



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 29

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week (yesterday) marked 10 years since the official opening of our Primary building. We have considered ways to mark this and have decided that we will hold a mufti day and picnic after half term when the weather is warmer. I'm sure like us you can't believe where 10 years have gone!

We waved our Year 5 children and staff off to Hazard Alley yesterday. I'm not sure who was more excited! A fantastic time was had by all, and some extremely valuable life skills were learnt- including how to access the emergency services.

This fits in with their topic and our pledge that all children will learn first aid whilst at AVA Primary.

Thank you to Mrs Stewart and the Orangutan class who led a brilliant assembly on Monday. Our Year 6's amaze us every day. We can't believe they will be leaving us soon to start their new adventures.

The Year 6 Leavers hoodies are up on the Print Lab web site ready to book. The deadline is the **6th May** so please make sure that you have ordered by then to ensure delivery to the school. Any orders after this time are subject to an increase in cost and additional charges. We cannot order on behalf of parents.

Our Year 5 children are already starting to get ready for their residential in February 2025. If you would like your child to attend, please pay the deposit to confirm their place.

Reception class were learning new skills this week making cucumber sandwiches and the Year 1's are all set to make soup next week. Hopefully we will have some budding chefs coming through.

We have started looking at next year's classes and children have started choosing who they work best with. As we do every year, we will take their wishes into account when we create the new classes. Please do not worry about this process it is positive and effective in supporting children to manage transitions, make new friends and work with others.

We are overjoyed to announce that CBeebies superstar Andy Day and bestselling illustrator Steven Lenton will be joining us in school to take the children on a fantastic, magical dino-tastic adventure! This is taking place on Thursday 16th May and the talk will be for Years 1, 2 and 3!

Our children will be singing, drawing, laughing and learning about some incredible dinosaurs – and hearing about Andy and Steven's new book series DINO DAD. If you would like to order a copy of the book to be signed, you can do so by following this link:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/dino-dad/>

This visit has been organised through our links with 'OUR BOOKSHOP' in Tring. By ordering the book using the link above, you will receive a discount, whilst also supporting this fantastic bookshop!

If you order a copy of the book, it will be signed and given to your child on the day of the visit, which will be very exciting for them!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - 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.

We are super excited about this visit, and we hope your children are too!

As always, thank you for your support in enhancing the opportunities offered here at the AVA

Unfortunately, we have not collected sufficient funds to run the Year 2 Dino day. We have asked the finance team to extend the deadline over the weekend to give us one last opportunity to raise the money. As I explained in the recent parent meeting about trips/visits the school does not have the funds to subsidise these. We also would not exclude children from such events and therefore cannot run them for 'just' those who have paid. Please either contact myself, or the office if you need support in paying.

Football

There are still some spaces for our football after school clubs run by YDP. Please follow the link to book your child's space for the remaining sessions this term. <https://www.ydpoxford.co.uk/copy-of-book-a-course>

Reflection

On Wednesday we welcomed the month of May, this is the month when the soil becomes warm enough to sow seeds outdoors, to plant and look forward to crops we will harvest next autumn and winter.

As we end the week, we invite our community to consider how our lives are like the soil. We encourage you to plant seeds of learning, aspiration and goodness in your lives, and care for yourselves on your journey of growth that you might reap the rewards of your efforts in times to come.

As Hosea writes in the Old Testament...

Be like a farmer who plants good seed.

Plant things that are good and right.

Then your harvest will be faithful love.

Plough the hard ground and prepare it for the Lord to bless you.

It is time for you to return to the Lord.

Then he will bless you with good things,
like rain that falls on the ground!

Hosea 10:12



Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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 Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark

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