



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week it has felt like winter at times but our days have been brightened by the Year 6's wearing their 'leavers' hoodies to school. This always evokes mixed emotions for us.

You would have seen a letter sent today about our Ofsted report. We are so extremely proud of our staff for the commitment that they make to the school and the children but we couldn't have done this without the support of our wider community and the amazing children that we have here at AVA.

On Wednesday all of our teachers took part in external moderation with other schools where we looked at writing and the progress that our children are making.

In history lessons this week we learned about D-Day and talked about its 80th anniversary.

Next week our Year 1 children will participate in their Phonics Screening. Our Year 4 children all undertook their Multiplication Tables Checking exercises (on the computers) this week. It's always a busy time of year but we try to be as relaxed as possible in school and the children take everything in their stride.



On Monday. Year 2 had a 'roarsome' day. They met Joel, who talked to the children about dinosaur fossils from lots of different types of dinosaurs. They became palaeontologists, and practiced digging and discovering different fossils, using information provided to identify which dinosaur they belonged to.

We then met 3 baby dinos, a baby paralophosaurus called Poppy, a baby triceratops called Patrick and even a cheeky baby T-Rex called Jake - we waved to him from a distance!

The rest of the day was full of dino-tastic activities, which all enjoyed!

### YDP sports clubs

The clubs are online to be booked for this term, this term there is :

The external clubs are starting from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and running until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### Wednesday until 4:15

Year 1,2,3 Football

Year 4,5,6 Football

### **Friday until 4:15**

Girls football

Multi Sports Years 1,2,3

They can be booked on the following link <https://www.ydpoxford.co.uk/copy-of-book-a-course>

Year 4 went over to secondary to take part in a multi-skills festival on Monday. We tried new sports skills like frisbee and the children had lots of fun.

At the end we shared our scores with Eagles beating Falcons by a very small margin. The children showed wonderful respect with sportsmanship at the end by shaking hands and congratulating each other on great effort.



### **Author Visit – Emma Carlisle**

Years 1, 2 and 3 welcomed Emma Carlisle into school today! She showed us her amazing sketch books and talked a lot about how nature has always inspired her. She showed us her writing process, from her sketches to her word building to her drafting. She then showed the children how to draw like her, and the children were able to draw rabbits and owls.

Emma read her fabulous book, *'Time Runs Like a River'*, and the children (and adults!) were all hooked! As always, the children represented our school fantastically! Thank you to everyone who was able to purchase a book and support our links with *'The Bookshop'* in Tring. These links play such an important role within our love of reading culture.



### **Book Fair**

**Saturday 22nd June 2024** – Scholastic Book Fair and pre-loved uniform

We are hosting our final Scholastic Book Fair of this academic year on Saturday 22nd June 2024. The fair will be held in the Primary Hall from 9am – 12pm. Please remember that book sales are card only.

We will also be selling pre-loved uniform items during this event. Uniform items are cash only and we will be taking donations for them.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

### **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.



### Year 6 Transition Dates

As our last Year 6 summer term has arrived and we have lots of things planned for Year 6s to make their last term the best term ever, so just a few dates for your diary.

- Monday 10th June - Bletchley Park trip.
- Tuesday 25th June sports day 1 - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 2nd July Transition day (children go directly to their new school and do not come to primary)
- Wednesday 3rd July Transition day (children go directly to their new school and do not come to primary)
- Tuesday 9th July Summer Performance 6pm (**Children cannot walk home on their own, children must be picked up**)
- Wednesday 10th July summer performance 6pm (**Children cannot walk home on their own, children must be picked up**)
- Friday 12th July PJ Day - Pyjama day and a film afternoon (children may bring in a small bag of sweets or popcorn)
- Wednesday 17th July Prom 6 - 8 pm (**Children cannot walk home on their own, children must be picked up**)... Dress to impress!
- Thursday 18th July Leavers Assembly 9.30am-11.00am. All parents please come to Year 6s final assembly. A word of advice - bring a hankie!
- Thursday 18th July Leavers Picnic. Year 6 will have lunch together on the field. Please could all children bring a packed lunch. Please let us know if you have school meals and would like a school packed lunch.
- Friday 19th July Last day. Children will have the opportunity to have their shirt signed in the morning. Children will be leaving the school at 12.25pm via the playground and gates. All staff will come out to say good bye and it is a great opportunity for a photo.

### 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.

### Reflection

This week in school we spent more time thinking about our school value of RESPECT.



RESPECT for each other, RESPECT for our community and RESPECT for our environment.

As we end the week, we invite you to join our Primary children who have been learning about caring for our environment. In particular, the impact of litter and careless waste on the world.

*A prayer for wisdom to care for the earth...*

*Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth.  
Help us to act now for the good of future generations.  
Help us to become instruments of a new creation,  
Founded on a covenant of love.  
Amen*

Have a lovely and hopefully sunny weekend.

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**

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