



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, the rain has returned but it hasn't stopped us having another busy week at school. For all our children from Preschool through to Year 6 we have had transition days or mornings this week. Some children who will be moving up to a new class and new teachers and others who will be moving schools and starting a new journey outside of AVA. It is a huge period of change for all our children and can be worrying for some of them, but we are incredibly proud of the resilience that they have all shown.

We also welcomed new parents into the school as their children are due to start with us in September in Reception class. Some parents are already part of our school and others are just starting their journey with us. We were able to showcase our amazing school and how proud we are of everything that we have achieved and continue to achieve alongside our growing community.

On Wednesday 10 July Year 1 will be having a WOW day! There will be a carousel of activities throughout the day based around traditional tales. There is no payment required for this and the children can come into school dressed in their own clothes.



On Thursday, Year 3 enjoyed their Egypt Day. The children dressed up in some fantastic costumes and took part in a day of art activities. They created sunset pyramid pictures, used clay to make a cartouche and made their own papyrus paper.

In the afternoon the children took part in some Ancient Egyptian games and created a museum containing all the work created this term including the excellent homework the children have produced.

Over the past week, many Year 5 and 6 pupils have been working on preparing and practicing read for a Primary Schools National debating competition. They gave up lunchtimes to practice and conducted lots of research at home, showing such great dedication and self-discipline!

Then, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, three of our Year 6 students - Tara, Joseph and Lekasri - represented our debate team in the competition. The competition was fierce, and we were up against the previous year's winners, but our team held out, answered challenging Points of Information (challenges/questions) from their opponents and gave fantastic reasons for their debates.



At the end of a gruelling competition and three different debates, Aylesbury Vale Academy was declared as the **WINNERS** of the national debate! We are so incredibly proud of the team!

### End of Term

We close for end of term on 19 July from 12 noon. The Preschool will close on 18 July. Please see the following timings for collection:

- 12.00 - Reception (playground gates)
- 12.10 - Year 1 & 2 (playground gates)
- 12.20 - Year 3 & 4 (playground gates)
- 12.20 - Year 5 (front of school)
- 12.25 - Year 6 (playground gates)

### Price increases

All the systems will be updated over the summer, but we wanted to give advance notice of these increases to prepare our parents that are impacted most.

- Our hot meals will increase from £2.65 to £2.85 per meal.
- Our enrichment clubs (those run by staff) will increase from £1 per session to £1.50 per session
- Our wrap around care will increase as follows:
  - Breakfast club - £4.00 per child per session to £4.50 per child per session.
  - Wrap around until 4.30 will increase from £5 per child per session to £5.50 per child per session.
  - Wrap around until 6.00 will increase from £10 per child per session to £10.50 per child per session.



### Reflection

*A reflection on for Times of Transition...*



This week, as many in our community visited their new classes and schools, we invite you to join us in a reflection on times of transition. Our lives are a constant series of endings and beginnings, and the reality of life is that there are aspects of these changes that we can't control.

During this transition week, we invite our community to take time to reflect and be thankful for what is ending. Be grateful for what was learned and what was accomplished. Make time to celebrate the new beginning and what we can look forward to.

We invite you to be thankful for those around us with whom we share these changes. We also invite you to remain optimistic and

hopeful for what is yet to come and the new relationships that fresh beginnings may bring.

And finally, we invite you to take time to remember that God is with us through all the events of our lives, especially during these endings and beginnings.

*A prayer for times of transition...*

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition.

As we experience this time of change, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We ask you to be with us as we move forward and support one another.

Amen

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**

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