



Bulletin: Friday 16th October 2026

The children have made a fantastic start to the academic year, and it is hard to believe how quickly this first half term has passed. It has been a busy and exciting half term, with plenty of events and opportunities for children to get involved in, alongside the learning taking place in classrooms.

Throughout the half term, children have continued to explore our five school values of determination, independence, curiosity, respect and honesty, demonstrating these in their everyday actions and interactions. It has been wonderful to see such positive attitudes towards learning, with children showing a real commitment to their work and helping to create a purposeful and supportive learning environment for everyone. Your continued support and involvement in the life at Arno Vale is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to our school community. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held from 3:30pm - 6:30pm on 10th, 11th and 12th November. Bookings will go live on MCAS at 6pm on 2.11.26 and will close at midnight on 8.11.26. Please book on when you receive an invite. Aspens will be providing some tasters during the 3 evenings so you can sample some of the food and ask any questions. This will be served in the Star Fish Room.

Clay Creators

A reminder that a new set of Clay Creators sessions are running from 6th November to 11th December. The dates of these sessions are on the calendar and the letter is saved in 'letters to parents' and attached to the calendar. If you would like to sign up, all the information needed is in the letter.

Harvest donations



Thank you for your generosity in sending in your harvest donations. These have now been passed over to the food bank in Arnold.

Sparkle Spectacular 2026



A bonfire night themed lunch is coming to Arno Vale on the 5th November. This is a fabulous opportunity to try Aspen's new lunch menu. Everything is cooked freshly on site each day, including fresh bread. School dinners cost £2.80 a day. This is a great opportunity for the children to try a freshly cooked school lunch and celebrate bonfire night!

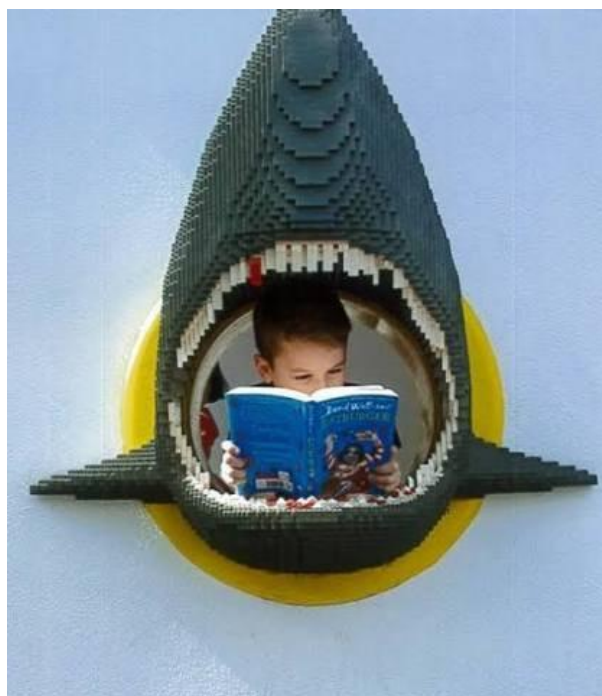
The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza has launched a survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. She will take your views to the Government, to help them make life better for children.

Everything you tell me will be kept private. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. There are no right or wrong answers. If you would like to support your child to have their voice heard, or if you would like to share your voice on behalf of your child, please follow the link below. The survey closes in just over a week.

[About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)

Extreme Reading!!



Reading is a high priority at Arno Vale, and we recognise the many benefits it brings to our children. As well as giving them access to the wider curriculum, reading helps to develop a rich vocabulary, strengthen writing skills and support their overall wellbeing.

To encourage children to keep reading over the two-week half-term holiday, we have set them a special reading challenge! We would love children to explore some unusual places to enjoy a good book. If you catch them reading somewhere unexpected, please take a photograph and send it to Mrs Blakemore via ClassDojo. We will use the photographs to create a display that celebrates and promotes reading for pleasure across our school.

We look forward to seeing your photographs and discovering the most unusual place to read!

Scholastic Book Fair



Arno Vale will be holding our annual Scholastic book fair from Tuesday 10th November to Monday 16th November in the school library after school.

We are holding a competition for five lucky children to win a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Children are invited to design a poster to advertise the book fair. It should include the following information:

When: Tuesday 10th November to Monday 16th November

Where: The Library

Time: After school

Competition entries should be passed to the Reading Champions who will be judging the competition. They will not be judging their own year group's entries so they are also welcome to enter.

There will be one winner chosen from each year group and an overall winner. Each winner will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair.

The competition closed today and entries will be judged on the first day back after the holiday and the winning posters displayed around school.

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair in person, you will be able to order books using your child's wish list. More information will follow on this nearer the time. All payments will be cashless. We do not have facilities to take ApplePay etc. Payment is done using a link from a QR code directly to Scholastic. Please bring your physical card with you so you have the information you need to make a payment.

Year 5 STEM Day

Year 5 had a great STEM day on Thursday, The Road to RIAT day gave the children the chance to design, build and test their own rocket. The event gave the children the opportunity to work and think differently, bringing out a number of strengths and different ways of thinking. The excitement levels throughout the day were great to see as were their final creations.





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**DCP
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Pupils in Years 3 to 5 had the opportunity this week to have a Drum Workshop with DCP Drums. They thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. If you are interested and would like your

child to pursue this further, please contact DCP Drums by enrolling online at www.dcpdrums.cu.uk or by scanning the QR code. Leaflets are available in reception.

Stars of the week

5 Red: Leia for being kind and Devrim for being determined.

5 Green: Harvey and Edith for being respectful and ready.

4 Orange: Ava-Belle and Leo P for being ready and kind.

4 Yellow: Eric for being ready and Esme for being kind and respectful.

3 Grey: Levi for being determined and Sophie-Mae for being ready and kind.

3 White: Esmé and Freddie for being ready and respectful.



Birthday shout out



This week we celebrated the birthdays of Phoebe, Chloe and Amelia. Enjoy all the celebrations.

Xavi, Eric, Maddie, Solomon, Hugo and Charlie all have their birthdays in half term - wishing you all a Happy Birthday too!

Out of school achievements



- Theo showed us his medal for cycling. Lots of determination needed!
- Lenny showed us his player of the match trophy for scoring 4 goals.
- Evelyn told us about passing stage 4 swimming.
- Thomas showed us his player of the match trophy for being in goal.
- Ella told us about her swimming achievements.
- Harriet told us about passing yellow belt in taekwondo.
- Aliyah showed us her red belt in karate.
- Elias showed us his player of the match trophy for his recent football game.



Attendance

Attendance for this half term continues to be exceptional, with an overall attendance of 97%. This is above national average so thank you for continued support. Please ensure that children are on time for school, as this supports a calm and positive transition into school and supports children being ready to learn.,

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.

16.10.26 - Break up for half term

2.11.26 - Children return to school

10.11.26 - Scholastic Book Fayre and Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

11.11.26 - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

12.11.26 - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

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

4.1.27 - Children return to school

18.1.27 - 22.1.27 - Year 4 Residential to Dukes Barn

29.1.27- FOAV Family Quiz Night - 6pm - 8pm

5.2.26 - FOAV Coffee Afternoon 2:15pm - 3:15pm

12.2.6 - Break up for half term

22.2.27 - INSET Day

23.2.27 - Children return to school