



Bulletin: Friday 11th September 2026

Children are really getting back into the swing of things now as we complete our first full week back. All children are being reminded of our values that are so important for pupils, staff and families. Our values; determination, honesty, independence, curiosity and respect ensure that we all feel part of the Arno Vale community and that we belong.

Attendance



Last year the overall attendance figure was 97%.

Attendance for this week is 98%.

This is exceptional. Thank you to all our families and children for understanding how important it is for our children to be in school and to be learning. This helps to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.



A reminder of our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September, from 9:15am–11:15am in the school hall.

We would love for our families to join us for a morning of coffee, cake, conversation, a raffle and a fun quiz, whilst helping us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Whether you can stay for the whole morning or simply pop in for a cuppa and a chat, we would be delighted to see you. Raffle tickets are available from the office.

These events are always a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together, and we hope you will join us in supporting such a worthwhile cause. We are very grateful for your continued generosity and support. ☕ 🍰

Cricket results



The year 5 cricket team from last year won three games out of 5 at the county finals day. All pupils were outstanding and represented the school exceptionally well and ended up coming 6th out of 131 teams that entered the competition. Huge congratulations to Harry, Stanley, Seb, Finn, Lakai, Michael, Sonny, Patrick and Mason who were involved in this event.

FOAV



The FOAV will be meeting on Monday 14th September in school, starting at 6pm - 7pm. If you are interested in joining this fabulous team and supporting fundraising for our wonderful young people, you are very welcome to join us. Please contact the office if you would like to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

Allergies and NHS Immunisations

In line with Benedict's Law, all schools are required to have an Allergy Safety Policy. It is important that we safeguard not only our pupils and staff, but also any visitors to our school.

If you are a **parent or carer** with a known allergy that we need to be aware of to help keep you safe while on site, please inform the school office before visiting. This will enable us to put any appropriate arrangements in place.

Please check Class Dojo for a letter regarding the NHS Immunisations and check below for dates.

Attention Year 5 and 6 pupils: The Hangout



Please see the information that has come from the wonderful team at St. Mark's Church:

All Year 5 & 6 students are warmly invited to join us at The Hangout!

Every Wednesday, starting from the 23rd September, come and hang out with friends, enjoy games, hot chocolate, treats, and plenty of fun after school.

The Hangout (formerly Youth Café) is a relaxed and welcoming space where young people can be themselves, make friends, have fun, and explore some of life's bigger questions. Each week includes a short, age-appropriate thought about faith and Jesus, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share ideas.

📍 St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe

🕒 Wednesdays, 3.45pm

For their first visit only, children will need to come with a parent or guardian so that a consent form can be completed. After that, children can attend independently, subject to the permissions recorded on the form.

We've been running Youth Café for the past two years and it has become a much-loved part of the week for many local young people.

We'd love to welcome some new faces!

For more information or questions, please contact info@stmarkswoodthorpe.org

Stars of the week



3 White: Amelie and Ava for how well they have settled into Arno Vale.

3 Grey: Eric and Lenny for how well they have settled into Arno Vale.

4 Orange: Reggie and Essa for having a great start to Y4.

4 Yellow: Emilia and Jonathan for showing lots of respect and determination.

5 Green: Lydia and Amelia for exceptional presentation and for being so respectful.

5 Red: Coralie and Zachary for how well they have engaged with their learning.

6 Blue: Edith and Teddy for outstanding curiosity and respect.

6 Purple: Lakai and Haaniyah-Noor for being so kind and respectful.

Birthday shout out



This week we celebrated the birthdays of Leo, Ates, Rio and Zac. We hope you enjoyed the celebrations.

In our celebration assembly today we also acknowledged the birthdays of Molly, Leo and Imogen who celebrated theirs last week, and anyone who had a birthday over the summer holidays. We didn't want to miss anyone out!

Out of school achievements



Leo walked 7 miles for charity and raised £200.

Ella, Lydia, Leia and Naomi all completed a reading challenge by reading 6 books over the summer holiday.

Athvik, Levi, Mia, Nathaniel, Meredith and Elliott were all awarded swimming certificates and badges for completing a variety of distances.

Lenny shared his football trophies that he had been awarded.

Nancy was awarded a certificate for acro.

Oliver and Harry were named player of the match and were both awarded a trophy.

Amelia was named player of the match.

Coralie received an award for her goal keeping.

Tom and Maya were both awarded certificates for their sailing.

Important dates for the autumn term



Please make a note of the important dates below. Information will be shared with you regarding these events throughout the term. When additional events are added to the calendar, they will be communicated to you in the weekly bulletin.

14.9.26 - Year 5 Welcome Meetings 3:45pm - 4:15pm - information will be shared via Class Dojo

15.9.26 - Year 6 Welcome Meeting and Willersley Castle Information Evening 3:45pm - 4:15pm - information will be shared via Class Dojo

16.9.26 - Year 4 Welcome Meetings 3:45pm - 4:15pm - information will be shared via Class Dojo

17.9.26 - Year 3 Welcome Meetings 3:45pm - 4:15pm - information will be shared via Class Dojo

25.9.26 - MacMillan Coffee morning 9:15am - 11:15am

1.10.26 - NHS Immunisation Team in school for the flu vaccine

5.10.26 - School Photographer

6.10.26 - Harvest Festival Dress Rehearsal for pupils at St Marks Church

8.10.26 - Harvest Festival 10:00am - 10:45am (parents to arrive at 9:30am) and 2:00pm - 2:45pm (parents to arrive at 1:40pm)

9.10.26 - FOAV Disco - 3:35pm - 5:15pm

14.10.26 - 16.10.26 - Year 6 Residential

16.10.26 - Break up for half term

2.11.26 - Children return to school

10.11.26 - Scholastic Book Fayre

13.11.26 - Non - Uniform Day and Christmas Fair donations

27.11.26 - Christmas Fair - 3:45pm - 5pm

7.12.26 - Christmas Concert Rehearsal at St Marks Church

8.12.26 - Christmas Concert at St Marks Church - 10:00 am - 11:30am and 2:00pm - 3:30pm

10.12.26 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

11.12.26 - FOAV Christmas Movie Night 3:35pm - 5:15pm

17.12.26 - Whole school trip to the Christmas Panto - Mansfield Palace Theatre 2:00pm - 5:30pm

18.12.26 - Break up for Christmas