



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 33

26th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes!

Today we close our doors for the May half term break. I say it every term, but this half term has flown by. We have had a busy one but looking forward next half term looks even busier.

Eagles have now finished their swimming lessons and Falcons will start their last sessions on Monday 5th June.

We have a couple of spaces in the YDP football camp (Tues, Wed and Thurs). Please see the information attached.

Year 6 have their Science Fair on Thursday 8th June from 3.30pm-4.15pm. We cannot wait to see what you have been working on. It is lovely to see how excited they are about this.

Sadly, parking continues to be an issue out the front of the school. We have seen many incidents of dangerous driving and parking this week alone and another near miss. Please remember to park legally and carefully, the people at risk (adults and children) are members of our school community.

Recently I have had to make the hard decision to cancel some school trips and visits due to financial reasons. On average the cost of trips has doubled over the past year and schools are no longer in a financial position where we can subsidise these visits. We have many families in our community struggling at the moment and as a school we need to be inclusive and offer experiences that all of our children can access.

We will continue to run our school led clubs as cheaply as possible despite the rise in costs and are trying to be creative in exposing children to fun and new experiences, above and beyond the daily curriculum. Unfortunately, without enough payments some trips and visits cannot happen and therefore will be cancelled or changed. This is a sensitive issue for many of our families and we should be considerate to the needs and situations of others. All monies paid will be refunded if a trip or visit doesn't happen. I understand that this is disappointing for many of you but is sadly being reflected across many areas of our community.

Evening of Expression

Join us for an unforgettable evening of creativity and cultural celebration at the AVA Youth Social Action group's "Evening of Expression" on June 20th, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 pm (AVA Main Hall). Our talented staff and students will showcase a variety of talents such as singing, dancing, art, and fashion. Wear something to represent your culture and join us in appreciating the beauty in our differences. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it the most. All proceeds will go towards the various charities we support and aid in the future funding of our Youth Social Action programme. Get your tickets for only £3 and be a part of something truly special.

Link to tickets : [Aylesbury Vale Academy PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Winners of the recent Harrison's Coronation competition.

Aradhya - Reception
Yuvaan - Year 1
KJ - Year 2
Kymora - Year 2
Kaylee-Rae - Year 4
Emmie - Year 5
Viktor - Year 6

Diary Dates

MAY

29th May – 2nd June Half Term

JUNE

5th – 9th June Year 4 Multiplication Testing
12th – 23rd June Year 2 Phonics Screening
12th June Year 6 Bletchley Park
14th June Year 4 Farm visit (Falcons)
15th June RSE Workshop for Parents 3.30-4.30
16th June Year 4 Farm visit (Eagles)
19th – 23rd June Sports Week
19th June Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament
20th June Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (AM children only)
22nd June Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm
24th June 'AVA'Bury Festival
27th June Year 1,2&3 Sports Day 9.30-11.00am
Year 4,5&6 Sports Day 1.00-2.30pm
Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (All day children only)
28th June Year R Sports Day 9.00-10.00am
29th June Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm

JULY

4th July Transition Day (including new Reception 9.30-11.30)
Open Classrooms (meet the teacher) 3.30-4.30
Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm
6th July Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (PM children only)
New Reception Parents Presentation 6.00-7.00pm
7th July INSET
10th July Year 6 Summer performance (evening)
11th July Year 6 Summer performance (evening)
Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm
13th July Year 6 Prom
Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (TBC)
17th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18th July Year 6 Leavers Lunch
20th July School Closes for Summer

Reflection

This weekend, on Sunday 28th May, the Christian church will celebrate Pentecost. In the Bible, on the day of Pentecost the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus gathered in the upper room.

The Spirit came as a unifying force revealed to people 'from every nation under heaven' (Acts 2:5).

The outpouring of the Spirit was a gift given to those who are called to journey with Christ.



As we end the half-term, we invite you to reflect with us...

The Spirit helped the disciples rediscover the meaning of their path. and Pentecost is the feast in which we can rediscover the meaning of our lives. The breath of the Holy Spirit is the same breath that hovers over the waters during creation. This means that The Spirit can remind us of the origin and the meaning of our lives.

It reminds us that God has made an alliance with us; He reaches out to us and He does not leave us. This is the Good News that the Spirit comes to remind us of.

A prayer for Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send your Spirit to live in us so that we might live for you.
Amen


I hope that you have a lovely half term break.

**Kind regards,
Mrs C Baughan**

For all of our latest news, to keep up to speed with events, for sharing 'wow' moments, and to stay 'in the loop,' follow us on social media. We have 3 platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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