

PARENT BULLETIN 6

9 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher Update

The word *happy* has popped up all over the school this week and it has been a pleasure to hear it in so many contexts. Leopards class have been very happy with their 177 Harvest collection items; our Chair of Governors was happy to be greeted so warmly by members of Hedgehogs class; the entire Reception team was very happy with the engagement showed during the author visit on Thursday. One first-time visitor to the school put it simply -- "this is a happy school and must be a lovely place to work!" Well, I couldn't agree more!

I hope all our families have a happy weekend!

With best wishes,
Mr Cooper

Dismissal Procedures -- Reminder

2:45pm – **Reception** classes dismissed through the playground gates (no change)

3pm – **Years 1 and 2** dismissed through the playground gates (no change)

3.05pm -- **Years 3 and 4** dismissed through the playground gates (no change); **Year 6** to be dismissed via the front gate next to main entrance. This is a new arrangement, like that operated in 2024-25 academic year.

3:10pm – **Year 5** to be dismissed from the front gate next to main entrance. This is a new arrangement; a member of Senior Leadership will be present at the front of school from 3:05pm until all children have been dismissed from this point.

Author Visit – Years Reception, Years 1 & 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had the absolute pleasure to welcome Rachel Bright and Jim Field into school yesterday! Rachel and Jim shared how they got into writing and where they found their inspiration when writing and illustrating books. The event was such fun with a huge amount of animal noises being produced from adults and children alike, and Jim taught the children how to draw the beaver from the new book! We were even treated to Rachel and Jim reading not one but two of their stories – *The Most Magnificent Moose* and *The Koala That Could!* As always, our children represented AVA Primary wonderfully, showing such engagement and enthusiasm for reading and listening to stories. Thank you to all the parents who bought a book, and thank you as always to Ben and the team from *Our Bookshop* in Tring for arranging these wonderful author visits.



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

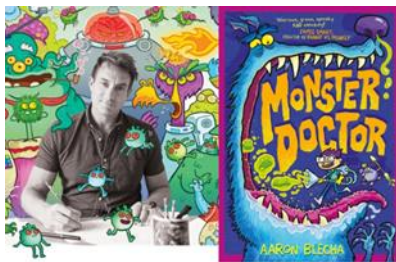
We are thrilled to announce that acclaimed author, illustrator, and character designer Aaron Blecha will be visiting our school for an outrageously fun, highly interactive author event! Aaron is coming to introduce his brand-new, hair-raising graphic novel adventure: *Monster Doctor: A fiendishly funny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



Football Success

A big thank you to the PTA who funded our new football kits this year for the primary teams. The boys team played their first match of the season in their new home kit against Broughton on Thursday. They showed great resilience and teamwork, coming back from being 2-0 down to win 6-2. A great start to the season, well done to everyone who played and thank you to the parents that came to support! We look forward to our upcoming fixtures for our girls, boys and mixed teams throughout the year.



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

26-30/10/26 – HALF TERM

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



PTA

The AVA PTA held a meeting on 8th October, which I was unfortunately unable to attend. Instead, I invited three members of the team into the Primary School to meet with me and discuss ideas for how we could collaborate on events for the year ahead.

More details of these ideas will follow, as they turn from plans into reality! This was an incredibly productive meeting, and I am very grateful to Sarah, Laurilee and Amanda for their time.

Mr Cooper

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

Reflection

Black History Month

During Black History Month, we take time to celebrate the achievements, stories and contributions of Black people throughout history and in our world today. It is also an opportunity to help our children understand that everyone's story matters. The children have been studying black historical figures as part of their English curriculum and have been looking at influential black British people who advocate for change. As a school community, we want every child to feel seen, valued and proud of who they are. By learning about different people, experiences and cultures, we encourage our children to be curious, respectful and compassionate. This month reminds us that celebrating diversity should not be limited to one moment in the year. It is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our children grow up recognising that our differences enrich our community and that everyone has the power to make a positive difference.

Dear God,

Thank you for the wonderful diversity of people in our world.

Help us to celebrate the stories, achievements and contributions of Black people, past and present.

Teach us to treat everyone with kindness, respect and fairness, and give us the courage to stand up when something is wrong.

Help our school to be a place where everyone feels welcome, valued and proud of who they are.

May we learn from one another, celebrate our differences and work together to make our world a fairer and more loving place.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&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.