



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 19

24 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday!

We have many tired people in school today with lots of children saying that they heard wind and rain last night.

We are hopeful that the weather won't impact our area too badly but made the decision today to remain inside as much as possible.

We realised that yesterday was our 22nd sports fixture of the academic year! I would like to thank Mr O'Leary and all the staff who also attend for opening up so many opportunities for our children. To see them enjoying their sports, being active and competitive is brilliant. Well done to all the children who have participated so far.

As with all local (and national) schools we are experiencing high numbers of germs and bugs in school. If you think that your child is unwell please consider whether they should remain at home. As staff we also get poorly and it is challenging at times in school with high amounts of staff absence. Sending children into school with bugs can put our vulnerable children and our staff at risk of being poorly also, which has a big impact.

Parents Evening

The Parents Evening bookings are live and close on the 31st January. If you would like an appointment, please go into the school cloud system to book one with your child's teacher. If you are unable to make any of the days, you can request an email update on your child, but we will not be booking individual meetings with teachers outside of these times.



West End in Schools – March 2025

Hopefully you have seen the letter that went out at the beginning of January regarding the fantastic West End in Schools coming in to celebrate World Book Day again with us this year!

This exciting event runs over three days and is for all classes from Reception to Year 6.

Due to the scale of this, it comes at a substantial cost which breaks down to **£3.88 per child**.

As of this point, we still need to raise over £1000 to be able to go ahead with the visit. If we do not receive the payment, we will need to cancel the workshop. This would be such a shame as children really benefitted from, and enjoyed, the workshops last year.

If you haven't already paid, please do so using School Gateway – it under the heading 'West End in Schools'.

Thank you for your support in running this event.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 4, 5 and 6

We are very excited to announce that children's author, Jacob North, is coming into school on Thursday 6th February 2025 to speak to our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Jacob North will be in to talk about his first book in a "spellbinding" new series. The book is full of spine-tingling monsters, unlikely friendships and a hero to root for from page one.



We work alongside Our Bookshop, based in Tring, to organise these fantastic author visits. By purchasing the discounted book from their website (using the link below), we support them, meaning they can continue to organise such visits for our students. If you purchase the book using the link below, it will arrive on the day of the visit, and Jacob will sign every copy bought.

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/ice-apprentices-a-breathtaking-new-childrens-fantasy-series-volume-1/>

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

Reflection

A Reflection for World Religion Day, January 2025

This week in both Primary and Secondary Phases we demonstrated our value of RESPECT as we learned about World Religion Day. On this day people are encouraged to listen and talk with others who are from a faith different to their own.

World Religion Day is an opportunity to reflect on the universal message of the world's religions — treating each other with respect and understanding, to create a better world for everyone.



As we end the week we invite our community to share in a prayer for shared understanding and harmony between different faiths.

Loving God

We give thanks for every faith tradition, named and unnamed,

For the variety and richness of different spiritualities,

For a united quest for truth,

For a common dedication to the pursuit of peace,

For reconciliation and healing of the spirit.

Unite our world as one community of hope, love and peace.

Inspire us to celebrate diversity and affirm unity for a new and more just world.

Amen.

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_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

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