



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been super-hot and so busy.

Following on from last week I am overwhelmed to announce that we have enough financial support to allow all of the trips and visits this half term to run. Thank you all for the generosity and support. We will be reviewing how we run these for the next academic year to see if there are any alternatives that would enable a better take up. In the meantime, thank you.

This week we have run the following activities:



Year 4 were lucky enough to visit Manor Farm in Chearsley this week. Farmer Rose showed us around her family's farm, explaining why they are an organic farm and explaining the long history her family has with the farm.



She showed us the long-horn cattle and three varieties of sheep. We had a delightful time walking through the wildflower meadows and Farmer Rose's dad showed us around his allotment.

Year 4 were a real credit to our school, and were extremely inquisitive throughout!



Year 6 WOW Day: World War Two

On Tuesday, the children of Year 6 took on the roles of evacuees for a day of WW2 activities. Each child began the day by assuming an evacuee identity, complete with a genuine 1940s name and an identity tag.

Children had the opportunity to bake some WW2 era rock cakes, take a part in a 'Great Escape' re-enactment and do some art based on the London Blitz.



In the afternoon the children were able to visit a pop-up wartime museum which contained many artefacts from the time.



Their costumes were excellent, and all looked the part. A big well done and thank you to all involved!

We are so lucky to be able to share resources and facilities across the primary and secondary phases.



This came into its own at the beginning of the week when all of Year 6 had the opportunity to use the food science rooms and bake rock cakes from scratch. Thank you to the DT team for their amazing support.

We have our last inset day of the academic year on Friday 7th July. Please check the other dates below as the next few weeks are jammed packed!



WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH!

Over half term YDP ran a 3-day holiday club. This proved a huge success and they 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

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

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.

National Sports Week

Next week we are celebrating National Sports Week, please remember children can wear sports clothing/PE kit every day and of course trainers.

There will be activities and visitors each day to inspire the children.

We can't wait to have an active week. Please remember water bottles, sun cream and sun hats.



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 4th 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.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 17th June 2023

On Saturday 17th June 2023, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Primary Hall. We will be open 9:30am - 12:30pm.

The book sale is bank card only.

Please come along and support us by purchasing some fantastic books for your children's bookshelves! We looking forward to seeing many of you there!

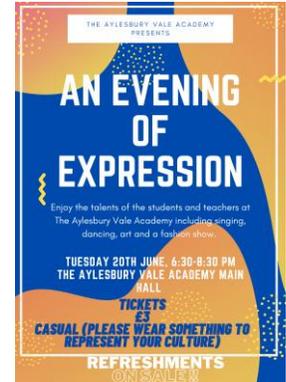


Second-hand Uniform Sale:

Mrs Allen has kindly offered to run the second-hand Primary uniform sale alongside our book fair! Please come along if you are in need of any items. The uniform sale is cash only.

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://pt-events.co.uk)

Diary Dates

JUNE

19 th – 23 rd	Sports Week
19 th June	Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament
20 th June	Preschool Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm (AM children only)
22 nd June	Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm
24 th June	'AVA'Bury Festival
27 th 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) Year 5 11+ meeting
28 th June	Year R Sports Day 9.00-10.00am
29 th June	Reception Stay & Play 4.00-5.00pm

JULY

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

Reflection

It was a pleasure to spend time with the Primary Youth Church Club this week where we learned about Galatians Chapter 5 vs 22-23...

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against these things!*

This passage from the Christian Bible reminded us of the power the Holy spirit can have in our lives.

When we allow God's Spirit to challenge and change us, he transforms the ways we think and act. The "fruits" of the Spirit are distinct yet interconnected and together, they prove that we are allowing God to shape every part of our lives. The choices you make will always mirror what you are allowing to direct and guide your heart.

As we end the week, we invite our AVA community to join is in the following prayer...

Holy Spirit, there is nowhere I can escape Your presence!
You won't give up on me because You are too kind to leave me the way You found me.
You guide me, counsel me, and show me the paths that lead to life.
Today, make me more aware of Your goodness so that I can share Your goodness with others.
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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