



Bulletin: Friday 19th June 2026 (website version)

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our School Games afternoon yesterday. The children had an absolutely brilliant time—so many smiles, cheers and great attitudes! Your encouragement helped create such a really positive atmosphere and we're very proud of all the children for the way they participated.

A very special thank you goes to Miss Elliott, Miss Fallon and Mr Ward. Their planning and organisation ensured the whole day was a success. Thanks also to FOAV for their support on the day—teamwork!

The scores will now be added up and the winning classes will be announced in our end of year sports awards assembly. All classes have been given some reward time for their efforts.

*Looking ahead to next week, the excitement continues! On Monday, we're welcoming a theatre company to perform *The Jungle Book* for the whole school (again funded by FOAV), and afterwards, children will find out their new classes and teachers for next year. Next Friday is transition day, so children will spend the morning with their new teacher(s).*

Well done to everyone this week—you've made us very proud. Have a lovely weekend!

Recruitment

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Maddie Croft as the class teacher for 3 Grey from September.

This appointment makes some of us feel rather old, as Miss Croft is a former Arno Vale pupil. She was an outstanding student who immersed herself in all aspects of school life. She was even one of the class ambassadors that showed Mr Rossington around the school when he applied for the Headteacher job! More recently, she returned to complete her final teaching placement with us. She then excelled throughout last week's interview process, impressing the panel with her professionalism and enthusiasm.

We are thrilled to welcome Miss Croft back to Arno Vale in her new role and know that our whole school community will make her feel very welcome.

FOAV Disco

A school disco will be held straight after school on Friday 17th July to raise funds (see poster below). Payment can be made on MCAS. FOAV fundraising is crucial in allowing us to provide even more opportunities for the children. It also allows us to invest in projects that benefit the whole school.



Sport

On Friday, a group of Year 5 children attended an ultimate frisbee festival. Miss Oates was really impressed with their behaviour, attitude and effort. The children came back very excited and proud of themselves.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 6 children went to a netball event at Christ the King and performed exceptionally well (photo in next week's bulletin).

Recently, we hosted a football event which involved some of our Y5/6 children playing and some of them showing off their leadership skills by officiating.

Summer Fair

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2nd July

*In return for wearing non-uniform, **FOAV** is kindly asking for the following donations:*

- **Year 3 & 4** – Bottles (any kind). However, anything glass will need to be dropped off at the office by an adult.

- **Year 5 & 6** – Hamper items in your class colour: Purple, Blue, Red or Green
 - **All** - pocket money toys, cuddly toys, wrapping paper, new toiletries, gift sets, new toys etc... We kindly ask that all donations are in good working order and of a suitable quality for use or resale. Please leave donations in the tub in the foyer or with the staff in the office.
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Please also ensure that no products containing nuts are sent in to school.

Summer Fair – Friday 10th July

Time: 3:35–5:00pm (straight after school)

We're excited to invite you to our Summer Fair, taking place on **Friday 10th July**. There will be plenty of fun, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy—don't miss it!

Celebration assembly

In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of Aliyah, Jasper, James and Jessica.

Stars of the week:

- **3 Grey** – Molly and Nancy for determination. Athvik for kindness.
 - **3 White** – Leo for curiosity and Roshni for kindness.
 - **4 Orange** – Meredith for curiosity and Theo for respect.
- **4 Yellow** – Tamaira for kindness and Moses for determination.
 - **5 Green** – Elliott and Eva for determination.
 - **5 Red** – Adrian and Amelia for determination

- *6 Blue – Robyn and Ronnie for determination.*
 - *6 Purple – Rowan and Dylan for respect and determination.*
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Out of school achievements:

- *Erin and Ava Belle's team reached the semi-finals of a tournament.*
 - *Katy and Bella played in two more tournaments, winning one and getting through to the latter stages in another against teams from all over the country. Ivy also took part in football tournament and got to the semi-final stage.*
 - *Amelia's team won a tournament without conceding a goal.*
 - *Livvy raised over £150 for charity by taking part in a kickboxathon!*
 - *Alex, Esme and Eliza told us about taking part in an end of year performance at their gymnastics club.*
 - *Leon took part in another karting race. He came 1st in qualifiers and second in the race. He also won a 'spring champions' football award.*
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Reminders from previous bulletins

Punctuality

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of children arriving at school on time each day (by 8.55am). Even arriving just 5 minutes late may not seem much, but if this happens every day it adds up to over 900 minutes of missed learning time over the school year. 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/day. 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.

Sports Camp

Unfortunately, Mr Ward and Mr Lindley's summer sports camp can not take place this year. This is because we are having extensive work done in school to upgrade windows, doors, ceilings and toilets.

A plea...

Please can we ask for your help to make sure that children do not bring unnecessary items into school such as toys, games, balls, fidgets, plastic bracelets, key rings, teddys and similar items. These can become a distraction to learning and may also lead to items being lost or misplaced.

The exception to this is trading cards, which children may bring into school on Mondays and Fridays only.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Stay Safe Around Water

Recent local and national incidents highlight the very real dangers of open water. Whether at rivers, lakes, canals or the coast, cold water and hidden hazards can be life-threatening. The key risks to be aware of are:

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- Cold water shock - even in warm weather, UK water is cold enough to cause gasping, panic and loss of control*
 - Hidden hazards - strong currents, deep water, underwater obstacles and steep banks*
 - Unpredictable conditions - water levels and flow can change quickly*

- *Slips and falls - wet edges and unstable ground increase the risk of falling in*
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Simple advice to share with pupils:

- *Avoid entering open water*
 - *Stay well back from the edge, especially around rivers, canals and reservoirs*
 - *Don't take risks - especially for social media*
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Key reminders for parents:

- *Talk to children about water safety*
 - *Supervise closely near water*
 - *Be aware of the risks*
 - *Know where they are and what they're doing*
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If someone is in trouble:

- *Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire and rescue service*
 - *Do not go in after them*
 - *Call for help*
 - *Try to reach or throw something they can hold*
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Kind regards,

Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

Dates for your calendar:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
2026	
Thursday 18 th June	School Games afternoon (sports day)
Monday 22 nd June	M&M Productions Jungle Book (in school)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Back up School Games afternoon
Thursday 25 th June and Friday 26 th June	Arnold Hill Y6-7 transition days
Friday 26 th June	Moving up morning (new classes)
Wednesday 1 st July	Dukes Barn 2027 meeting (for current Y3 parents)
Wednesday 1 st July	New parent meeting (for current Y2 parents)
Thursday 2 nd July	Non uniform day to promote the summer fair
Friday 3 rd July	Inset day
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
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 th July	Last day of term
Date TBC	Y3/4 Minecraft workshops
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th October 2026	Witlsey 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.

[Community News | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

I'd also like to mention Space to Grow: The Robin Hood Gymnastics Project and their important Crowdfunding page. We regularly hear about the fantastic achievements of Olive in Y4 and how she is supported by the club. To find out more about the project and to donate, please click this link: [Space to Grow: The Robin Hood Gymnastics Project - a Community crowdfunding project in Nottingham by Robin Hood Gymnastics Centre](#)