



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly I would like to thank you for your support on Wednesday. It is never easy to close the school, especially with so little notice. This job was made so much easier with your help. I am keeping everything crossed that the pumps are now both fully working and that the hard work of Mrs Bacchus and her site team has paid off.

We held our book fair last Saturday over in the Secondary Atrium. Thank you to the staff who organised this and to those that supported us. We raised over £500 at this event - and many of us did some Christmas shopping! - which means we will gain funds for our classroom reading corners.

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who joined us for the residential meeting on Monday and to the Reception parents who joined us for the maths workshop on Tuesday. I am aware how tricky it is to come back out in these dark, cold evenings and to have the attendance that we did shows how keen you are to support your child here at AVA. Without your support these events cannot run.

Our rehearsals are underway for all of our festive activities, the children are in great voice and this year promises to be the best yet! We kick off next week with the choir performing for our elderly community on Wednesday and at Christmas in the Square (in Fairford Leys) on Saturday from 4pm.

We have our 2 Christingle events on Thursday for Year 3 and Year 4. As always we have limited spaces and must ensure that ticket numbers are adhered to.

Please ensure you have requested tickets for the events that are relevant for your child(ren).

If you want a list of (first) names of the children in your child's class to help them write Christmas cards please pop into reception where we have then pre-printed.



We love to hear about the successes of our children outside of school. This week our amazing Hettie travelled to France for a Cheerleading event and we are super proud to announce that alongside her team mates she came **FIRST!** The squad has competed in Essex, Milton Keynes, Liverpool and Bournemouth as ACA Caterpillars in Season 8... The team was so successful they ended the season undefeated, a first in the clubs history. Well done, we are really pleased to celebrate your achievement with you.



Last week we launched an opportunity for our children to design some road safety posters. Dangerous parking continues to be a problem at the school and children have now raised concerns themselves. If your child would like to design a poster please encourage this and ask them to drop them into school over the next 2 weeks.

## Diary Dates

06/12 – Reception Bedtime Story 5.00-6.00pm  
08/12 – Christingle Yr. 3 Parents 9am and Yr. 4 Parents 10am (ticket allocation and info to follow)  
09/12 – Christmas Jumper Day  
09/12 – Yr. 6 WOW! Day Vikings  
12/12 – Yr. 6 wear Christmas Jumpers  
13/12 – KST1 Nativity AM  
14/12 – KST1 Nativity PM  
14/12 – Yr. 5&6 Christmas Concert Evening  
15/12 – Reception Singing Assembly AM  
15/12 – Christmas Lunch – Primary Phase  
19/12 – Last day of Preschool  
20/12 – School closes – half day

Today is National Elf Day in recognition of Alzheimer's and Dementia and up and down the country people have released their inner Elf and dressed to impress...and we as a school didn't disappoint! Elves were seen teaching English and Maths lessons, taking PE classes and generally making merriment throughout the corridors! It has certainly been an eventful day, and we hope the children have enjoyed it as much as the staff have!



On a serious note, many of us will have been affected by these diseases, or know of people that have been faced with this awful illness, so I have attached the link if any of you feel you would like to donate. However small, it all really does help. Merry Christmas!

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kyla-Foulger1?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=Kyla-Foulger1&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=2dc16e3daa964c92aa91dafc544ba455](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kyla-Foulger1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Kyla-Foulger1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=2dc16e3daa964c92aa91dafc544ba455)

## Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

With our Christmas jumper day fast approaching if you have any preloved jumpers that you no longer need please consider donating them to us to help children who do not have a Christmas jumper. Please drop them to reception.

On Friday 9th December children can wear a Christmas jumper (or top/dress) with their school uniform (or PE kit) in exchange for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We have a just giving link for donations:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=one\\_page&utm\\_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=152a738f4e5a4b2ca962f36c0ef230aa](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=152a738f4e5a4b2ca962f36c0ef230aa)

## Reflection

### The Second Week of Advent Represents: PEACE and PREPARATION

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

*"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and*

*wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7*

Candle Name: The Bethlehem Candle

**Advent Wreath Prayer:**

*As we light the candles on the Advent wreath, may we feel the light of God's presence as we pray...*

*Jesus, you entered our world at Christmas to bring peace. This Advent, may we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.*

*Amen.*



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Have a lovely weekend.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**