



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 14 6 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

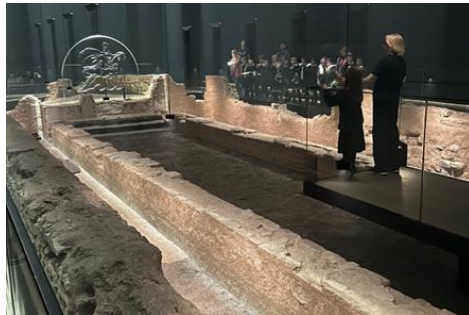
As the Christmas festivities continue our corridors are full of festive songs, costumes and crowns! It is lovely to hear all the practising for all the celebrations coming up next week. I hope you have all booked your tickets if you need to!

We still have discount codes for Waddesdon Manor, we have realised that some work and some don't so if you have a faulty one, please pop into the office and we can give you a new one.

We have lists in the school office for Christmas cards for each class if you would like to pick one up unfortunately, we are unable to email these out.

On Monday Year 4 went on their first school trip and went all the way to central London! This term we have been studying about the Romans in History so went to visit the Secret Temple of Mithras. The children were able to handle mysterious real ancient Roman artifacts and had to work as a team to figure out what the objects were and what they were used for in Roman times.

We also learnt about the Myth of Mithras, who was God of the Sun and the secret religion followed by a secret group of Romans. We were able to visit the temple and experience what it was like in Roman times with sounds and lights. The children had a fantastic day linking their learning in the classroom and even got a small present from the staff for their excellent behaviour, well done Year 4!



On Tuesday we had a visiting Professor and Fellow from Coventry University, who are working on a Story Vocabulary project for the Education Endowment Foundation. They came in to complete a task with the Early Years children. In this task they asked the children what they could tell us or show us about a series of words, such as 'dog' or 'jump'. They could either respond with words or actions. The children did a wonderful job sharing their knowledge of words. Well done Preschool and Reception children who really shone.

It is with much sadness that I have to share the news that Miss Barber is leaving us at Christmas. She has been with us for 10 years and has been a huge part of our school, especially in Preschool. We wish her the very best of luck for her chapter.

On Friday we were lucky enough to be a part of the process for choosing our next catering providers here at AVA. 3 of our school parliament spent the day meeting the chefs and tasting food! I think it is safe to say they had 'the best day'!!

### **Christmas with the Choir!**

Yesterday Choir started their Christmas singing campaign with bringing Christmas joy to the Berryfields Afternoon Tea at Roman Park. For their first ever performance, they were amazing and even brought out dance moves!

We love singing in our local communities and look forward to our next two performances for both Fairford Leys and Berryfields Parish Councils.

### **iRock**

On Tuesday we saw our children perform as part of their iRock lessons. We were blown away by their confidence and rock star qualities.

If you would like your child to take part in these lessons please visit the iRock website to sign them up. [iRock School of Music | In School rock and pop band lessons](#)



### **Year 2 post box**

Year 2 have been working hard to learn and write letters to their loved ones and Father Christmas. On Wednesday afternoon, Panthers and Leopards had an opportunity to post their letters. They made their way to the local post box singing Christmas songs all the way, spreading festive joy.



### **Wrap around and late collection policies**

Letters will be going out over next week regarding the late collections/bookings for the children. We sent out information regarding this to all parents a couple of weeks ago please can we ask that you read through these policies and familiarise yourself with the processes.

### **Office Hours**

The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Thursday and 8:30am to 3:30pm on Friday. The emails and phones will not be answered outside of these hours. Due to the huge number of calls and emails that

we receive we will not always be able to respond to all absences and change of collection but these are always sent onto teaching staff and the primary attendance team.

For the emails that we need to respond to we will endeavour to reply within 48 hours. The office staff also have other duties and medical to carry out so there may be small delays, we appreciate your patience with this.

### **Parking**

Parking is again high on our agenda with some very dangerous parking still happening at drop off and collection times. A member of staff witnessed a car mounting the curb and driving down the grass verge to get to another part of the road.

Some parents are also continuing to park across the entrance to the car park. We still have staff that need to enter from dropping their children or for meetings etc and this is then causing a blockage in the road. Please can we ask all parents to be considerate and kind with the parking our highest priority is the safety of our children and wider community.

### **End of term closing times**

Preschool - closed all day

Reception - 12:00pm

Years 1 & 2 - 12:10pm

Years 3-6 - 12:20pm

If your child is having a packed lunch this day please ensure that they bring it with them as the lunch timings have shifted for this day to ensure that all the children have eaten before they go home.

### **Free School Meals**

We now have an online free school meal application on our web site under the **Parents** tab. Please find the link below:

<https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - [freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me](mailto:freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me) - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.

### **Christmas Schedule (Year R-6)**

Mon 9th Dec 9.30am Reception Christmas Show (primary hall) - PARENTS

Mon 9th Dec 1.45pm Year1&2 Nativity (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Tues 10th Dec 9.30am Year1&2 Nativity (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Wed 11th Dec 9.30am Year 3 Christingle (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Wed 11th Dec 11.20am - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thurs 12th Dec 9.30am Year 3 Christingle (primary hall) Ticketed due to numbers - PARENTS

Thurs 12th Dec 9.30am Drama Club show to parents

Sat 14th Dec 4pm Choir at Fairford Leys - PARENTS

Sun 15th Dec 5pm Choir at Roman Park - PARENTS

Mon 16th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS

Tues 17th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 4 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS

Tues 17th Dec Evening Year 6 Carols (Secondary Hall) - PARENTS

Fri 20th Dec - finish from 12.00-12.20pm

### **SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135**

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

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## Reflection



### A Reflection for the Second Sunday in Advent, Sunday December 8th 2024...

#### The Second Week of Advent Represents: Peace and Preparation

This week, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, may we be filled with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

#### *A Prayer for the Season of Advent*

*Loving God, we ask for your blessing on this season of Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.*

*We pray that Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love come into our world. Amen.*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**

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#### **Primary SEND concerns**

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9\\_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)



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

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## DRAMA CLASSES FOR AGES 4-18

If your child would benefit from a weekly, 1-hour drama class which will build their self-esteem, teach them to speak clearly and confidently in public, and develop their social interaction skills,  
**then act now!**

[aylesbury@dramakids.co.uk](mailto:aylesbury@dramakids.co.uk)  
07547 262693

## FREE DRAMA KIDS T-SHIRT FOR AVA STUDENTS

After enrolling for a full term by **December 24th**.



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