



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 27

21 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week with a very special visitor who joined us from the mosque and spoke with all the children about Ramadan celebrations and the upcoming Eid. We would like to thank our friend Imam Faisal for giving up his time to join us in assembly and for inspiring us all.

On Tuesday, a fire crew from Aylesbury fire station arrived at school with their huge fire engine to speak to all our reception children. They were able to show us the equipment that they use in their everyday jobs keeping us in our community safe a huge thank you to the four firefighters for joining us in school and for helping our reception children in their learning.

As always, it has been a busy week for our many sports teams and we are proud to report that one of our football teams played in our 54th match of the academic year. Well done to Mr. O'Leary and the staff team for organising so many fun activities. This includes our youngest children taking part in a sports festival on Tuesday. We are extremely lucky to have staff who are passionate about sport but are also happy to give up their own time to take our children to the different events.

Today we welcome Mrs. James into our key stage one team. We hope you will be very happy here working with our Year 1 and 2 children. If you see Mrs James around the school, please say hello and embrace her into our AVA family.

AVA PTA  **PRESENTS:**
Avapta@theacademy.me

Cost: £1 per child

Bend the rules for... APRIL FOOLS

Date: 4th April

Rules you can break:

- Wear school uniform
- No crazy hair
- Plain black socks only
- No trainers
- No tattoos
- No football kits

Have a 'cracking' time at our chocolate tombola after school 🍫

On the 4th of April we will be supporting our new PTA in a 'bend the rules for April fools' day as well as an Easter tombola after school.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us as we approach our Easter break. Today we have been raising money for Comic Relief and on the Thank you for those that have donated, if you would still like to contribute, our Just Giving page for Comic Relief is - [Just Giving Page - Red Nose Day 2025](#)

On Monday, Mrs O'Neill will be back in school. I cannot believe where a whole year has gone. We are

all very excited to welcome her back in school.

For those needing to plan childcare the end of term is Friday 4 April (full day) and the start of the summer term is Tuesday 22 April.

We will be releasing the Summer Clubs towards the end of term, please keep an eye out for these when they are released as they do go quickly. Please also ensure that your child wants to do the club before paying for it. All clubs can be booked through a payment request on the School Gateway app and not via the Clubs section.

Free School Meals

The Government plans to phase out **Transitional Protection** for Free School Meals from **1st April 2025**. However, children who become eligible before **31 March 2025** will have their eligibility protected until the end of their current educational phase. To ensure your child does not miss out, we strongly encourage you to **apply for Free School Meals before 31 March** if you haven't already.

Please submit your application as soon as possible via the link below:

[\[Free School Meals Application Form\]](#)



Upcoming Author Visit – Yrs 5 & 6

We are delighted to be welcoming back Rhian Tracey on Thursday 27th March 2025 to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about the third book in her series, 'The Bletchley Park Mysteries'. Rhian previously came in last year to launch the Year 6 WW2 unit which starts after Easter, and we are fortunate again that she can come in to launch this year's WW2 unit as well. For Year 5, it provides a taster of what's to come in Year 6!

Rhian Tracey will be talking to the children about her thrilling mystery adventure Wink, Murder: A Bletchley Park Mystery. She will share her historical research, writing process and interesting

facts about the lesser-known histories of World War II.

Books need to be purchased by the end of Wednesday 26th March.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/wink-murder-a-bletchley-park-mystery>

Year 5 and 6 Sports Festivals

Please see below the information, dates, and times for the upcoming Year 5 and 6 Sports Festivals. Students will be representing The Aylesbury Vale Academy in a Hockey and Football sports festivals.

On the day students will be participating in a hockey/football festival, children will be participating with a local school in multiple hockey/football games. This sports festival includes all the year group. Students will need their PE kit.

As this festival is taking place during the school day, unfortunately parents won't be able to attend. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr O'Leary.

Year 6 Sports Festival – Wednesday 26th March - Football

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary 3G

Time - 9:30 – 11:00.

Year 5 Sports Festival – Thursday 27th March – Football

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary 3G

Time - 1:30 – 3:00.

Year 5 Sports Festival – Thursday 3rd April - Hockey

Location - Aylesbury Vale Academy – Secondary Astroturf

Time - 1:30 – 3:00

Reflection

A reflection for International Day of Happiness...

Thursday 20th March marked the United Nations, International Day of Happiness. This day is a global celebration coordinated by Action for Happiness, involving people from 160 countries.



“Our relationships with others are the single biggest predictor of lifelong health and happiness. At a time of increasing polarisation and isolation, the most important thing we can do is find positive ways to overcome our divisions and connect more deeply with each other. This matters now more than ever”

— Dr Mark Williamson (Action for Happiness)

The theme this year is 'CARING AND SHARING' and you can find out more at... www.dayofhappiness.net

As we end the week, we invite the AVA community to join with us in a prayer on this theme...

We pray that our eyes are open to see those around us that are in need of our compassion and care.

Help us to listen to them and to hear their needs.

Give us the heart to be interested in the troubles of others and show us the ways we can help.

Amen

Have lovely weekend.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlqRJQUZUMVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

Free School Meals

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 - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.