

PARENT BULLETIN 5

2 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher Update

It has been an action-packed week with lots of resilience on display as the germs and bugs have inevitably started to spread! Eagles Class took the award for best attendance with over 97% this week.! Well done also to Tigers Class in Year 1 for showing me some lovely work on the story of Creation and to Arctic Foxes for demonstrating some great map skills when I visited their class.

A huge thank you to parents and carers for acting on the advice and guidance given recently to improve school pick-ups. We all feel there has been some improvement here but, as proof that we never stop thinking how to make things even better, please see details below of changes coming into play from Monday 5th October to try and ease the congestion around the gates further.

Finally, turning attention to how morning drop-off can be improved, could we all make an extra effort with the following arrangements: please make every effort to say goodbye to your child/children at the traffic cones positioned in front of the school gates. This small detail allows the space between the cones and gates to be kept free of adults so that little ones can walk with a clear path and view into the playground. Only school staff should be coming into this area and will collect any child that needs a hand. Parents and carers must not come past the school gates and should clear the area as soon as their child is through the gates to ensure the route is clear for others. Adults, please be mindful that children will be walking in this area so that we can minimise any collisions!

With best wishes,
Mr Cooper

Important Changes to Dismissal Procedures from Monday 5th October

Following a regular cycle of monitoring and reviewing, we are implementing some changes to end of day dismissals from Monday 5th October. It is felt that these changes will allow for a smoother dismissal overall and less crowding in the car park without compromising the safety and wellbeing of both the children being dismissed as well as those remaining on site for a wraparound care. Parents and carers should make a note of the following, as relevant to them:

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.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years Reception, Years 1 & 2



On Thursday 8th October, we are thrilled to let you know that our school will be hosting a very special author event featuring the world-famous, bestselling duo behind *The Lion Inside*—**Rachel Bright and Jim Field!**

They will be sharing their brand-new, heartwarming picture book, *The Most Magnificent Moose*, with our children.

Known for their sensational, award-winning books, Rachel and Jim bring incredible energy, uplifting stories, and live illustration magic to their school sessions. Their events are designed to boost confidence, spark creative imaginations, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

As you can imagine, this will be a wonderfully interactive event!

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

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-most-magnificent-moose-from-the-world-of-rachel-bright-jim-field/>

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

06/10/26 - Open morning 9.15am (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 3.30-4.15pm



<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/aylesbury-vale-academy-pta/j3tk26/at/EDA0jpqh/DM1329426/facebook/>

Our next PTA meeting is set for Thursday 8th October at 6.30pm in the Secondary Main Hall.

We look forward to seeing some of you there.

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

Reflection

An attitude for gratitude!

As we celebrate Harvest, we are reminded to pause and be thankful for all that we have. Harvest is traditionally a time to give thanks for the food on our tables, but it also encourages us to recognise that we need to reach out to our community to help those that are less fortunate. Having an “**attitude for gratitude**” means noticing and appreciating these things, even the small ones that we can sometimes take for granted. It also reminds us that gratitude should inspire us to think of others who need our help.

The children have made an excellent start to collecting for our donation to Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse, a local food bank that helps many of our families. We thank you for your kindness during this time and cannot wait to see how many families in need we can help along the way.

Dear God,

Thank you for the food we have and for all the good things you give us.

Bless the gifts we give to our Food Bank this Harvest.

May they bring help and hope to families in need.

Help us to be thankful for what we have and generous in sharing with others.

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/>

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.



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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or **SCAN** the QR code
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Wednesday
7 October



10:00am –
2:00pm



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Elmhurst Family Hub

Dunsham Lane, Aylesbury, HP20 2DB