



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 37 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we held our annual sports days for the children in Reception through to Year 6. These events were brilliantly planned by Ms Granville and Miss Large with our amazing staff supporting. Thank you to all the families who came to support our children, they loved having their 'fans' there cheering them on.



On Wednesday Eagles ran a Fruit and Veg stall in our car park. They have been working with Sam from the Country Trust this year to learn about growing their own produce and how to cook using fresh products. They planned their own sale, designed the posters, priced the goods and then ran the stall.

Well done Year 4 on a great year of planting!

Today children will come home with a letter stating their new class and teacher for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. As always some of the teachers are moving to new year groups, but we are pleased to say that none of the teachers are leaving us.

We have considered all of the children's requests and every child has an identified friend with them in their new class.

On Tuesday the children will come to school as normal, and we will then move them once registered. The children will spend the morning with their new teachers in their new rooms and follow their new timetables. Please join us in school from 3.30-4.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July to visit your child's new classroom and meet the teacher. Mr Jackson has asked me to let the parents of his new class (Year 6 Gorillas) know that he will not be in school on Tuesday afternoon - due to a planned absence - his classroom will be open for you to visit on Tuesday, and he will be around after school from 3.15-3.45pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July if parents want to pop in to say hi to him personally.

Year 6 need to go to their new schools on the Tuesday and Wednesday for the transition days. The information should have been shared with parents from the various settings. We look forward to hearing all about their days when they return on Thursday. This is an exciting time for Year 6 children, we hope that we have prepared them well for the transition and as I always say to Year 6 we try to make the jump a 'little smaller' by ensuring that our Year 6 experience bridges the gap. We are sure that they will take everything in their stride. If your child is booked into an after school club that you still wish your child to attend on

Tuesday and Wednesday, children will need to make their own way to the primary reception and sign in. Staff will not be able to supervise them getting here due to their being multiple children from other settings.

You will have received a letter from Mr Gibson outlining the details for the two proposed NEU strike days next week. On Wednesday we are planning on keeping the Primary school open for all children, if this needs to change nearer the time I will communicate as soon as possible. On Friday we have a planned inset day and therefore there will be no change for our children as they will be out of school as pre-arranged.

Today the Reception classes were overtaken with wild and wacky creatures as Safari Stu came to visit us with all of his furry (and not so furry) friends. It was lovely to see the children experience this and all have the opportunity to learn about and even hold some of the most unusual beings.

We are looking forward to a jammed packed last few weeks of the year - please keep checking our diary dates....

## Diary Dates

### JULY

4 <sup>th</sup> 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
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (PM children only) New Reception Parents Presentation 6.00-7.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Summer performance (evening)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Summer performance (evening) Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (TBC)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term half day

## End of Term Timings

Although it seems a little while away, we will be closing our doors on Thursday 20 July for the summer break (Pre-school close on Wednesday 19 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.

## Transition

All of the children have now chosen who they work best with and would like to move up with. This has brought much excitement about our transition day on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> this year. This day will include an opportunity for you to join us in your child's new classroom from 3.30pm-4.30pm and to meet their new teacher ahead of them moving up in September.

Letters informing you and your child of their new class will be handed out on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

This term is the busiest by far and we have activities or events on most days! Please use our calendar and dates below to ensure you are aware of important dates for your diary.



**WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH!**

YDP have decided to run 2 full weeks in August. There is currently an early bird booking offer (for June only) of £80 for the whole week. This is a significant discount. If you would like to book a space please use the website [www.ydpoxford.co.uk](http://www.ydpoxford.co.uk)

These clubs will be multi sports and open to girls and boys from 5-13 years old.

### Thomley Summer Holiday HAF

We are delighted to be offering the Holidays and Food Programme again this summer for Buckinghamshire families.

If you are in receipt of free school meals and live in Buckinghamshire, you can book in with Thomley over the summer period and receive a funded visit for the day PLUS a sensory session PLUS a hot lunch meal included. We have the option to book transport/minibus at no extra cost.

Available dates for bookings: 24<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> September.

For further information regarding Thomley and to book please visit [www.thomley.org.uk](http://www.thomley.org.uk)

#### **\*\*\*CAMPING PODS RAFFLE\*\*\***

Buckinghamshire Holidays and Food Programme are offering Free Camping Pod stays at Thomley this Summer!

As with the Easter holidays there will be a raffle and we will select the winners at random. There are three nights per week of the summer (18 total) available to come and stay with us, including your dinner, breakfast, lunch and a whole day using the centre.

You must be in receipt of free school meals and live in Buckinghamshire to be eligible for this offer.

To enter, please email us with your Bucks HAF code requesting to be entered into the raffle for a summer stay, via the Bucks HAF Programme.

EMAIL: [campingpods@thomley.org.uk](mailto:campingpods@thomley.org.uk)

Best of luck! Winners will be contacted by Monday 10th July.

### The Bucks County Show

The Bucks County Show which is one of the biggest one day agricultural shows in the Country, will be held at Weedon Park, three miles north of Aylesbury on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

This year we are offering up to 3 FREE Child tickets (up to the age of 16) with a full paying Adult or Over 65 ticket when purchased online. To take advantage of this offer please click the link below and follow the instructions. This offer ends at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

<https://buckscountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/schoolbookings>

Please add the required tickets to your basket

Click 'Checkout'

Enter SCHOOL23 into the promotion code box and click redeem and continue with your purchase.

### Reflection

Over the past 2 weeks both Primary & Secondary students have been able to participate in a range of sports. We have celebrated both National Sports Week and our Sports Days. As we end the week, we invite you to join us in a reflection on the gift of sport and sporting activities and the blessing of health and movement.

Loving God,

you have blessed us with many gifts and talents.

We thank you especially for the ability to participate in sports together as a community.

Help us to continue playing in a way that fosters goodwill, teamwork and makes great memories for us to cherish for the rest of our lives.

Help us to play to the best of our abilities.

Win or lose, help us to have fun, make friends and celebrate life.

Amen.


Wishing you a restful weekend

**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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