



Bulletin: Friday 5th September 2025

Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to all our families — it's wonderful to see the children returning to their new year groups with such enthusiasm. We would also like to extend a special welcome to those who are new to Arno Vale; we're delighted to have you as part of our school community.

This is the first of our weekly bulletins, which will keep you up to date with everything happening in and around school.

The children have settled back into school routines brilliantly, and we are really proud of them all. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces, though we suspect there may be a few tired children (and staff) by the end of these first four days back.

We are especially looking forward to our upcoming Welcome Meetings, which will take place over the next few weeks. These are a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, hear more about what they will be learning this year and discover ways you can support them at home. You'll also be able to ask any questions you may have.

The Welcome Meetings will take place as follows:

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- *Monday 8th September: Y5 (3.45-4.15pm)*
 - *Tuesday 9th September: Y4 (3.45-4.15pm)*
 - *Wednesday 10th September: Y3 (3.45-4.15pm)*
 - *Thursday 18th September: Y6 (3.45-4.15pm)*
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Please do not worry if you cannot attend. Class teachers will post a summary of the information discussed on ClassDojo.

Have a happy and safe weekend!

Start of Term Reminders:

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- *A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.45am. All children should gather on the playground before school.*
 - *The morning bell will ring at 8.50am and class teachers will collect their classes from the playground.*
 - *Children are not allowed to use the climbing/play equipment before school and shouldn't ride bikes or scooters on the site. Please keep all mobile phones away too.*
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- *Doors will be locked at 8.55am so any late arrivals will need to go to reception to be signed in.*
 - *Gates will then be locked to secure the site.*
 - *The gates will then be unlocked at 3.25pm so you can make your way to your child's classroom exit to collect them at 3.35pm.*
 - *Please could you also ensure that children aren't climbing the trees and playing in and around areas such as the bin collection area at the end of the day. This is just to keep everyone safe and avoid accidents.*
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Uniform and PE kit Reminders

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform. This helps create a sense of belonging, supports equality and ensures pupils are dressed appropriately for learning.

School Uniform

- *Light blue polo shirt or shirt*
 - *Navy blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (these must be either Arno Vale branded or completely plain)*
 - *Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (or a blue and white checked summer dress in warmer weather)*
 - *Plain black school shoes*
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Uniform branded with the school logo can be purchased from Just Schoolwear:

<https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/arno-vale-junior-school/>

However, please note that items do not have to have the school logo as long as they are completely plain.

PE Kit

All children are expected to have the correct kit in school for PE lessons. This should be named and kept in a PE bag with a hanging loop so it can be placed on their peg.

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- *Plain white t-shirt*
 - *Plain black or navy-blue bottoms (either shorts, skorts, leggings or joggers).*
 - *Trainers. Ideally children should have an indoor pair and an outdoor pair. If this isn't possible, dirty trainers should be cleaned before being used for indoor PE.*
 - *Spare socks*
 - *For outdoor PE, we also ask that they have a plain black or navy-blue zip up/hoodie (this must be different to the jumper they wear for school).*
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PE reminders

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- *Make sure you have your PE kit in school*
 - *Get changed quietly in 5 minutes or less*
 - *Long hair should be tied back*
 - *Jewellery (including watches) should be removed*
 - *Tights must not be worn under PE kit*
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Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name in order to minimise the amount of lost property around school.

A Little Request from School

As well as your support with uniform and PE kit, another way that you can really help us is by ensuring children don't bring "extras" into school. This includes bracelets and jewellery (an inexpensive watch is fine), teddy bears, fiddle toys, mini figures, plastic toys, sentimental or valuable items and similar things.

We promise this isn't us being grumpy — we simply want to avoid anything going missing and to keep classrooms free from unnecessary distractions. Please be assured that we will provide all the equipment your child needs for learning during the school day.

The only exception is on Mondays and Fridays, when children are welcome to bring in their trading cards for Trading Card Club.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.

Birthdays:

*This week we celebrated the birthdays of Roshni, Penelope, Molly, Grace, Imogen and Leo.
Happy Birthday!*

Stars of the Week:

All of the children across school have made a great start to the year, but these children have had a particularly positive start.

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- 3 Grey – Isaac and Iris
 - 3 White – Iylah and Leo

- 4 Orange – Amelia B and Sara
 - 4 Yellow – Ruben and Harriet
 - 5 Green – Ben and Eva
 - 5 Red – Adrian and Tilly
 - 6 Blue – Ivy and Faris
 - 6 Purple – Bella and Jake
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New Kit:

We are delighted to share that our school has a brand new sports kit, kindly sponsored by Octopus Energy. A huge thank you goes to David Horton, who spotted the opportunity and took the time to complete the application on our behalf. Pictured modelling the new kit are David's grandchildren, Ciaran and Isla.



Important Dates:

Some important dates for this academic year have now been set and can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#).

This is what is coming up in the next few weeks:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026	
Monday, 8 th September 25	Year 5 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Tuesday, 9 th September 25	Year 4 welcome meeting – 3.45pm (Inc Dukes Barn)
Wednesday, 10 th September 25	Year 3 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Thursday, 18 th September 25	Year 6 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Friday, 26 th September 25	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday, 6 th October 25	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 2.15pm
Tuesday, 7 th October 25	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 9.15am
Tuesday, 7 th October 25	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 th October 25	Harvest Festival 9.15am and 2.45pm
Friday, 10 th October 25	World Mental Health Day
Weds, 15 th Oct to Fri, 17 th Oct 25	Year 6 at Willersley Castle
Mon, 20 th Oct to Fri, 31 st Oct 25	Half term holiday
Monday, 3 rd November 25	Inset Day

Writing Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Young Writers competition in the summer term. The children whose work has been chosen to be published will be bringing an envelope home today. This contains a proof copy of your child's story, a consent form to sign and return and information about ordering copies of the book. This needs to be done by 14th September in order to make the publishing deadline. Please do not feel obliged to purchase a copy as they are quite expensive. We will have a copy in the school library. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Blakemore.

General Messages:

Flu Vaccine

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6671af11>

The vaccinations will take place at Arno Vale on the 15/09/2025. The link will close on the 10/09/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Please see the school website for more information.

Tuck Shop

Tuck shop starts next week. Payment can be made via MCAS.

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- *Monday - Y3*
 - *Tuesday - Y4*
 - *Wednesday - Y5*

- *Thursday - Y6*
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Clay Creators Club

A letter was posted on ClassDojo today about the new Clay Creators Club which starts next week.

MCAS

Apologies if you have had any issues with MCAS this week. We have been told this was a National issue.

Club Vale

For all parents wishing to use our wraparound care (Club Vale) please read the terms and conditions by following the link below. [club-valeparentinformationbooklet-sept-24-mcas.pdf](#)

When enrolling for Club Vale in MCAS you will need to agree that you have read these T's and C's. For those using tax free child care or childcare vouchers please email clubvale@arnovale.notts.sch.uk for more information.

Music Lessons

For those children already enrolled on music lessons from last year, lessons will start again next week. Ukulele will be on Tuesdays and Guitar on Thursdays. Please remind your child to bring in their instrument if you have hired one.

INSET Days 2025/26:

A reminder that this academic year, both Arno Vale Junior School and Woodthorpe Infant School will have the following INSET days:

- *Monday 1st September 2025*
 - *Monday 3rd November 2025*
 - *Monday 23rd February 2026*
 - *Friday 3rd July 2026*
 - *Monday 27th July 2026*
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Community Links

Please check out our website for details about lots of things taking place in our community.

[*Community News | Arno Vale Junior School*](#)



And finally...

If you play the Premier League Fantasy Football game, we now have an Arno Vale league set up which you are welcome to join. This is open to parents, staff, children, grandparents and anyone else in the Arno Vale family.

Disclaimer

This is a free public game, in no way part of or affiliated to Arno Vale Junior School or White Hills Park Trust. It is intended as a fun and completely optional activity. Terms and conditions from the Premier League do apply, including around the processing of personal data which you must agree to when signing up.

What is it, and how do I play?

It's totally free to play and can make Saturday afternoons a little bit more interesting! You pick a squad of 15 players who score points for your team based on their performances for their clubs in weekly matches. You have a fictional budget of £100 million and can make transfers during the season (as long as you stick within your budget).

Read more: [Fantasy Football Game Rules and Help | Fantasy Premier League](#)

Arno Vale League

Once you've got a team, find the button to join a league and put our code in:

*League Code: **yi7c4q***

Is there a prize?

Yes, pride and bragging rights!

Can the children join in too?

Yes, but for anyone under the age of 13 the system will request the permission of their parent/guardian first. Without that, they won't be able to register to play. T&C can be read here: [Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#)

Link?

Here: <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

FAQs:

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/help>
