs.

You can order a signed copy from Our Bookshop- click below:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/attack-of-the-sea-dogs/>



The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting!

Information regarding this year's assessments

[National curriculum assessments: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

You can now read all updated parent information leaflets regarding primary assessments for the academic year 2026 to 2027.

Information for parents is available to read online or download as a PDF leaflet, and explains:

- what parents need to know
- what each assessment involves
- when tests will take place
- how results will be shared and used

This information is for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 parents.

Print lab School Uniform Shop Update

Please note that Print Lab, our school uniform supplier, has updated its opening hours:

Monday to Thursday: 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Friday: 3.00pm to 5.00pm

These changes have been made following a review of customer visits over the past three years, which showed that most purchases and collections take place after 3.00pm.

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment club bookings will go live tomorrow at 10am. If the club is not showing on your app after 10am then it will be full, and you will be unable to book.

Please check with your child before booking as we cannot move or refund any errors in bookings.

All clubs will finish at 4.15 and dismissal will be at the School Gates.

Please do not wait to book on, our clubs are extremely popular and get full very quickly.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is coming up on the 20th & 22nd October. This can be booked via School Cloud, an email will be sent out with all the information that you need so please put these dates in your diary.

Upcoming Dates

18/09/26 – PTA Non-Uniform Day
22/09/26 – Sibling and Individual Photos (more information to follow)
24/10/26 – Yrs 3-6 Author Visit
26/09/26 – AVA'Bury Festival
01/10/26 – Open morning (Primary only)
06/10/26 – Open morning (Primary only)
08/10/26 – Yrs R-2 Author Visit
09/10/26 – Secondary Transfer Test Results Day
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
26-30/10/26 – HALF TERM
03/11/26 – Open Classrooms 3.30-4.30pm

PE Days for this term

Reception – no PE this term
Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3 – Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4 – Monday & Friday
Year 5 – Wednesday & Friday
Year 6 – Thursday & Friday

School Collection Times

Please find below clarification of which gate each class/year will come out of:

Gate A (middle) - Turtles (2:45) / Year 2 (3pm) / Year 4 (3:05) / Year 5 (3:10)

Gate B (closest to Pre-School) - Dolphins (2:45) / Year 1 (3pm) / Year 3 (3:05) / Year 6 (3:10)



<https://join.easypundraising.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 Year 6 have already undertaken a big step in their educational journeys, taking their 11+! We are so proud of how they showed their resilience and have shared their aspirations with us for their next steps and wish them luck as they now wait for their results. Aspiration is not only about achieving great things; it is about having the courage to try, to persevere when things are difficult, and to believe that with God's help we can continue to grow and learn each day. As families, we all have hopes and aspirations for our children. We want them to grow in confidence, kindness, and wisdom, discovering the gifts that make them unique. As we begin a new week, let us take a moment to place our hopes and dreams in God's loving hands.

Loving God,

Thank You for the unique gifts and potential You have placed within each child.
Help us to nurture their dreams with encouragement, patience, and love.

Give our children confidence to embrace challenges, resilience when faced with setbacks, and the wisdom to use their talents for good.

May we guide them to aspire not only to success, but also to kindness, compassion, and faithfulness. Bless our school community as we work together to help every child flourish and become all that You created them to be.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=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/>

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

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.

AVA PTA PRESENTS

AVA'BURY FESTIVAL 2026

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

**STALLS - GAMES - FOOD
BAR - LIVE MUSIC - RIDES**

**SCAN TO BUY TICKETS
£2.50 PP**



The Aylesbury Vale Academy
Paradise Orchard HP18 0WS



**Doors open at 12:30pm
Live music from 1pm
Finishes at 5pm**

Enquiries: ava.pta@hotmail.com

**NEW AVA
RECEPTION & YEAR 7
STUDENTS OF 2026
FREE ENTRY!**



THAMES VALLEY
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safer Buckinghamshire

Nurture and Support: Ladies well-being event



Date: Friday 18th September



Time: 10.00 – 2.00pm



Venue: The Gateway,
Gatehouse Road,
Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

Join us for a friendly and informative community event, bringing together local partner agencies to offer advice, support and guidance on a range of services available to you.



Whether you're looking for advice, support, or simply want to connect with local services, everyone is welcome.

Come along, have a chat and get to know what's available in your community.



What to expect:



Information stands from local partner agencies



Opportunities to ask questions and access support



Basic health checks (subject to availability)



A range of services and community support



A chance to connect and meet other women

SUPPORTED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Together we can build a healthier, happier community



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



FREE ONLINE WELLBEING COURSES & WORKSHOPS for Parents and Carers of Children in Secondary School

YEARS 7, 8 & 9

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Understand what stress and anxiety are and explore strategies to help your child deal pressure. Look at ways to help young people deal with setbacks and build their resilience, both at school and home.



Tuesday 15th September - 13th October



9:30am - 12pm

Course code:
FMWB057



YEARS 10 & 11

HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD CONFIDENCE, FRIENDSHIPS & MANAGE STRESS

Practical ideas to improve your child's well-being, be it helping to build your child's confidence, managing peer pressure or stress and anxiety.



Monday 21st September



7pm - 9pm

Course code:
FMWB022



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YOUR PLACE



01296 383582 - Enrolment team
or **SCAN** the QR code
or **CLICK** on the course code link



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