



Bulletin: Friday 22nd May 2026
(website version)

We have reached the end of another busy and exciting half term!

Year 3 had a brilliant time yesterday on their visit to Creswell Crags for a Stone Age experience day. They explored one of the ancient caves, learned how people survived during the Ice Age and discovered fascinating facts about the animals that once roamed the area. A huge thank you goes to the staff for the hard work and planning that made the trip possible. Thank you also to the parent helpers who were able to support on the day—it was very much appreciated.

Meanwhile, Year 6 are getting into full swing rehearsing for their end-of-year performance of Cinderella. Year 4 have been getting creative (and a little messy!) in their art lessons, enjoying the challenge of using Modroc as part of their sculpture topic. Year 5 have been going to swimming lessons and have represented school brilliantly in a different environment.

Thank you to all our children, staff, volunteers and families for another enjoyable half term. We wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely weekend!

Photos

On Tuesday, our photographer was in school to take class, team and group photos. Photos are now available to purchase online. The details and access codes will be posted on ClassDojo pages later today.

Sport

On Wednesday, our girls football team beat Lambley 3-2 in the semi-final of the Gedling competition. After going a goal down in the first half, the team had to show lots of determination and great attitudes to make a comeback. Two excellent goals from Bella put us ahead in the game before Ivy put it out of reach with a fine third goal. The whole team contributed to the win with non stop running, effort, tackles and communication. We are now through to the Gedling Final against Lowdham. A date and venue for the final will be confirmed after half term.

On the same day, another girls football team travelled to Willow Farm for a game. We won the game 3-1 with Mr King and Mr Hill both coming back very proud of the effort, determination and standard of performance. Well done girls!

Also on Wednesday, a group of Year 4 children took part in a football festival against some other local schools. This was organised by Miss Elliott and supported by our fantastic Year 6 sports leaders. All the children involved were superb representatives of Arno Vale and had a great time.

Class lists

Mr Rossington recently sent out an important letter on ClassDojo for parents of children in years 3-5. In it, he explained that we are now in the process of thinking about the classes for

next year. When compiling the new class lists, we consider many things including a mix of gender, children's strengths, who they work well with and friendships.

In order to help us do this, we are asking you to complete, with your child, the Microsoft form by clicking the link below and return to us by Monday, 1st June. We ask that you and your child choose four names of children they would like to be with in their class next year; the children they choose can be from either class in their current year group. We can only guarantee that your child will be with one of the children from their list.

[Class Lists September 2026](#)

If the list is not returned, we will ask your child to complete it in school time but we would like to stress that we do prefer for the children to work with you on it.

Once the class lists have been published, they will not be changed. Therefore, if you have any concerns or questions about transition, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.


Father's Day Coffee & Cake

Celebrate Father's Day with us over coffee and cake! Some tickets are still available.

 **Date:** Wednesday 24th June

 **Time:** 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

 **Booking:** The booking link is now live on MCAS. Cost: £8

 **Spaces:** Limited to 60 adults, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **One ticket per family. The ticket includes 1 adult and your child/children.**

If any parents are attending with food allergies or intolerances, please email the office.

*We understand that Mother's Day and Father's Day can hold different meanings for families based on individual circumstances. Our aim is to create welcoming events where all

who wish to participate can do so. If you have any queries regarding these events, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd be happy to discuss them with you.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Celebration assembly

In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of Evelyn and Louis.

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Emilia and Eric for determination and independence.*
 - *3 White – Ella and Marin for curiosity on yesterday's trip.*
 - *4 Orange – Amelia M for independence, Harvey for respect and Jasper for kindness.*
 - *4 Yellow – Toby D and Hugo for determination.*
 - *5 Green – Evie and Emily for respect and independence.*
 - *5 Red – Theo for independence and Poyraz for curiosity.*
 - *6 Blue – Sofia and Marley for curiosity.*
 - *6 Purple - Grayson for determination. We also said a fond farewell to Stanley on his last day at Arno Vale before he moves to Devon. Stanley has been a superstar during his time here and we wish him and his family all the best.*
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Out of school achievements:

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- *Oliver has been busy earning Player of the Game in football as well as another swimming certificate.*
 - *Charlie and Joanna played in a Burton Albion football tournament and showed their medals from that. Joanna also shared a medal from another football tournament at Notts County.*
 - *Bobby and Charlie shared their medals for their team playing in the finals.*
 - *Sophie has earned 3 swimming certificates and a Brownie badge!*
 - *Finn was awarded Most Improved Player from his rugby team.*
 - *Isaac was voted for the Players' Player award by his rugby teammates.*
 - *The GSB Wolves (Imogen, Jessica, Annabelle, Elsie, Edith, Millie, Amelia, Molly and Ava) told us about their successes from the football season and winning the Respect award from the Nottinghamshire league.*
 - *Leo was proud that he earned a stripe on his grey Jujitsu belt.*
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If your child has an out of school achievement they would like to share, all they need to do is come to the front in a celebration assembly. They will then be featured in the bulletin.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The following children (all from Year 4) achieved the most correct answers in the last half term:

3rd place: Harrison

2nd place: Louis

1st place: Dhilan

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.

Uniform:

A reminder that Crocs, sliders, sports trainers and flip flops are not allowed as part of school uniform. On the subject of uniform, Mrs Illingworth has been sorting through the lost property and has found over £500 worth of unnamed clothing. Please could you check that all items of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly named.

General messages and reminders from previous bulletins

Willersley Castle Residential

Installment 3 is due (23rd May).

School dinners

The Summer 2 school dinner menu is now on the school website

Menu: [School Meals | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

Booking and payment procedure for school dinners:

- *Log into MCAS.*
- *Navigate to the dinner menu.*

- *Select add dinner money (£3.00 per day) if needed.*
- *From the main menu, click on the day you require, select main menu and press submit. This will turn the day green.*
- *Repeat the previous step for all other days that you require.*

Note: Meal bookings must be completed by midnight on Saturday for the following week.

Please check your MCAS account for anything outstanding from this week.

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.

Club Vale

A reminder to parents that children should be collected from Club Vale by 5.30pm. Please ensure the school office is informed in advance if someone different will be collecting your child. For full details, including terms and conditions, please visit: [Club Vale \(Wrap Around Care Facility\) | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

Reminder to parents that use Club Vale bookings and pay via MCAS to make payment for any outstanding sessions.

Dates for your calendar:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
2026	
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
Tuesday 19 th May	Class, team and Y6 leavers photos
Thursday 21 st May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crag
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half term
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)
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
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 th July	Last day of term
Date TBC	Y3/4 Minecraft workshops
Date TBC	FOAV Disco
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th October 2026	Willerley 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
