



Bulletin: Friday 16th January 2026
(website version)

Today's celebration assembly was an absolute pleasure to deliver. Staff were asked to choose their Stars of the Week based on our school rule of being kind, which links directly to our current class challenge as well as recent assemblies and discussions. It was wonderful to hear about so many thoughtful acts of kindness taking place across the school.

Of course, things are never perfect and everyone can get it wrong sometimes. When this happens, we work to ensure that the children learn from their mistakes and understand the

impact that unkind behaviour can have on others, helping them to make better choices in the future.

Unfortunately, Mr Rossington is still unwell and will remain off work next week. We hope to see him back soon.

Looking ahead to next week, things may feel a little different as Year 4 go on their residential adventure to Dukes Barn in Derbyshire. A number of staff members are kindly giving up their time to accompany and look after the children and as a result, there may be some changes to your child's usual routine in school. We will have some supply teachers helping out in school and appreciate your understanding during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher via Dojo or contact the school office.

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- 4 Yellow will be at Dukes Barn from Monday to Wednesday accompanied by Mrs Blakemore, Mr Hill, Mrs Rudd, Mrs Burton and Mrs Tinkler.*
 - 4 Orange will be at Dukes Barn from Wednesday to Friday accompanied by Miss Jones, Mr King, Miss Carter, Mrs Dockery and myself. While I am not in school, Miss Oates will be in charge, so please contact her if needed.*
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Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Let's look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

Celebration assembly

Stars of the week:

All the stars this week are based on our school rule and current class challenge linked to kindness. What an amazing quality to stand out for!

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- 3 Grey – Nancy and Gabriella*
 - 3 White – Sam and Roshni*

- *4 Orange – Oliver and Alfie*
 - *4 Yellow – Tamaira and Evie*
 - *5 Green – Finn and Molly*
 - *5 Red – Adrian and Joe*
 - *6 Blue – Penelope and Amelia*
 - *6 Purple – Stanley and Joseph*
 - *6 Baker – Rowan and Noah P*
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Mr Baker's special kindness mentions:

- *Isla M helped a friend with their work.*
 - *Cressida helped a friend in a maths lesson.*
 - *Jasper C helped someone when they were hurt.*
 - *Leo B picks up litter on the playground on a regular basis without ever being asked.*
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Birthdays:

Theo, Stanley, Alice, Sid, Jacob and Dua all have their birthday this week. Happy Birthday!

Out of school achievements:

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- *Jake shared a large plaque from a recent swimming competition.*
 - *Jessica told us about her achievements from a recent dance assessment.*
 - *Bobby showed a swimming medal he earned in a race.*
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Well done for your hard work!

Health and Wellbeing Day

We are really looking forward to our 'Health and Wellbeing Day', which will take place in school on Friday 30th January. Miss Elliott has worked hard on putting together a brilliant selection of activities for each class including:

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- *Drumba workshop (kindly paid for by FOAV)*
 - *Bushcraft art*
 - *Scavenger hunt*
 - *Emergency first aid*
 - *Positive mindset workshop*
 - *Self regulation workshop*
 - *Healthy eating quiz*
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Nuts

A reminder that we are a no nuts school due to the fact that we have people within the building with severe allergies. Please ensure that no nuts or nut-containing products are brought into school, including in packed lunches.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Saville Road Closure

We have been informed by Via (in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council) that they intend to carry out highway drainage maintenance works on the junction of Saville Road and Arno Vale Road on Thursday 22nd January from 9.30am-2.30pm. Saville Road will be closed during this time but I have been assured that this will not impact on school pick up and drop off arrangements.

General messages and reminders from previous bulletins:

Punctuality

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of children arriving at school on time each day. Even arriving just 5 minutes late may not seem much, but if this happens every day it adds up to 975 minutes of missed learning time over the school year – that's over 16 hours.

Arriving late can also have other impacts on children. It can be unsettling to enter the classroom once learning has started, may cause them to miss important instructions and can affect their confidence and focus for the rest of the lesson. It can also disrupt learning for other children.

We really appreciate your support in helping children arrive on time so they can start the day calmly, confidently and ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued support.

Site safety / staff car park

You may have noticed a marked pedestrian walkway to the main entrance. This is to make sure that those using the main entrance (for example, Club Vale families) have a safe and designated path to walk along. We will soon be installing some improved signage to help guide both pedestrians and vehicles.

Please note that cars should not be driven up the drive to the main entrance when dropping off or picking up children. This area is designated for staff parking only, and we are keen to minimise vehicle movement there to maintain a safe environment.

School dinners

A reminder that we are currently trialling a new system that allows parents to book school meals for individual days if they want to, rather than having to block-book for a full week.

For this system to work effectively, we ask that all meal bookings are completed by midnight on Saturday for the following week. Although food orders will usually have been placed in advance, having accurate bookings by this deadline will allow the catering team to plan meal preparation efficiently.

If you forget to make your booking by the deadline, please email office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk by 9:00am on the Monday morning, clearly stating your child's name, class and the days required for a school dinner. The office team will then make the booking on your behalf. We will be completing a dinner register with the children each day rather than only on Monday mornings; however, it is essential that the above deadlines are followed for the system to run smoothly. Please also remember to ensure your child's dinner account has sufficient funds.

Booking and payment procedure:

- Log into MCAS.*
- Navigate to the dinner menu.*
- Select add dinner money (£3.00 per day) if needed.*
- From the main menu, click on the day you require, select main menu and press submit. This will turn the day green.*
- Repeat the previous step for all other days that you require.*

Note: If your child receives free school meals, the office will continue to make your bookings daily for you.

Here is our updated menu for the spring term: [School Meals | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

Thank you for your cooperation as we trial this new system.

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- On Monday 26th January at 3.45pm, we are holding a meeting in school for Y5 parents about the Y6 residential to Willersley Castle.
 - Y6 parents: If you haven't done so already, please read the message posted on Dojo about the National Child Measurements Programme.
 - Payment for the Y5 trip to the Holocaust Centre is due today.
 - If you have not yet updated your consents, this can be done quickly on MCAS by clicking on the 'Parental Consents' tab – it only takes a few seconds. If you haven't already done so, please complete this at your earliest convenience. Thank you.
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Dates for your calendar:

Here are some important dates for this academic year:

2026	
Monday 5 th January	First day of the spring term
Monday 19 th January to Wednesday 21 st January	4 Yellow residential to Dukes Barn
Wednesday 21 st January to Friday 23 rd January	4 Orange residential to Dukes Barn
Friday 30 th January	Whole school Drumba workshops as part of our health and wellbeing day.
Monday 9 th February	Y5 trip to National Holocaust Museum
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 rd February	Inset day
Tuesday 24 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April	Return to school
Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 21 st May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 21 st May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crag
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half term
Thursday 18 th June	School Games afternoon
Monday 22 nd June	M&M Productions Jungle Book (in school)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Back up School Games afternoon
Friday 3 rd July	Inset day
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 performance
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 performance
TBC	Y3/4 Minecraft workshops
TBC	FOAV summer fair
TBC	Y6 leavers' festival
TBC	FOAV film night
TBC	FOAV disco
Friday 24 th July	Last day of term

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Community events:

Please see the website for information about holiday clubs, activities, events, messages from other schools, SEND support and family support.

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