



## Bulletin: Friday 21st November 2025 (website version)

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*This week began with an exciting buzz across the whole school as our Year 6 children put their leadership skills into action. Over the past few weeks, they have been working hard in their PE lessons to design, plan and organise a series of sports events for everyone to enjoy – and Monday morning was their moment to shine.*

*The Year 6 children were fantastic role models throughout, taking their responsibilities seriously and demonstrating real maturity. Their preparation and effort were evident in*

*every activity they led. Each class participated in a 30 minute session and the younger children were full of enthusiasm as they took part in the games and challenges on offer.*

*The event also helped to raise additional funds for Children in Need. We are very proud of the children for their commitment and leadership.*

*Our attention now turns to the Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, which will take place on Tuesday 9th December. It is always a lovely, festive event and we hope that you can make it.*

*To help manage the crowd, and in light of another large attendance last year, it has been agreed that we can hold two performances again this year. The first performance will start at 10.00am and it will then be repeated at 2.00pm. We expect each performance to last for about 50 minutes.*

*Here are some key points to note:*

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- Despite the fact that there will be two showings of the performance, we anticipate that church will still be very busy and there is a chance that there will only be standing room for some people. We do not allocate tickets. We kindly request that people only attend one of the shows in order to maximise opportunities for everyone.*
- Please do not sit in the reserved seats at the front unless one has been specifically allocated to you.*
- Parking is limited so if you are able to walk there, please do so. Please be mindful of local residents when parking.*
  - Photos can be taken but please do not post anything on social media.*
- Please ensure your child's coat has their name in. This will help us at the end when we are handing coats back to them.*
  - Children may wear a santa hat to church if they want to.*
- After the performances on Tuesday, we will ask you to leave the church first, keeping doors and pathways clear. That will give us the time and space required to get the children organised to return to school safely. Children will be dismissed from school as*

normal at 3.35pm. For safeguarding reasons, they cannot be collected from the church.

- Please note that we will also be taking the children to the church for a full dress rehearsal the day before (Monday 8th December) in the afternoon.
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Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with the above.

Have a lovely weekend!

### **Fundraising**

A reminder that there is still time to donate to two important causes.

If you haven't yet donated to Children in Need and would like to, you can do so here: [Arno Vale is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

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\*\*](#)

Thank you again for your continued kindness and compassion.

### **Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair is on Friday 28th November (straight after school). Thank you so much for all the donations so far. There is still time to send in donations next week. The fair will start straight after school and will be based in and around the hall. Please note that class teachers will be dismissing children as normal at 3.35pm. Raffle tickets are now available to purchase on MCAS. Some Y3 children have designed this poster using Canva.

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## Friends of Arno Vale Christmas Fayre



3:35 - 5pm



### School Hall

- \*Class stalls \*Raffle \*Tombola Games
- \*Decorated Bags \*Bottlebola
- \*Lucky dips \*Rudolf coin drop game
- \*Cakes/drinks/refreshments

## Non-uniform Day Friday 21st of November

In return we are asking you to  
bring in donations for the school fair

Year 3 & 4 we are asking for bottle donations

Year 5 & 6 we are asking for donations

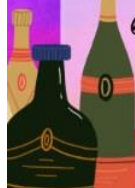
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5 Red please bring in red items

5 Green please bring in green items

6 Blue please bring in blue items

6 Purple please bring in purple items





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### *Christmas Dinner*

*Christmas dinner day is on Thursday 11th December. If you are usually a school dinner please book Monday to Friday in the same way but the deadline for that week is Saturday 29th November. If your child is usually a packed lunch, you can go into the dinners tab and just book the one day, again by the deadline of Saturday 29th November.*

*Here are the menus:*

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*As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.*

### ***Birthdays:***

*This week we celebrated the birthdays of Arabella, Katy, Ivy and Emily.*

### ***Stars of the Week:***

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- *3 Grey – Leo T and Indie for kindness and respect.*
  - *3 White – Gracie and Gabriel for respect.*
  - *4 Orange – Violet for kindness and Oliver for respect.*
  - *4 Yellow – Hugo for determination and Edith for independence.*
  - *5 Green – Jessica and Thomas for independence.*
  - *5 Red – Mason for kindness and Edith for determination.*
  - *6 Blue – Jacob H and Noah P for determination.*
  - *6 Purple – Livvy and Leo for independence.*
  - *6 Baker – Maisie for independence.*
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### ***Mr Baker's special mentions:***

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- *Sophie, Esme and Nancy for helping their classmates (and teachers!) when carrying out a tricky task.*
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- *4 Orange earned another 5 minutes of reward time for having the most people logging on to play this week.*
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## **Out of school achievements:**

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- *Jake showed us a grand total of 8 medals earned from swimming competitions last weekend.*
  - *Grayson told us about catching an 8lb pike while fishing at the weekend.*
  - *Leon shared a trophy for coming first place in a go-karting competition.*
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*Well done all of you for your effort and determination.*

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## **General messages**

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- *From next week, you'll notice a change to how the children line up on the playground in the mornings. Y6 will now be lining up closest to the school building, followed by Y5, Y4 and then Y3. This is because Y5 and 6 have the furthest to walk so we want to ensure we are maximising learning time for all.*
- *We have been informed that the person who has been doing the crossing patrol job on Arno Vale Road has left their position. The road safety team will now be trying to recruit somebody to fill the vacancy. If you are interested, please get in touch and we can pass on your details.*
- *At Arno Vale, we usually only agree for children in **Year 6** to walk home alone/without direct adult supervision. If this applies to your child, you must inform the school office of the exact arrangements so that our records are accurate and up to date. Please also let us know straight away if anything changes. **Irrespective of age, we do ask***



***that all children are collected by an adult when it is dark (for example, if they stay behind for an after school club).***

- *Thank you to everyone who went to the book fair. We took over £1400 (the highest amount since 2005) which tipped us into the 55% commission bracket. This means we now have over £700 to spend on new books for the school library. This is such good news!*
  - *Our new website is live [Arno Vale Junior School](#) and we are now in the process of ensuring it is all up to date as some sections did not transfer over exactly as intended.*
  - *A message from Star Vision Photography: Please can you let all of your pupils' parents and carers know that they have until midnight on Sunday to take advantage of free shipping back to school on all photo orders. After this time there will be a price increase and all orders will be delivery to home only.*
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#### ***Reminders from previous bulletins:***

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- *Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site. This includes the entire site, which means they can't be tied up on the grass patch near Saville Road or carried on to the playground.*
  - *A reminder to regularly check your child's online activity. We've had some reports of inappropriate language and behaviour online, and your vigilance helps us keep everyone safe and respectful.*
  - *Payments for the Y5 trip to the Holocaust Centre and Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn (installment 2) are now due.*
  - *Payments for guitar and ukulele autumn term lessons are now also due (via MCAS).*
  - *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.*
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#### ***Dates for your calendar:***

*Here are some important dates for this academic year:*

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 charity event for Children in Need. All children require PE kit in school.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Non uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas Fair. More information is on the FOAV poster in the bulletin.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	FOAV Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at St Marks. There will be two performances (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Full details to follow.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas party. Details to follow.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas party. Details to follow.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas holiday

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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of the spring term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 trip to National Holocaust Museum
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Inset day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crags
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Games afternoon
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	M&M Productions Jungle Book (in school)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back up School Games afternoon
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
TBC	FOAV summer fair
TBC	Y6 leavers' festival
TBC	FOAV film night
TBC	FOAV disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term