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Dear Parents/Carers,

We weren't kidding when we said this week and next are the busiest of the year.

On Monday and Tuesday we were treated to the AVA Variety Show. Year 6 wrote, directed and designed their own performance this year. This was a show case and demonstrated what an amazing bunch the 93 children (and 5 adults) in Year 6 are! Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

On Wednesday every class was represented in the end of year talent show. A huge well done to everyone who performed and supported the show. We know we have talented children here, but their courage and ability to entertain never fails to shock me. At the end of the show the staff treated the children to a special surprise performance. Thank you to Miss Russell and Mr Archer (as well as all the other staff) for making this event A-MAZ-ING.

Please remember today is the last day of clubs, there will be no clubs next week.

We have had another near miss with one of our primary children whilst crossing the road on their bike and not looking to see if a car was coming. We had a very upset parent ring in to ask if we can highlight the importance of road safety for all the children.



Year 5 had surprise visitors on Wednesday. Health-tech have heard how amazing our Year 5 children have been recently when learning first aid and wanted to come in to visit them. The four visitors were blown away by the knowledge of the children. Health-tech teach all sorts of first aid and awareness around health through state-of-the-art technology. They brought lots of gadgets with them, and the children had a great few hours playing with them.

Thank you Health-tech for giving Year 5 this opportunity.

Prom

On Thursday 13th July, Year 6 celebrated the end of their Year by attending The Leavers Prom. Year 6 had a wonderful time; they thought it was the best time ever! There was lots of singing and dancing and having fun. They especially enjoyed singing their own renditions to 'Hall of Fame' and 'Sweet AVA'.

Dino workshop

On Monday, Year 2 had their Dino Day. It was a very exciting day, full of activities and even a visit from 3 baby dinosaurs!

Once we recovered from the surprise of meeting a baby triceratops, a baby raptor and a (not so small) 7-year-old T-Rex, named Sophie, we dug for fossils, created our own dinosaur skeletons and even made our very own dinosaur fossils. It was a rather '*dino-tastic*' day! One we hope they will remember forever.

We would also like to take this moment to thank all of those who voluntarily contributed to our day. We are truly grateful that we were able to enjoy this experience.



Egypt Day

Today Year 3 transformed into Ancient Egyptians where we created Canopic jars, cartouches and lots of artwork! We have been working hard and have created a Year 3 Egyptian museum where we are ready to show off all our amazing creations and what we have learnt this term.



Heads lunch – attendance

Today I was lucky enough to spend the lunchtime with all of the Primary children who have 100% attendance this academic year. Thank you to Mrs Bryant and Mrs Khan for arranging this. We ate together, had lots of chats and shared our favourite memories of the year. Well done to all of the children that joined me. I hope that they enjoyed their time as much as I did.



Thank you!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Scholastic Book Fairs this year! With the rewards we have earned, we have been able to buy brand new, updated dictionaries and thesauruses for our classrooms. They arrived this morning and will be distributed ready for September. Your ongoing support with events like the book fairs allow us extra opportunities to update our classroom resources, so again, thank you!

Diary Dates

JULY

17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18th July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
20th July	Last day of term half day

End of Term Timings

We will be closing our doors on Thursday 20th July for the summer break (Pre-school close on Wednesday 19th July). As always this will be an early finish with children being dismissed at the following times:

- Reception 12.15pm
- Year 1&2 12.20pm
- Year 3,4 & 5 12.25pm
- Year 6 (from the playground) at 12.30pm. At this time of year, we always gather on the playground to celebrate Year 6 and wish them well on their journey to Secondary School.

The children will be having lunch so please provide packed lunches or book the last school meal on our app.

Summer Reading Challenge!

We all feel very passionate about Reading for Pleasure at the AVA, and we hope all of our children will continue to read over the Summer break! I would like to introduce the Bucks Summer Reading Challenge to you all, which has been set up through the Bucks Library Service.

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit Buckinghamshire Libraries to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots and get involved in a Summer Reading Challenge themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. This year's Challenge is a celebration of sports, games and teamwork in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust.

If your child takes part in the Summer Challenge, we would love to see their certificate and medal in September when they return to school!

Ages 4 to 11

1. Sign up at your [local library](#) to take part in this year's Challenge and receive a Ready, Set, Read collector's folder
2. Children set their reading goal (we suggest six books) and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting a special sticker for each book
3. Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal

Pre-school Mini Challenge

1. The pre-school challenge is suitable for children aged 3 years and under and is a great way to encourage families with younger children to regularly borrow and read books over the summer, especially if older siblings are taking part in the main Challenge.



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Reflection

As the end of the year approaches many of us in the AVA community will be reflecting on the past year. As we reflect, we will often be drawn to thinking about the people who have helped us along the way. The people who listened and were patient. Those who helped us up when we were low. The people who laughed with us or offered a comforting shoulder to cry on. The people who encouraged us to keep going and celebrated with us when we achieved.

What a blessing it has been to have had these people around us. As we end the week, we invite our community to say thank you to the people we have appreciated this year, this doesn't need to be extravagant, the simple words 'thank you' mean so much when the words come from our hearts. The act of seeking out another person to say a quiet personal word of thanks means more than a thousand gifts.

Loving God,

We give thanks today for the friendships in our lives.

Our lives aren't meant to be lived alone, so we are grateful for the people who walk alongside us, supporting us, loving us, and encouraging us. We cannot do it all alone but are better together. Help us to be more aware and gracious to the people around us, appreciating them and accepting their help. Help us to be a better friend, supporting, loving, and encouraging others.

Amen

**Kind regards,
Mrs C Baughan**

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