



Bulletin: Friday 24th April 2026 (website version)

We were delighted to welcome Mr Perkins back for a brief visit this week, as he popped in for a cup of tea after being off since Christmas due to ongoing respiratory health issues. He asked us to pass on his sincere thanks to everyone who has enquired about him during his absence, which has meant a great deal. He remains a much-valued and popular member of our school community, and we all send him our very best wishes for a continued recovery. Unfortunately, he is unlikely to be returning to work any time soon.

Year 6 have had a very busy and exciting half term so far! They have been designing and constructing playground designs in DT and then writing persuasive leaflets to support their park ideas in English.

On Wednesday afternoon, Y6 had the fantastic opportunity to share their designs and leaflets with the Friends of Arno Vale Park, the group who help care for our local park (also known as the Helicopter Park). The children were set the challenge of designing a brand-new playground for the park and persuading the group to choose their design - should funding become available in the future.

Our Year 6 children rose to the challenge. They showed great determination, curiosity and teamwork throughout the design and construction process, as well as when developing their persuasive writing. During their presentations, they demonstrated impressive confidence and bravery as they explained and 'sold' their ideas to the visitors. We are extremely proud of how they embraced this challenge and the persuasive techniques they used throughout the project!

Year 5 have been putting their culinary skills to the test, cooking up some delicious spaghetti bolognese as part of their Design Technology project. The children learnt a range of important cooking skills, and the finished results looked and smelt incredible! A big well done to them all and thank you to the kitchen staff for their support and kind words about the children's excellent behaviour.

In lower school, children have been busy exploring a range of interesting topics. In Year 3 RE, children delved into Hinduism, learning about the story of Brahma, the god of creation. In PSHE, they explored the concept of stereotypes, reflecting on how they can influence the way we see ourselves and others.

Meanwhile, Year 4 scientists carried out an investigation into how different types of chocolate melt, comparing results and developing their understanding of materials and temperature.

Have a lovely weekend!

Sport

On Tuesday, a group of Y6 children went to a touch rugby competition at Nottingham Rugby Club. The team went through the afternoon undefeated and represented school brilliantly.

On Wednesday, one of our girls football teams played against Arnold View and drew 3-3. Mr King was really impressed with how well the girls played and the determination they showed.

Safeguarding / online safety

Please see the information below about a messaging app called Kik.

kik **Kik: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW** For Working Parents

Most parents haven't heard of Kik. But many young people have.

1 WHAT IS KIK?

- USERNAME SIGN-UP**
No phone number needed
- CHAT WITH STRANGERS**
Connect with anyone
- PUBLIC GROUP CHATS**
Join or create groups
- LIVE STREAMING**
Broadcast and build audiences
- DATING-STYLE INTERACTIONS**
Meet new people
- POPULAR WITH TEENS**
Especially teenagers and young adults

2 WHY SHOULD PARENTS BE CONCERNED?

- ANONYMITY**
Easy to create fake or multiple accounts
- ACCESS TO STRANGERS**
Instantly connect with people you don't know
- GROOMING RISKS**
Linked to cases of grooming and exploitation
- SEXTORTION**
Pressure to share images and then blackmailed
- HARMFUL CONTENT**
Exposure to sexualised or inappropriate live streams
- LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Minimal in-app safety features and monitoring

3 WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- START THE CONVERSATION**
Ask open, non-judgemental questions
- SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
Agree rules about strangers and sharing info
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Tools like Google Family Link can help
- TEACH RED FLAGS**
Spot secrecy, pressure, and requests for photos
- DELAY ACCESS**
Kik is generally unsuitable for children

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Celebration assembly

In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of Isaac, Luke, Nancy, Leia, Ted and Daisy.

Stars of the week:

- 3 Grey – Charlie and Leo T for kindness and respect.
- 3 White – Oscar for independence and Grace for being ready.
- 4 Orange – Anaya for curiosity and independence and Sara for determination.

- *4 Yellow – Nathaniel and Lydia for being ready.*
 - *5 Green – Joe G and Hunter for determination.*
 - *5 Red – Teddy and Jonah for independence.*
 - *6 Baker – Livvy and Rowan for determination.*
 - *6 Blue – Penelope and Luke for curiosity.*
 - *6 Purple – Jake and Katy for determination.*
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Out of school achievements:

- *Ben and Toby took part in a piano concert and showed the medals and certificates they were awarded.*
 - *Imogen earned Player of the Game in football for scoring a goal.*
 - *Ella C and Leo P were excited to tell us that they have both acted in productions at the Bonnington Theatre.*
 - *Charlotte, Katy and Bella's football team won the U11 cup final 2-1.*
 - *Bella also earned a technique award from a recent football camp.*
 - *Finn was given Player of the Match in rugby for scoring lots of tries.*
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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.

General messages and reminders from previous bulletins

Incident

As you may have heard, there was a serious incident in Woodthorpe last Friday. We won't be discussing the incident directly with the children in school. However, if your child knows about it and you are concerned that they may be affected or upset, please let their class teacher know and we will ensure they are supported in school.

Here is a message from Supt. James Woolley to BBC news for Nottinghamshire:

"We understand the impact an incident like this will have on the local community. I would like to reassure the public we are doing everything we can to understand the circumstances that has led to this attack."

INSET Days

A reminder that the next INSET Days are as follows:

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- *Friday 3rd July*
 - *Tuesday 1st September*
 - *Wednesday 2nd September*
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Nut Free Site

*To ensure the safety of all our children and staff, please do not send any items containing nuts to school. This includes snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats. Even trace amounts of nuts can cause severe allergic reactions in some children, **so your cooperation is essential in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.***

Bikes and scooters

To ensure the site is as safe as possible at the start and end of day, please could you remind your children not to ride their bikes and scooters through the grounds. Also a reminder that the climbing equipment is for use under staff supervision only.

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](#)

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.

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

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 Craggs
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 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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