



Bulletin: Friday 18th September 2026

Attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 25th of September

Arno Vale School Hall
9.15am- 11.15am

**Cake, Tea, Coffee,
Raffle & Quiz**

Raffle tickets are available to buy on the
MCAS app or on the day

Raffle & Cake donations are
needed. Please speak to Mrs
Pennant or Reception

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CANCER SUPPORT**

All Welcome

A reminder of our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning next week 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.

We would be very grateful for any donations towards our raffle. Donations can be sent into school at any time in the lead-up to the event. If you would like to donate a cake for the coffee morning, please bring it into school on the morning of the 25th September. For the safety of our school community, all cake donations must be accompanied by a full list of ingredients and clear allergy information. Thank you for your kind support and generosity. It is very much appreciated.

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. 🍪🍰



Sports Camp will be taking place over the first week of October half term. If you would like to sign up please scan the QR code.

Coats



We want our children to be able to enjoy the outdoors at playtimes, even when the weather is wet. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a showerproof or waterproof coat when the weather looks inclement.

This will allow them to make the most of their outdoor playtime while helping them to stay dry and comfortable when they return inside.

Lost property



There have been a number of lost items of school uniform found around school. We will always try to find the owners of these items. To help us return them to their rightful owners, please can all items of uniform be named to ensure these items are not lost forever. Thank you.

STEM workshops for Year 5 and 6



Earlier this week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in some exciting STEM workshops delivered by Hyett Education. With funding secured through STEM grants and additional support from the FOAV, we were delighted to offer these valuable workshops at no cost to our pupils.

Year 5 participated in an Intermediate STEMbotics Workshop, where they built complex robots using sensors and actuators before programming them through block-based coding environments. The workshop helped develop their computational thinking, engineering design skills and collaborative problem-solving abilities.

Year 6 took part in a Drone Coding Workshop, enjoying a hands-on experience, programming and flying drones. Pupils coded flight paths, explored aerospace engineering concepts, and discovered the many real-world applications of drone technology.

These engaging workshops provided valuable opportunities for our pupils to develop their STEM knowledge, creativity and teamwork skills whilst gaining insight into the innovative technologies shaping the future.

Football club & shin pads



Our football club started this week at lunchtimes and has already been a real success! It has been fantastic to see so many of our young players enjoying getting involved.

If you have any spare shin pads at home that you would be willing to donate as a set of spares for the club, our young players would be very grateful. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be sent into school with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for helping us to support our budding footballers! ⚽

FOAV



It was lovely to see some new parents at the FOAV meeting last Monday, who were enthusiastic about getting involved and supporting our school events in any way they can. Thank you for giving your time and for helping to strengthen our school community.

It is really beneficial for each year group to have parent representation at FOAV. We would particularly love to hear from any Year 4 or Year 5 parents who may be interested in getting involved. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch via the school office.

We understand that time can often be a barrier, so please don't feel that joining FOAV means you need to be involved all of the time. Even if you are able to offer your support at just one event during the year, this would be hugely appreciated. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

Support for Leon's Racing Journey



Nine-year-old Leon recently finished second in his local British Indoor Karting Championship (BIKC), qualifying for next month's regional finals!

His outdoor racing achievements so far include: 🏆 1st at Wombwell 🏆 2nd at Tattershall 🏆 3rd at Gainsborough.

Leon currently competes outdoors in Rotax Micro Max and is completing his ARKS test this week, working towards racing in the 2027 Motorsport UK British Kart Championships. His family are looking for local businesses to support his journey through sponsorship towards race entries, equipment and training, with opportunities to promote businesses through his racing and social media. Interested in supporting a young racer from our school community? Please contact Leon's dad, Tony, tony6020@gmail.com TikTok @LeonRacing7.

Stars of the week



6 Blue: Annabelle and Raife

6 Purple: Ava and Hunter
5 Red: Ellie and Jasper
5 Green: Lenny and Ruben
4 Orange: Alfie and Robyn
4 Yellow: Erin and Sam
3 Grey: Ellis and Joseph
3 White: Walter and Emily

Birthday shout out



This week we celebrated the birthdays of Tom, Maya and Michael. We hope you enjoyed the celebrations.

Out of school achievements





Leo completed his stage 6 swimming.

Sam achieved 600m swimming badge.

Evelyn gained a rosette award for freestyle dance.

Hattie achieved her 25m backstroke.

Esmé completed an acro exam in dance.

Oliver gained player of the match (Gedling Southbank).

Olive earned 4 medals for gymnastics including vault and beam.

Eliza was awarded badge 1 for gymnastics.

Leon achieved a karting award.

Meredith achieved the stage 5 swimming award.

Adrian - achieved the stage 5 and 200m swimming awards.

Millie was awarded player of the match (4 goals for Gedling Southbank!).

Edith was awarded the 1500m swimming badge.

Charlie was awarded the football competition winner trophie.

Indie achieved the 200m swimming badge.

Erin was awarded player of the match (Calverton).

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.

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