



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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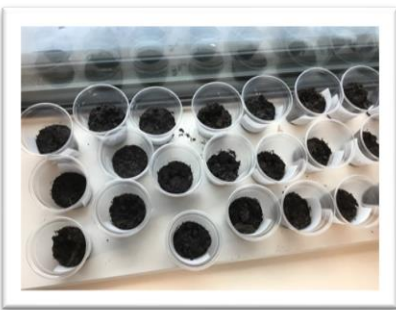
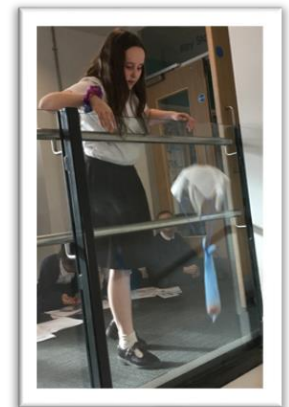
Dear Parents/Carers,

The week started with much excitement as our diversity and equality representatives lead our whole school assembly. This was in the run up to Wednesday which was International Women's Day. It is always a treat when the children run an assembly. It takes such courage and teamwork to stand up and talk in front of 500 people, well done to Miss Russell and her group of young ambassadors.



We are all very excited in school as we look forward to British Science Week!

Our children really enjoy Science in school, and it is always great to see excited and engaged young scientists in action. A taste of things to come was had by Year 5 recently when they did their egg drop experiment.



Whilst Year 1 planted sunflowers as part of their Science learning about plant growth but also linked to their Topic on 'New Beginnings'. We look forward to colourful sunflowers this summer and more news from our young scientists next week.

On Wednesday the Country Trust (thank you Sam) came into school to do another cooking (DT) lesson with the children. It is important that our children learn these skills and enjoy cooking fresh and healthy options. It is always lovely to fill the corridors here with the lush smells (although it does make us all hungry!!).

Well done Year 4 on two amazing creations this half term.

Next week Year 6 have their Assessment Week.

This will run as per the SATS tests in May. Children are used to this way of working and they are familiar with the routines and locations of these tests. We know that the Year 6's will be amazing, please support them at home as always.

### Strike Action

We have two more strike days next week due to industrial action. At present we are not in a position to advise of the plans for those days but will let you know as soon as we are able to.

## Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023

This year's Comic Relief is almost upon us and the school parliament representatives at AVA Primary have come up with a few ideas as to how to both enjoy the day whilst raising money for this very worthy cause.

Firstly, Our School Parliament over here in the Primary Phase have decided to go with the theme 'Crazy Hair and Hat' day. Children will need to come into school in their school uniform (or PE kit) and wear their hair (or hat) as crazily as they wish! This section of the event will be free of charge.

The children have also expressed the wish to once again 'Bake a Difference' by inviting the pupils (and staff) to bake (or buy) cakes of all shapes and sizes to contribute to a whole school cake sale that will be held after school (15:15-15:45) on the Primary school car park on the big day and will be run by members of staff and representatives of the school parliament.

The children should bring their delicacies into school on the morning of the day itself and then these will be collected. Please provide a list of the ingredients, if it is a home bake, and please ensure that no nuts are used. All cakes will be £1 or less and will need to be paid for with cash.

We have 2 big fund-raising events planned for after Easter (for two charities close to our hearts here at AVA) and are trying to spread the costs this year for all of our families.

Finally, the KS2 children will be asked to enter a competition on the day to create a funny comic strip, whilst the pupils in KS1 will be competing against each other to design a new cartoon character. The winners in each class will receive a Red Nose Day themed prize.



**FRIDAY 17 MARCH**



### Phonic Workshop

Thank you to those families who attended the phonics workshop on Tuesday. The team presented and created a fantastic learning experience for the children and parents to learn together. 🍌😊 Thank you to Mrs Boyle, Mrs Smith, and Mrs Zucchi for providing this for our children.

### Parent Partnership

We are excited to announce that we are currently working to achieve a school improvement award on Parent Partnership.



Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can improve. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes and the link is open until 24th March.

All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements.

If you have any queries about this survey, please contact us.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/63f4dba6c4614>



### Advanced Notice – Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 1st April 2023

On Saturday 1st April 2023, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Community Suite. We will be open 9:30am - 12:30pm.

As a cashless school, all books will need to be purchased using a bank card.

## Thank You

Thank You to Esquires at Lucas Furniture - they have worked with Usborne Books and Berrybooks to buy £132 worth of books for Primary as part of a Community Book Pledge.

## Spring Concert

Looking forward we are going to hold a Spring Concert here in the Primary School on Thursday 30th March 5:30-6:30pm.

If you have a child at AVA who plays an instrument in school or outside of school and they would like a performance opportunity, then they can contact Miss Russell through the school office. More details to follow.

## Reflection

This year at AVA we are inviting our community to use the 40 days of Lent to explore with us what it means to make positive change for our world and the climate. We want to inspire you to make a change. It's only 40 days, but it will have an impact forever. For the global Christian community Lent is a time of self-discipline that supports its members to grow in discipleship. During this time, we invite you to reflect on how environmental damage is making more of our earth into barren wilderness. We can use this time to open our eyes to the need for renewal.



Each week in the run up to Easter, this reflection will focus on suggestions for small changes we can all make to have a positive impact on the world. If we all committed to just one of the suggestions, added together these would equate to a huge impact for our planet.

With thanks to [www.livinglent.org](http://www.livinglent.org) hosted by JPTI, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church working together for peace and justice.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Kind regards,  
Mrs C Baughan**

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