



Bulletin: Friday 19th December 2025 (website version)

The final bulletin of 2025...

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this year. We have a team of caring, dedicated and talented staff, who go above and beyond to ensure the children in their care get the best opportunities. I'd also like to thank all of our parents, carers and wider family members for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate everything you do and there has been a real sense of community at our key events over the year, such as at sports day, the Harvest Festival, FOAV events and the Christmas service at St Mark's Church.

Finally, I would like to thank your wonderful children. They are the reason why we all came into the profession, and it is a pleasure to be trusted to play such an important part in their lives. We are very proud of them and their daily achievements.

A reminder that school will reopen on Monday 5th January.

On behalf of everyone at Arno Vale, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy spending time with friends and family. Have a lovely festive break and stay safe!

Site safety / staff car park

After Christmas, you may notice a few changes in our staff car park.

To improve safety for everyone, a clearly marked pedestrian walkway will be introduced. This will ensure that those using the main entrance (for example, Club Vale families) have a safe and designated path to walk along.

We will also 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

Following feedback received in the recent school dinner survey, we are pleased to confirm that from the week commencing 5th January, we will be 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. The letter posted on ClassDojo yesterday explains everything you need to know.

Celebration assembly

We had so much to celebrate in today's slightly longer assembly. Unfortunately, the Grinch rudely interrupted our celebrations but he was swiftly removed from the hall.

Stars of the week:

Mr Baker's maths group: Isla, Dylan, Edee and Adam for determination and hard work in maths practice SATs.

6 Blue: Sam for showing determination in his work and Samuel and Ivy for always showing all of our school values.

6 Purple: Lediana for an amazing attitude and brilliant presentation, Katy for amazing us with her kindness and Eliza for being amazing - we wish her luck in her new school.

5 Green: Haaniyah-Noor, Jonah and Miami for showing determination and independence particularly in maths.

5 Red: Orestis for great determination in English, Ciaran for curiosity and Alice for being brave, participating and asking questions.

4 Orange: Mikaeel for excellent presentation in his work, Alice for great participation in class and kindness to others and Harvey for being ready and showing lots of curiosity.

4 Yellow: Tamaira for showing independence, Devrim for showing lots of curiosity and Harriet for having a great attitude and always being ready.

3 Grey: Mollie, Phoebe N, Emaan and Sophie for showing care and kindness to others in the classroom and around school.

3 White: Abdul-Haadi for showing lots of determination, respect and independence, Lyra for being ready and working hard on all of her work and Reign for being respectful and ready for his learning.

Mr Baker's special kindness mentions:

Well done Jaxon in Year 4 and Leo in Year 6. Both have demonstrated thoughtfulness, excellent manners, an all round helpful attitude and carried out several acts of kindness over the past few weeks.

Birthdays:

Theo, Iylah, Finn, Ava, Eliza, Gracie and Charlotte have all celebrated birthdays recently.

TTRS:

Well done 3 Grey, 4 Yellow and 4 Orange for having the highest participation rates this term.

Most correct answers since September:

1st Louis

2nd Athvik

3rd Adrian

Out of school achievements:

Well done to everyone for their out of school achievements.

Louis - player of the match

Ben - grade 1 piano

Toby - player of the match

Samuel - 25m swimming badge

Elliott - stage 7 swimming

Christie - acting award

Annabelle - 4k santa run

Louis - passed stage 5 swimming and player of the match

Amelia - player of the game

Molly - player of the game

Faris - orange belt in martial arts

Gabriella - dancing competition

Edith - 800m swimming and dancing

Ivy - player of the game and green belt in Aikido

Katy - won a competition and an signed shirt

Sam - stage 6 swimming certificate

Ava-Belle - bronze in gymnastics

Leo - first basketball match and won the game

Aliyah - blue belt in karate

General messages and reminders from previous bulletins:

- *Schools have been informed that the “According to Humphrey” book series has been compromised. Some links in the back of the book have been hacked and now link to inappropriate material. Please be vigilant if you have any of these books at home.*
 - *Tuck shop for the spring term - payment is now available on MCAS.*
- *If you would like to make a donation to support children impacted by the devastation in Jamaica caused by Hurricane Melissa, please click here: [Help school children in Jamaica affected by Hurricane Melissa](#)*
- *Payments for the Y5 trip to the Holocaust Centre and Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn (installment 3) are now due.*
- *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.*

New Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Club

*Following the success of the Clay Creators Club, we are really pleased to be able to offer another set of sessions for the new year. This time though, the company will be delivering a **Lego Technics Club**. The children will be building models from the 'Transportation' theme.*

The club is open to all year groups at Arno Vale and will run on the dates listed below:

Places are limited and can only be booked via the following link:

<https://booking.bricksnotts.com/bookings/course-info/797>

Based on previous experience, we anticipate that the places will get booked up very quickly. The cost is £42 for the six-week block. The organisers will create a waiting list if necessary.

Please note that this is an externally run club and that any queries should be sent to the company and not us. They will assist with all bookings and payments. We are not able to do this.

Notes from the instructors:

We'll be building models from our Transportation theme where the children love our interactive Technics Bricks 4 Kidz models.

The children will be building models from our Transportation Timeline theme, so If your child likes planes, trains and automobiles, then this class is for them!

Build motorized models of a dragster, a railroad crossing gate, an airplane and more! Explore the history of transportation from horse and buggy and trains to the development of the automobile and flight.

Take mini-figures for a ride on these vehicles, and customize it to your own specifications! Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO® bricks.

Your child(ren) will be collected from their class and brought to us or make their own way if instructed, in time for our register. We'll be setup in one of the Y3 classrooms. You only need to arrange collection (from the main school entrance) or tell us if they're going to another after-school provider when creating their profiles.

Please inform us before the class, by replying to our pre-class email, if your child is unable to attend. If we haven't received notification of their absence and they don't arrive, we'll contact you via the numbers you gave upon registration.

To book your child(ren) onto this event they have to already be a pupil at Arno Vale Junior School.

Once you've booked, please pay by card on your profile page. You can book now and pay later if more convenient.

Date	Time
Friday 9 th January	3.35-4.35pm
Friday 16 th January	3.35-4.35pm
Friday 23 rd January	3.35-4.35pm
Friday 30 th January	3.35-4.35pm
Friday 6 th February	3.35-4.35pm
Friday 13 th February	3.35-4.35pm

Dates for your calendar:

Here are some important dates for this academic year:

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.
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 14 th May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 21 st May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crags
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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