



Bulletin: Friday 17th July 2026 (website version)

The Year 6 performances of Cinderella this week were absolutely fantastic! The children were incredible – their hard work and dedication to learning their lines, stage directions and bringing their characters to life really shone through. It was a massive team effort, with every child playing an important role in making the production such a success. A huge thank you goes to the Year 6 staff for their creativity, energy and commitment in putting the show together, as well as to everyone who helped behind the scenes with props, costumes, artwork and everything else that made the performances so special. We're also very grateful to the FOAV for providing refreshments and to all the families and friends who came along to

support the children. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children – they've done themselves and the school proud!

We also enjoyed two ukulele performances this week for children that have been having lessons in school. This was their opportunity to showcase their talent and they were excellent!

Next week marks the final week of term, and although it's an exciting time, we'll be keeping things as calm and structured as possible for the children. Lessons will continue as normal, with a focus on finishing off curriculum work and ongoing projects. Throughout the week, children will find out our sports day winners and various awards will be presented, with our final celebration assembly taking place on Wednesday. We'll also be marking the end of term with farewell events for staff who are leaving, as well as special activities for our Year 6 children, including their leavers' party on Wednesday and assembly on Friday. A busy and memorable week ahead!

Next Friday will also be my final bulletin before handing over to Mrs Glover. I have enjoyed the interim Headteacher role and keeping you up to date with school news over the past 19 months. I want to thank you all for the incredible support you've shown! I'm proud that I've done my best to serve our wonderful school community.

End of term arrangements

At some point next week, we'll be arranging another short session for children to spend time in their new class with their new teacher.

All being well, the plan is to publish end of year school reports on Monday. These will be sent out electronically to the email addresses held on our system. If you have not received your child's report by Tuesday, please ensure you have checked your junk folder. If it still hasn't arrived, please contact the office or your child's class teacher and we'll get it sorted for you.

We also plan to send home the Y6 SATs results on Monday.

Please send your child to school with a carrier bag next week as we'll be starting to send home some of their books. Others will be passed on to their new class teacher.

Guard of Honour for Mr Rossington

*Immediately after school on **Wednesday 22nd July**, I will be organising a Guard of Honour for Mr Rossington.*

This will be an opportunity for children, parents, family members, former pupils and members of the school community to come together and say goodbye, thank him and wish him all the very best.

Please gather on the playground and await his arrival. Further details will be shared next week.

Summer Fair and Disco

What a week for fundraising! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last week's summer fair in the heat. Raffle winners were published on ClassDojo. Tonight, we had over 160 children for a disco on the field. These events have raised a significant amount of money (exact amounts to be confirmed shortly). This money will be spent on enrichment activities to directly benefit the children. As always, a huge thank you to the FOAV members for giving so much time and effort to support the fundraising.

Sport

At the end of last week, some of our cricket team organised and led an event for some Y4 children. It was great to see so many involved in learning new skills and enjoying an afternoon of cricket.

Yesterday, over 100 children from five different schools took part in a golf festival on our (scorched) field. A group of our Y6 children led the event brilliantly by scoring, timekeeping, coaching and generally being very supportive of those taking part. Well done to everyone involved.

Celebration assembly

Birthdays:

This week we celebrated the birthdays of Nathaniel and Annabelle.

Stars of the week:

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- 3 Grey – Lily and Emilia for respect.
 - 3 White – Colby and Orla for being ready to learn.
 - 4 Orange – Molly and Naomi for respect and curiosity.
 - 4 Yellow – Evie for independence and Zac G for curiosity.
 - 5 Green – Ella for determination and independence and Imogen for curiosity.
 - 5 Red – Christy for kindness and Michael for respect.
 - Year 6 – Noah F and Grayson for respect, Katy for curiosity and Jake for kindness.
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Out of school achievements:

- Nathaniel has worked hard to earn his next swimming certificate.
 - Edith came third in a gymnastics competition.
 - Harriet has earned a Taekwondo award.
- Harry showed his team's trophy for winning a football tournament.
 - Louis is the proud owner of a 400m swimming certificate.
 - Phoebe P was awarded a Player of the Game football medal.
 - Ava Belle achieved a personal best time at Park Run.
- Leo showed lots of determination to achieve his latest swimming certificate.
- Jake had lots of medals from a regional swimming competition where he placed in every race he swam.

- *Phoebe N and Indie told us about their gymnastics gold awards.*
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Sports kit - please return to Miss Elliott by the end of term

If your child has represented the school in a sports team this year, we would be grateful if you could have a thorough look at home for any kit. It is important that all items are returned so they are available for our teams next year. It is particularly important if your child is in Y6 and will be leaving us. Thank you for your support.

Library books - please return

Mrs Blakemore has also asked that any books from the library are returned early next week so she can get everything tidied, sorted and set up for September.

We are also asking you to look for some missing Little Wandle Phonics books and return these as soon as possible.

Catering

Look out for a letter next week about a change to our catering service from September.

Free School Meals (FSM) - changes to eligibility

There have been some national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, and we wanted to share the key points with you. Some changes affect schools, while others may require action from parents and carers.

One of the biggest updates is that families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify for free school meals even if their income is above £7,400 per year.

Summary of changes:

- *Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 or below will continue to qualify for free school meals. This is now called Targeted FSM, and it also provides Pupil Premium funding to support your child's school.*

- Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 may also now be eligible. This new category is called Expanded FSM, and it is expected to increase the number of children who can receive a free school meal.

Applications for Free School Meals can currently be made through Nottinghamshire County Council's Citizen Portal by following Free School Meals. The guidance for parents is likely to be updated as the local authority refine their processes, and we will share any amendments as soon as they are received.

Dates for your calendar:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
2026	
Friday 10 th July	FOAV summer fair
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 performance
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 performance
Friday 17 th July	FOAV Disco
Monday 20 th July	Rearranged Father's Day coffee and cake
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 th July	Last day of term
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th October 2026	Willersley Castle Y6 Residential
2027	
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd January 2027	Dukes Barn Y4 Residential
Monday 22nd February 2027	Inset Day
Friday 2nd July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 28th July 2027	Inset Day

Community news and 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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