



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is that time of year where we start planning our new classes for September. All children have spent time this week with their trusted adults in school selecting who they work best with and want to be with next academic year. We will be sorting classes when we return to ensure that they are ready for our transition morning on 2nd July. This will also be the day that you are invited in (3.30-4.30pm) to see you child's new classroom and meet their new teacher.

The Year 2 children have had a very busy week, starting each morning with a brioche and then completing their SATs assessments. They have made us incredibly proud with their focus and resilience throughout every paper. Well done to all of our Year 2 children, we hope you have a wonderful week off!

For any children who have been absent this week, we will provide opportunities for them to complete their assessments when they return.

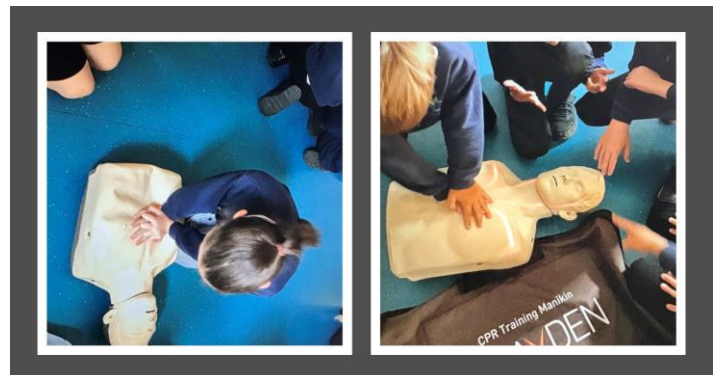


Year 4 have had a fabulous day travelling back in time to Ancient Greece this week! We did our best poses as Greek Statues and tried hold them as long as possible just like living statues. We then explored Greek pottery and made our very own pots which will be coming home on Friday. After lunch, we had a food tasting session of some classic Greek flavours, including olives and feta. Lots of children tried many things they had never eaten before which they actually discovered they liked (unlike Miss Russell, who still doesn't like olives) and we are very proud of them! We

finished off the day with a mini Olympics and learning a Greek dance. We hope they have come home to tell you all of their stories from the day!

Year 5 have had an exciting week with an author visit and Health Tec visiting to practice some first aid.

We were visited by Health Tec, who ran a workshop on life saving first aid. All the children practiced how to put somebody into the recovery position and learned about how CPR is performed. They were all fantastic ambassadors for the school and represented us brilliantly with both sets of guests! We are extremely passionate about all children learning first aid before they leave AVA Primary and this topic holds a fond place in our curriculum.

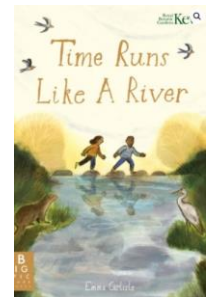


Year 5 and 6 pupils were excited to welcome back Pari Thomson this week! She returned on the launch day of her sequel to *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*, the novel she introduced to us earlier this year. The children really impressed Pari and her team with their understanding of her first novel, and asked many interesting questions as excitement built around reading the sequel, *Greenwild: The City Beyond the Sea*. As always, the children were engaged, enthusiastic and a true credit to our school!



Upcoming Author Visit – Years 1, 2 and 3 – Friday 7th June 2024

We are very excited to announce that Emma Carlisle will be coming into school to talk about her new picture book, *“Time Runs Like A River”*. She will be speaking about the themes of mindfulness and nature which are explored in the book, as well as explaining how time runs like a river, never resting, moving steadily on. But if we notice how different each minute can be, we can appreciate them before they are gone.



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/time-runs-like-a-river/>

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!

Price increases

We have been desperately trying to keep the prices that we charge for wrap around, school meals and clubs as low as we possibly can but unfortunately with all costs increasing, we have no choice but to increase these come September.

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.

Many of the year 6 children will be wearing their 'leavers' hoodies in school after half term. This is a very visual reminder that they are about to embark on their next chapter.

Year 6 Transition Dates

- Monday 3rd June - Children can wear Leavers Hoodies to school from now
- Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day (PM)
- Tuesday 2nd July - Transition day (all year 6 pupils to attend their new settings)
- Wednesday 3rd July - Transition day (all year 6 pupils to attend their new settings)
- Monday 8th July - Year 6 Performance to the Primary School (No Parents)
- Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 Performance (Evening)
- Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 Performance (Evening)
- Thursday 11th July - Performance linked with Secondary (NOT all children)
- Friday 12th July - Performance linked with Secondary (NOT all children)
- Wednesday 17th July - PROM (6pm-8pm)
- Thursday 18th July - Leavers Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.30am-11.00am
- Friday 19th July - Year 6 to leave at 12.25pm from the playground

Reminder

As the sun has finally arrived can I just quickly remind everyone to please apply suncream before school and to provide hats and water bottles as the children will be outside, enjoying the sun as much as possible.

Diary Dates

June

- 20th Year 5 11+ meeting
- 25th Sports Day – weather permitting
- 26th Reception Sports Day

Reflection

This week in school we spent time thinking about our school value of RESPECT. As we end the week we invite our community to reflect on one of the Bible readings that underpin our school values...

*'Let us be concerned for one another,
to help one another to show love and to do good'.
Hebrews Ch10 v24.*

A prayer for respect...

God, we pray for love, respect and good works to flow from our community. May our community not just meet together, but actively encourage one another to be our best selves.

Amen

I wish you a lovely week and hope you use this time to catch up with friends and family. Please look after one another and we will see you in a week on Monday 3rd June!

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan



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