



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We weren't joking when we said that this week was going to be busy!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 6 children and staff on a hugely successful week of performing their production of Porridge. The show was hilarious, well directed with great comic timing. All 63 children played a huge part in the production including making the props, doing the sound and lighting and of course performing. It always amazes me how they can learn (and more importantly remember) so many lines, actions and stage directions. Well done to everyone involved and thank you, to those who came to support us.

It was a strange walk into school this morning with our Year 6's all in pyjamas looking like they had just woken up. As always with all Year 6 this time of year is jam packed full of fun things, we have the leavers assembly and prom next week so keep your tissues handy.

In school we received the Year 6 SATs results this week I have verbally shared with the parents how amazing these results are. I am immensely proud to let you know that yet again these results are the best that AVA have ever achieved. Our Year 6 team and children have worked so hard and really have reaped the reward. This is a demonstration of the amazing teamwork and group of staff that we have at the school, every single adult has a part to play in the children's development and achievement here. So well done, to all of our staff, I am so very proud to lead you all and grateful for all you do.

Next week we close our doors on the 2023-2024 academic year. There are no clubs next week (with the exception of YDP / football on Wednesday) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Granville and all of the staff who run clubs throughout the course of the year. To offer a wide variety of clubs and experiences each term to allow children to try different things and hopefully find something that they love is something I am very proud of. We are extremely pleased to let you know that next year Mr. O'Leary is joining us full-time in the primary school. He will be teaching all of the children sport throughout the school day and running many different festivals throughout the year.

If you see Mr O'Leary, please give him a huge AVA Primary welcome.

Sadly, at this time of year we often have to say goodbye. Next week we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Heal and Mrs Boyle. Mrs Heal joined us in 2014. She has been an important part of the team and especially to the Year 6 group for almost 10 years. As she starts her new chapter (with her new puppy) we wish her a huge heartfelt good luck and thank her for everything that she has done to support the hundreds of children that she has helped here at AVA. Mrs Boyle joined us in 2019, she joined us at an important point of change when the school migrated from Berryfields to AVA Primary. Mrs Boyle was a vital part of that change and for the last five years has been a huge influence and support in the lives of so many of our smallest children. We wish Mrs. Boyle and her family lots of luck as they relocate, the children that she's going to work with are extremely lucky to have her joining them in September. Good luck and Thank You to both.

Our amazing Musical club took part in The Name of the Game with the secondary students last night and have another performance tonight. They did an amazing job in front of a large crowd and we are so incredibly proud of all their hard work and commitment to learning the songs and dance moves. A huge thank you to Miss Russell for all her hard work in getting them performance ready, it is always lovely to showcase our talented pupils alongside our secondary children as well.

Year 6 WOW Day!

A gentle reminder that Monday 15th July is Y6 WOW day, based on studies of World War Two, on the day we would love children to come into school in typical 1940s dress.

This involves wearing simple clothes in greys and browns, simple shirts, old school shorts or corduroy, wool garments, flat cap hats or anything else in style with the period. If your child does not wish to dress up that is OK but please send them into school in their school uniform and not mufti.

Children will have the opportunity to explore several 1940s recipes. Please can children bring in a plastic container on the day to take home baked goods in.

Attendance Lunch

Today children who had 100% attendance had a special lunch with Mrs Baughan to celebrate this achievement. Attendance is so critical in the development of all children and we as an academy are proud to celebrate all the children that have 100% attendance for the year.

Years 6 & 7 Author Visit

Last week, we were excited to welcome children's bestselling author Eve Warssocki-Morris into school to talk to Years 6 and 7. Eve brought her newest novel to life, reading a thrilling extract to us all. She also spoke about the difficulties she's faced being an author with dyslexia. Through her talk, she spoke often about resilience and aspiration. Being two of the core values at the AVA, the children were really able to take on board her story and advice. The Year 6 children were an absolute credit to our school, showing respect throughout; they were completely engaged and participated constantly. Well done, Year 6 – once again, we were so proud of you all!



Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with English this year. Your attendance at our Scholastic book fairs, engagement in buying books for our many author visits and support for our West End in Schools event for World Book Day has helped to embed the AVA Primary's love of reading even more this year and it is always really appreciated. We look forward to doing it all over again next year!

End of Term

We close for end of term on 19 July from 12 noon. The Preschool will close on 18 July. The children will still be having lunch that day so if you aren't booking a lunch, please provide a packed lunch.

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)

Start of Autumn Term

We are already looking forward to the start of the next academic year and wanted to remind all parents of the start times:

Wednesday 4th September:

School playground gates open 8.30am-8.40am.
Reception individual timetable.
Year 1 & 2 - 8.30am - 3.00pm (playground gates).

Thursday 5th September:

School playground gates open 8.30am-8.40am.
Reception individual timetable.
Year 1 & 2 - 8.30am - 3.00pm (playground gates).
Year 3 & 4 - 8.30am - 3.10pm (playground gates).
Year 5 & 6 - 8.30am - 3.10pm (front of school).

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

Today we end another busy week, filled with super performances from our amazing students. As we end the week, we invite our community to join us in a reflection looking forward to next Friday and the end of the academic year...

Loving God,

We thank you for walking with us through another year.

Thank you for your love and provision, and for helping us on our journey. Forgive us for anything we may have said or done that is displeasing to you and helping us be the people you have created us to be.

Be with us now and fill my hearts and minds with thoughts of you.

Bless our families, our homes and our loved ones and keep us safe from all harm.

Amen

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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Any questions, please contact avaprimar@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark



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