



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 30 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful bank holiday weekend and managed to enjoy the sunshine that has finally arrived!

*As you know we have had a section 8 Ofsted inspection this week. I would firstly like to thank all the staff for their commitment and dedication in showcasing the wonderful work that goes on behind the scenes (from Preschool all the way through to Year 13) here at the academy. It truly is a unique place to work and study. The staff all work so hard and I feel we really did show our visitors what an exceptional place AVA is.*

*It was a rigorous process for everyone. The children were, as always, a true credit to you and the school, they were unfazed by the new people around them and handled themselves impeccably throughout the days and especially those that answered some tricky questions with ease and confidence, well done. We often say how proud we are of our school community but never has a truer word been spoken, thank you for all that you do in helping us to create such a nurturing and aspirational environment for our children to flourish in.*

*We will share more information with you in due course and will of course share the report once we have it. Have a lovely sunny weekend.*

*Caroline Baughan, Primary Headteacher  
Gavin Gibson, Academy Principal*

Year 2 have been invited to take part in a multi skills festival run by the secondary phase on Monday. Please can the Year 2 children wear their PE kits as normal and bring in an extra bottle of water.



It is with great sadness that I inform you that Ms Scrivener is leaving us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. She has been with us for almost 5 years and has been a fantastic member of staff in the Preschool.

We wish her the best of luck for the next part of her adventure in her new role.

### Parking

A huge thank you to the Parish council for their funding and support in getting the parking signs for outside the front of the Primary school. We often talk and post about the dangers of illegal parking around the school and the danger this poses to our children and wider families. This is so important to us as part of our safeguarding and duty of care to everyone in our community.

### Half Term Timings

We close for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon. The Preschool will close on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to ensure statutory staff training is completed.

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 & 6 (front of school)



There will be no after school clubs on this day (including wrap around care).

### Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 SATs start next week and as with every year there will be a free breakfast provided for all Year 6 children from 8am Monday to Thursday, entrance will be through the main Primary Reception. We know that they will be fabulous, but we find it is always a good start to the day having breakfast with their friends and preparing for the exams ahead.

### Author Visit

We are overjoyed to announce that CBeebies superstar Andy Day and bestselling illustrator Steven Lenton will be joining us in school to take the children on a fantastic, magical dino-tastic adventure! This is taking place on Thursday 16th May and the talk will be for Years 1, 2 and 3!

Our children will be singing, drawing, laughing and learning about some incredible dinosaurs – and hearing about Andy and Steven's new book series DINO DAD. 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/dino-dad/>

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!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP** - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

We are super excited about this visit, and we hope your children are too!

As always, thank you for your support in enhancing the opportunities offered here at the AVA

### 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

#### May

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs

21<sup>st</sup> Class and Leavers Photos

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

#### June

20<sup>th</sup> Year 5 11+ meeting

25<sup>th</sup> Sports Day – weather permitting

26<sup>th</sup> Reception Sports Day

## Reflection

This week in school we reflected on our Value of ASPIRATION. In both Primary and Secondary Phases we thought about our aspiration as a school community and how we support one another to be our best selves.

As we end the week we invite our community to share in a prayer for those taking exams and assessments in the next few weeks, we pray and offer our support for their aspirations and resilience during this time...

*May God give peace and strength to those sitting exams and assessments.*

*May he support them to stay calm, trust in their own capabilities and believe in themselves!*

*We pray that God will grant them a clear mind, a calm heart, and the courage to give their best in their exams.*

*We pray that they remember that this is just one step on their journey and throughout they are loved and supported.*

*Amen*

Have a lovely and hopefully sunny weekend.

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

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