



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to you all.

An extra special welcome to our new children and families who will be joining us this week for their first time here at AVA. We hope that you will love it here and we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

Hopefully you have all had a restful summer break and were able to spend time with your loved ones creating special memories that will last a lifetime. If you do have any change of circumstances or things you think we would benefit knowing in order to best support your child or family please do contact the office to ensure that the correct staff are able to reach out to you.

We will see Reception classes, Year 1 & 2 on Wednesday at 8.30am and everyone (R, 1-6) on Thursday at 8.30am.

Please remember that our gates are only open until 8.40am now due to the new Government requirements around attendance and punctuality.

Reception parents will be allowed to accompany their children to the classrooms from 8.40am-9.00am for this week to help them settle if needed. Please arrive at 8.40am if you wish to do this as we will let all of the other children into school first (including those Reception children who are confident enough to go to class without their parents).

A few matters of housekeeping:

PE

You will be informed about your child's PE days by the end of this week. Children will still come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. There is no need to send them with a change of clothes. PE will start next week.

CLUBS

Clubs will start on 16th September once the booking and payment for them has closed.

As always the payment is for the whole term and is non refundable nor transferable. Please ensure you are booking the clubs that your child wishes to attend.

We are continuing to work with YDP for external clubs and holiday camps this year. They are able to offer us more variety for all ages and these sessions are booked and paid for directly through:

www.ydpoxford.co.uk

SWIMMING

As always our Year 4 children will be able to attend weekly swimming sessions this year. Each class goes for a term and a half in total across the year. The lessons start after October half term once the children are settled back into school. We ask for a contribution of £10 per child for the whole block of 18 weeks (approximately) to help us cover the cost of the coach to and from Stoke Mandeville. More information to follow.

UNIFORM:

As always it is bound to be lovely and sunny when we return to school! Please continue to send your child with a hat and water bottle. Summer uniform can still be worn but please remember to label everything! Appropriate school shoes should be worn, crocs, sandals and trainers should not be worn to school.

Thank you to our site team and staff who worked over the summer to ensure that the school is ready for another brilliant year. We appreciate you all.

School dinners & wrap around bookings:

These are all live on the system for you to book. If you are a staff member and can't see the staff option please contact the school office.

The menus for the hot meals are on the web site for you all to see before booking.

Trips and visits:

I am grateful for the many chats I had with lots of you about the different trips, visits and experiences that we offer here at AVA. It is always our ambition to offer opportunities to children that enhance their education as well as allowing them to experience new things and places.

As you are aware some trips simply couldn't happen last year due to lack of financial support and contributions. We will always try to keep costs as low as possible for families and give as much notice as possible for payments. We try to help when we can. Unfortunately, we are not able to subsidise any trips from school funds as they are beyond the National Curriculum offer. I understand that it is disappointing if a trip is cancelled (it's just as disappointing for staff) but it is often unavoidable. We will communicate with classes/years appropriately as the trips approach.

You will shortly receive a newsletter from your child's phase leader:

EYFS - Mrs Clark

YEAR 1&2- Mrs Paxton

YEAR 3&4 - Miss Russell

YEAR 5&6 - Mrs Stewart

These will contain the topics being covered, phase information and important dates.

The 11+ (Secondary Transfer Test) will be held next week for Year 6 pupils. All children will be entered unless you have requested their withdrawal via writing to myself (cbaughan@theacademy.me)

You should have received the familiarisation pack from Buckinghamshire Council and the power point from us following the meeting that we held here in June.

We do not teach for this test nor discuss it with the children in school.

All of the staff have a spring in their step and are looking forward to the new adventures that 2024-2025 will bring. We hope you and your children are just as excited.

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 FAO: Mrs Clark



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Parking issues: [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet)