



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been challenging at times for all of us with extreme weather making life a little bit more difficult than normal. Thank you to those of you who have helped keep our children safe by parking sensibly and where possible still walking to school. We understand that in the rain it's easier to drive, however, this means that the roads around the school become congested and dangerous. Hopefully the weather might settle over next week and a little bit of normality will resume.

We are getting ready for open evening on Tuesday and open morning on Thursday next week. Please remember that we will be closing early on Tuesday and preschool children will remain at home all day.

Timings are as follows:

Preschool - closed all day.

Reception - collection at 1.00pm

Year 1 & 2 - collection at 1.10pm

Year 3, 4,5 & 6 - collection at 1.20pm

Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings and uniform are labelled. This needs to be clear with the name (not just the initials). Please also check the labels regularly as they do wash out. We understand how frustrating it can be for a child to come home with bits missing but with over 520 children on a large site it is hard to return unnamed items. If your child returns home with the wrong uniform or belongings, please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

All of our preschool staff and some of our other staff members have completed their annual first aid training this week. The two-day paediatric course that they undertake is intense but essential in providing the best support that we can to all the children here at AVA primary.

IROCK Sessions started in school this week and it was lovely to hear the children making music whilst coming together with their friends to form their rock bands. Here at the school we are passionate about the arts and are forever looking for new and different ways to get involved in local projects. Miss Large is currently running an activity within school which will be part of the Waddesdon Manor Christmas festival this year, we cannot wait to share more details with you.

You will have received a flyer yesterday about the October half term holiday camp being run from the primary school by YDP. This is a great opportunity for children to access fun holiday activities at a discounted price.

Harvest

We are fast approaching our harvest assemblies and therefore will be collecting produce for our local food bank in school. We understand that times are difficult for everyone but if you can help us to help others by bringing in items this would be much appreciated. Again, this year, we have pledged to support the local Roman Park Community Trust Foodbank.

Sadly, the most recent government data shows that the number of people in food insecure households in the UK rose by around 2.5 million to 7.2 million between 2022 and 2023. This means 11% of people are living in food insecure households, including 17% of children.

However, this is not just about data, what it actually means is that food poverty is directly affecting families within our school and local community at this very moment.

The Roman Park Community Foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies and this Harvest Time we welcome the opportunity to give what we can to those in need.

We would be grateful if your child could bring in any of the following, to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

- Tinned soup, meat, veg
- Sugar/flour
- Snacks like crisps, biscuits or crackers
- Cereal Packets
- Sauce Jars
- Stir in Sauces (eg: Chicken, tomato to add to pasta)
- Baby/Toddler food
- Jams and spreads
- Dried Rice/Pasta/Noodles
- Toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, etc.
- Toilet Rolls

Unfortunately, the foodbank is not able to store fresh or chilled items. Small packets and tins are preferred, if possible.

Primary children should bring their donations to their classroom

Many thanks in advance for anything you can give.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

We are very excited to announce that bestselling children's author, Hannah Gold, is coming into school on Wednesday 16th October to speak to our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. The multi-award-winning bestselling author, Hannah Gold is coming to our school to talk about her exciting new book *TURTLE MOON*, the thrilling new illustrated animal adventure for kids. Hannah's first book, 'The Last Bear', was Blue Peter Children's Book of the Year and Waterstones Children's Book of the Year, and since then she has written 'The Lost Whale' and 'Finding Bear'.

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/turtle-moon-a-thrilling-new-illustrated-animal-adventure-for-kids-from-the-sunday-times-bestselling-author-of-the-last-bear/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them.

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.

Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening on Tuesday 1st October, and the school will close early on this day. Timings are as follows:

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All children will have lunch as normal before they are dismissed.

There is no after school club on this day, these sessions have been cancelled and credited back to the School Gateway account. Breakfast club will be running as normal on this day.

Insets

We have an Inset day (25th Oct) for the whole school and Preschool. We will not be taking phone calls or responding to emails during this period or over the half term.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October. This is a face-to-face meeting with the class teacher and is booked via the School Cloud system.

More information about the system will be sent out nearer the time along with timings of when the link is live to book but we wanted to advise in advance of the dates to allow for childcare and work arrangements.

Reflection

This week many children in our AVA community experienced learning some basic sign language. This certainly gave us much to reflect upon. As we end the week, we give thanks for sign language and its ability to break communication barriers, We also remember in our prayers those in the world without people to communicate with in their own language.



A prayer for BSL, the Deaf Community, Deaf Culture, and Deaf Education.

Lord, thank you for sign language.

We thank you for the Deaf community and for Deaf culture.

We thank you for all the times sign language has helped remove communication barriers.

We pray for those learning sign language, that you will encourage them in their learning.

We pray for those teaching sign language, that you will support them in their work.

We pray for those who interpret and translate, that you will help them in their processing.

We pray for those who work in Deaf education, and for Deaf children and students, and we pray that you give them insight and understanding as they teach, support, and learn.

We pray for greater recognition of British Sign Language throughout the UK.

We pray for those who feel alone, without people to communicate with in their own language, that they will know your presence and your love.

Amen

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Wishing you a restful weekend

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>

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

 Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark

Parking issues: [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](http://FixMyStreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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