



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly loved this week!

The 2024 sports days were a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our children. All of the staff and children had a brilliant time and we hope you all did too.

Thank you to Ms Granville and the student helpers for all of their planning and support.



Pupils join parents in election fever!

With the general election approaching quickly, the school parliament thought it might be a good idea to run a mini version in the primary school.

The parliament split into two parties with the head boy leading 'The ECO Party', whilst the head girl took charge of 'The AVA Party'. These parties then spent a week developing their ideas as to how work and life at school could be improved, they wrote their ideas down in a manifesto which was presented to the rest of the school during an assembly.

Each class was issued with ballot papers which were completed anonymously, and the results counted and transferred to Miss Pickett and Mr Johnson. The result was announced in assembly today and we are sure there will be a press release soon!!

Next Friday (at 2.45pm) our secondary children will be selling pocket money toys at the end of the day next to the playground. If you would like to support them in their quest to raise money for their charity, please bring change when you pick up your child. All toys are less than £2.00.

Today your child will have a letter containing the details of their new class and teacher for September. This is an exciting time and we all understand that change is good but can be tricky. Please support your child (as always) through this transition with lots of positivity and encouragement.

Year 5 parents will also receive a letter from Buckinghamshire County Council with log in details for the portal to access the transfer Tests results in the Autumn term, please register.

### Attendance and Punctuality

From September we will be closing the playground gates at 8.40am each morning. This is in line with the new government guidance regarding attendance and punctuality.

We will share more information before the end of the term but wanted to inform you of this change as soon as possible.



## Food Voucher Scheme

Yesterday we received notification, from Buckinghamshire Council, that the system for the free school meal food vouchers is changing.



All eligible families will receive food vouchers to the value of £50 in total for the period over the summer holidays from the voucher scheme. We are led to believe that this will be the last payment under the current scheme.

We have been advised that the future of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund has not been confirmed beyond September 2024. These will be the last vouchers funded by Buckinghamshire Council, utilising the Household Support Fund

The Helping Hand team is also available to help direct people to the support that is right for them. If anyone is worried about access to food, fuel or other essentials, please contact Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team on 01296 531151 or complete the online contact form and someone will be in contact:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/housing-and-benefits/support-with-food-bills-and-finances/>

## Author Visit Year 6&7

We are very excited to announce that bestselling children's author, Eve Wersocki-Morris, is coming into school on Thursday 4th July 2024 to speak to our Year 6 and Year 7 students.

We work alongside Our Bookshop, based in Tring, to organise these fantastic author visits. By purchasing the discounted book from their website (using the link below), we support them, meaning they can continue to organise such visits for our students.

If you purchase the book using the link below, it will arrive on the day of the visit, and Eve will sign every copy bought.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP: Parents, you need to order the book from Our

Bookshop- click below:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/forest-of-forbidden-magic-a-spooky-supernatural-adventure-of-spine-tingling-mystery/>

## Young Writers Competition

Months and months ago, Year 4 entered a poetry writing competition about dreams and we finally have books and certificates to show off their hard work.

The children opted in to write a poem about dreams of any kind and we were lucky enough to have 14 pupils all win their chance to have their writing published in a book! We are very proud of them and this massive achievement.

We are currently taking in entries for another writing competition called "Ancient Adventures" and the children have already taken home entry forms if they wanted to take part.

Please give all entries back to Miss Russell by **10<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest to be sent off or follow the instructions on the entry form to enter online. If you would like more information please speak to the Year 4 staff who will be happy to give your child an entry form.

Well done Year 4!

## 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

Reflection on flourishing...

This week, as we near the end of the year we invite our community to reflect on why we welcome everyone here at AVA. Over the past few weeks, we have reflected on the Bible readings that underpin our school values.

As a Church of England school, we welcome all faith and none. We welcome everyone!

Our vision, alongside that of the Church, is that everyone who encounters our community should flourish and be empowered to achieve their fullest potential.

We ask for God's blessing as we continue striving towards our vision. Amen.



Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**

If you have any initial concerns regarding your child, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>



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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>



Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Any questions, please contact [avaprimary@theacademy.me](mailto:avaprimary@theacademy.me) FAO: Mrs Clark

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