



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 36

26 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the staff and parents for your support over the past couple of days with the closure of the school. We know how difficult last-minute changes can be, but the safety of the children and our staff is the most important thing. We hope that everyone managed to access the home learning on the web site and that everyone could stay as cool as possible.

Friday 3rd July will be our mufti day for Lynx Gym. This facility was used so much by lots of our families and we are pleased to be able to do our bit to support the rebuild following the awful fire a few weeks ago. We know that many of our budding gymnasts are missing their regular sessions in the 'second homes' at Lynx and if you are able to donate even a little bit, please do so via their Go Fund Me page:

[Fundraiser by Lynx Gym : Support Lynx Gym following a devastating fire](#)

We have noticed an increase in parents standing and blocking the gates at collection times and coming to talk to staff before all the children have been released. Please can we ask parents to wait away from the gates as this will keep the children safe and allow the staff to see parents who are stood further back. No parents should be coming inside the gates or waiting beside the gates. If you wish to speak to a staff member, please do so when the children are all released and safely with their adults. Staff need to focus and be able to keep children safe at dismissal. Thank you.

With the increase in the cost of living we have had no choice but to increase our meal charges for the next academic year 26/27. As of September, the meal prices for paid meals will increase to £3.00. This will be reflected in the hot melas choices when they go live over the summer. Please can we note that Year 2 moving to Year 3 will allow you to book without charge until they are promoted at the start of September after which time it will create a debt.

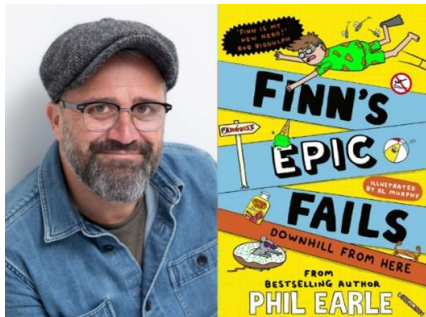
We have some of our amazing children taking part in the school production of Annie.

If you would like tickets, they are on sale now. Please follow the link: <https://ow.ly/yMrh50ZbMAy>

Sports Week – w/c 29.06.26

During sports week the children can wear sports kit all week apart from the days when it is their classes sports day when they need to wear school PE kit.

Author Visit



On Monday 29th June 2026, our final author visit of the year will take place as we welcome the outstanding Phil Earle into school! Phil is an incredibly popular author with our KS2 children, and we are delighted to have secured his visit! Author of the acclaimed *When the Sky Falls*, Phil visits us to introduce his hilarious new series, *Finn N. O. Hope*. Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, this "comedy classic" is guaranteed to get kids laughing.

Pre-order now to gift your child a **personally signed copy**!

We work alongside *Our Bookshop*, based in Tring, to organise these fantastic author visits. By purchasing the discounted book from their website (using the link below), we

support them, meaning they can continue to organise such visits for our students. If you purchase the book using the link below, it will arrive on the day of the visit, and Chris will sign every copy bought.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP: Parents, you need to order the book from Our Bookshop- click below:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/finns-epic-fails-downhill-from-here/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them.

Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

Thank you for all your continued support this year for these visits. Promoting a love of reading is something The AVA is extremely passionate about, and visits such as this are extremely powerful for our children. We can't wait for more author visits next year!

AVA'Bury Festival – Save the Date!

We're delighted to announce that our fourth AVA'Bury Festival will take place on **Saturday 26th September!**

Run by our fantastic PTA, this much-loved event raises funds for the school and promises a great day for the whole family. There will be live music from students and guest performers, delicious food stalls, fun activities, and the odd bouncy castle!

We'd love to see as many families there as possible - please bring your friends and join us for what is always a brilliant community event.

If you are interested in running a stall or getting involved, please get in touch with the PTA:

ava.pta@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates

Please take a look at our web site for term dates as we don't always come back on a Monday!

We've put all of our dates below to take us up to the end of Summer as we are starting to come into a busy time of year.

Please keep an eye on these in case any changes need to be made or there are additions to the list.

29.06.26-03.07.26 – Sports Week

29.06.26 – KS2 Author Visit

29.06.26 – Year5 Linked Schools Event (during school time at AVA)

30.06.26 – Yrs 1- 3 (AM) & Yrs 4-6 (PM) SPORTS DAY – weather permitting

01.07.26 – Reception Sports Day 9.30am – weather permitting

01.07.26 – Year R Safari Stu

02.07.26 – Reserve Sports Day

02.07.26 – Reception Vision Screening

03.07.26 – Lynx Gym Mufti Day

07.07.26 – Transition Day – AM only

08.07.26 – Preschool Animal Encounters

08.07.26 – Reception New Parents Meeting 5-6pm

13.07.26 – Year 5 Hazard Alley Trip

13.07.26 – Year 6 Performance 6pm

14.07.27 - Year 6 Performance 9.15am

15.07.26 – Year 6 Prom 6pm

16.07.26 – Year 6 Assembly 9.30am

16.07.26 - Year 6 Shirt Signing

17.07.26 – End of term – ½ day – SUMMER!



AVA PTA

There are many ways you can support your PTA, if you are interested, please email ava.pta@hotmail.com

Reflection

A reflection for the heatwave...

As we end the week, we invite our AVA community to join us in a prayer for the current heatwave. We pray for everyone's safety and look forward to us being together again shortly...

Loving God,
unite us as a community as we struggle in this unprecedented heat.
Grant us strength, hydration, and rest.
May your care sustain us in our tasks and inspire us to support one another.
Help us reach out to those in need, sharing what we have and showing your love.
May our unity bring strength and comfort.
May your love bind us in supporting each other in the heat.
Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Best wishes,

Mrs C Baughan

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

Primary SEND concerns

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

Free School Meals

Please find the link below: <https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.

Report Parking Issues

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

THE OUTDOORS PROJECT SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

OUR MISSION: GET CHILDREN OUTDOORS, ACTIVE AND FULL OF ADVENTURE.

Every day is packed with imaginative play, creative challenges, outdoor games and hands-on experiences that help children build confidence, make friendships and create lifelong memories.

AGE: Primary school children (School Years 1 - 6)

FLEXIBLE BOOKING: Book for a day, a full week or more

PRICE: Tax Free/Childcare vouchers accepted Haddenham - £39.50 | Jack Peers: £37.50

TIME: Haddenham - 8:45am - 3:15pm | Jack Peers - 8:45am - 3:00pm

WHAT WE DO: Every Holiday Club day is built around a different adventure theme, from Minecraft and NERF to bushcraft, water games, campfire cookout plus much more.

Children enjoy a variety of structured activities, team games, creative challenges and outdoor play throughout the day, with plenty to keep them active, engaged and having fun.



JULY

20 MON	21 TUE	22 WED	23 THU	24 FRI
NO CLUB	Nature Ninja - Protectors of the Planet	Advanced Bushcraft Skills	Among Us Spy Camp	NO CLUB
27 MON	28 TUE	29 WED	30 THU	31 FRI
Campfire Cookout	How to Train Your Dragon	Ultimate Water Day	Wizards of the Wild	NO CLUB

Haddenham Community Junior School

Woodways, Haddenham HP17 8DS

Our school site is a contained, child-friendly space with everything we need for active, imaginative outdoor play. We have a wide open field that's perfect for running around, a lovely patch of woodland (amazing on hot days), and a sturdy play gym. There's also an outdoor classroom, giving us shelter if we need some cover.



The Jack Peers Centre

Views Farm Barns, Windmill Hill, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NW

This has been one of our favourite party spots for years, and we're thrilled to be running a few days of holiday clubs here this summer. Just 10 minutes from both Thame and Wheatley, the woodland is perfect for den building, bushcraft and all kinds of wild games, with a small building on site for toilets, handwashing and an indoor space in case of extreme weather. If you haven't been before, it's worth the trip for the remote woodland vibes alone!

AUGUST

3 MON	4 TUE	5 WED	6 THU	7 FRI
Enchanted Forest	Toy Story Day	Star Wars NERF	World Stick Championships	NO CLUB
10 MON	11 TUE	12 WED	13 THU	14 FRI
Wizards of the Wild	Ultimate Water Day	How to Train Your Dragon	Campfire Cookout	NO CLUB
17 MON	18 TUE	19 WED	20 THU	21 FRI
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Collect stamps for every visit to earn your patches!



Sharing's Caring! INTRODUCE A FRIEND AND EARN £10 CREDIT
WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR FIRST BOOKING (find your unique code in 'my account')



★★★★★
"My child came home happier, more confident and full of stories every day"



Got a birthday coming up?
Book a party and receive the limited edition Birthday Patch



For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

Ofsted Registered | Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted | Children aged 5-12 (Years 1-6)



Rotary  Haddenham and District

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2026



The subject this year is
completely and utterly
YOUR CHOICE

That's it. No Theme

No Rules about what to point at
Photograph whatever you want, but
make it something you care about:
a person, a pet, something you made,
a place, a moment to remember

The best photographs are those
where we can tell the photographer
loved what they were looking at

Total Value of Prizes £400

Prize Competition in Three Age Groups
Junior 6-10; Intermediate 11-14; Senior 15-18

On-Line Entry Form Here:



Closing Date for Submission 13th September 2026

www.haddenhamrotary.org.uk

 [haddenhamrotary](https://www.facebook.com/haddenhamrotary)



Invitation to enter Haddenham and District Rotary's
Young Photographer Competition 2026

In association with Paul Wilkinson Photography

The SUBJECT this year is 'YOUR CHOICE'

That's it. No Theme or Rules about what to point at
Photograph whatever you want
but make it something you care about: a person; a pet;
something you made; a place; a moment to remember

The best photographs are those where we can tell the
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Competition entries are in three age groups

JUNIOR 6-10; INTERMEDIATE 11-14; SENIOR 15-18

£400 in prize money just waiting to be won

More Details and ON-LINE Entry Form [HERE](#)

Closing Date for Entries is 13th September 2026

Email hdrypc@gmail.com

With any questions or arrange to chat

We look forward to receiving your entries

www.haddenhamrotary.org.uk