



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 23

### 14 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you have all been spoilt rotten today.

We have had a busy week on the run up to half term and the school has felt quieter with most of the Year 6's away on residential.

We have received some photos of the residential, with some children so covered in mud it was difficult to see who they were! We can't wait to hear all about the amazing things that they have done and share this with the Year 5's for next year. They have all arrived safely back home and it was lovely to see all the cuddles and kisses from Parents. I am sure we aren't the only ones who felt their absence. The rest of the Year 6's have had a lovely time in school doing all sorts of different activities, crafts, cooking and having fun.

We have had a very high sickness level amongst staff and children which is why we had to send out the letter and fact sheet on Wednesday. Please can we remind all parents not to send their children into school when they are ill even if they seem better in themselves.

A reminder that we have an INSET day on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, the children have a slightly extended half term break, we look forward to seeing them all again first thing on Tuesday morning (25<sup>th</sup> Feb).

Open classroom is on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.30 where you can pop into your child's class and see all the wonderful work that they have been doing.

Falcons class having swimming starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, please look at the letter that has been sent out today.

Unfortunately, the decision has been made to cancel the West End in Schools for World Book Day. The outstanding amount is, regrettably, too much to cover even with all the kind contributions and offers from parents.

Thank you to those that have donated and paid we will be refunding the money after half term when we are back from the half term break.

We will still have a World Book Day celebration in school please see the advance notice below.

#### **World Book Day – Advanced Notice**

To end our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to dress up on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Our theme for this week is '*Little Red Riding Hood*' and we would love to see lots of costumes based on this traditional tale.

However, we welcome any World Book Day themed outfit. If your child does not want to dress up, they can wear their own clothes.



## Upcoming Author Visit – Reception and Year 1

We are delighted to be welcoming Mevan Babakar into school to talk to our Reception and Year 1 children on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025!



Mevan will be coming to talk about her life as a child refugee and the story of *The Bicycle*; a story of how a simple act of kindness changed a little girl's life. Based on Mevan Babakar's own childhood, this is a moving reminder of how powerful just one act of kindness can be.

If you want to purchase a book, follow the link below to buy it from **Our Bookshop** -the wonderful bookshop in Tring that organises these brilliant visits!

Mevan will sign every book that is bought.

Books need to be purchased by the end of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-bicycle-by-patricia-mccormick-and-mevan-babakar/>

## Reflection

### ***A reflection for Valentine's Day...***

Today is the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and people around our community will be celebrating Valentines Day. Whilst many commercial celebrations focus on romantic relationships, this week we invite you to reflect on love in all its forms, such as patience, kindness, forgiveness and trust. The feast is worth celebrating because it reminds us that love is a reflection of God's love for us and as the Bible reminds us. **"We love because he first loved us."**

**1 John Ch4 v19.**



To end our week, we invite you to join with us in a prayer for this day...

*God of love,*

*you gave us St. Valentine as an example of love.*

*As we celebrate, we ask you to bless our friendships.*

*May the love and affection we share with each other, always come from a place of care and respect.*

*Help us as we increase our ability to love as you do and to grow in understanding for others*

*Amen.*

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful half term break with your families.

Best wishes,

**Mrs C Baughan**

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

### **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.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

### **Primary SEND concerns**

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9\\_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtg1UIIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUK1PMUZXRtg1UIIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

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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.