



Bulletin: Friday 24th July 2026 (website version)

What a busy and memorable final week of term it has been!

On Tuesday, we held our annual Sports Awards Assembly, celebrating another fantastic year of sport at school. A huge congratulations to our girls' cricket team, who were crowned Team of the Year following their success at regional level. Mr Stendall, who retired 20 years ago, returned again to present the trophy. Ivy and Betsey were awarded the Sports Personality of the Year award in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements both in and out of school. Iylah, Leo P, Charlie, Lily, Arabella, Nathaniel, Amelia, Lenny, Edith, Stanley, Chloe,

Finn, Evan, Alex, Eva and Sid also received special awards for their brilliant sporting attitudes throughout the year. Congratulations to 5 Red for winning Sports Day! We also celebrated being awarded the Platinum School Games Mark for our ongoing commitment to inclusive school sport. This is a huge achievement; not many schools get the Platinum award two years in a row!

Wednesday saw our Year 6 children enjoy a fun-filled foam party and pizza celebration. Today, they performed a moving and emotional leavers' assembly to the whole school—we're incredibly proud of them and wish them all the very best for the future. I know they are now looking forward to performing to their parents and family members this afternoon.

On Wednesday, we also held the Guard of Honour for Mr Rossington. He was blown away by how many people turned up and it was a fitting tribute to him for his dedication and hard work over the past 11 years. On a personal level, I want to thank him for his support and friendship over the years. He has believed in me from his first day in post and has been the very best boss that anyone could wish for.

As previously mentioned, we are also saying goodbye to Miss Carter and Mrs Rudd. Their contributions to the school have been deeply valued by staff and pupils alike. They will be greatly missed, and we thank them for their dedication and friendship over the years.

Mr Manchester will also be leaving his volunteer role in school. We thank him for the countless hours he has given up to help make our school a better place.

You should have now received your child's end of year report by email. If you haven't, please let us know by the end of the day and we'll get it sorted for you.

As this is my final weekly bulletin, I would also like to thank you for taking the time to read and support these updates over the past 19 months. Wishing everyone a happy, restful and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Mr Baker

Catering

As you may have seen on ClassDojo yesterday, our catering service will soon be changing. Aspens, who operate in all White Hills Park Trust schools, will be taking over the service from September. Our current staff will remain the same but the suppliers and menus will change.

You can view a parent information pack and the new menus on our website. If your child has a food allergy, they will come home with a form for you to complete. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Summer work

We are very lucky that, as a result of significant Trust investment, the following work will be done during the break:

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- *New hall roof*
 - *Completion of internal window and door replacement*
 - *Complete refurbishment of the main toilet block (hooray!!)*
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FOAV - Summer Fair and Disco

It has been a fabulous few weeks for the FOAV fundraising efforts. The Summer Fair, Y6 performance and school disco have raised over £3000!!

I've written regularly to explain the ways in which FOAV funding has been spent over the course of the year. Next year, it will cover the cost of the transport to the panto and we already have a theatre company booked in to visit in 2027. We'll continue to ensure that money raised is spent on lots of other exciting enrichment opportunities for the children.

Another huge thank you goes to everyone who has given up their time this year to make FOAV run in the way that it does.

Celebration assembly

Birthdays:

This week we celebrated the birthdays of Dylan, Esme, Alfie, Reuben, Cressida, Joseph, Orla and Izaan.

During our final celebration assembly of the year, we announced the ClassDojo Points Champions - the children who earned the highest number of ClassDojo points in each class throughout the year - as well as the runners up.

ClassDojo points:

- *3 Grey runner up: Charlie*
 - *3 Grey winner: Leo*
- *3 White runner up: Grace*
 - *3 White winner: James*
- *4 Yellow runner up: Nathaniel*
 - *4 Yellow winner: Lydia*
- *4 Orange runner up: Louis*
 - *4 Orange winner: Naomi*
- *5 Green runner up Jessie*
 - *5 Green winner: Ben*
- *5 Red runner up: Millie*
 - *5 Red winner: Annabelle*
- *6 Blue runner up: Noah*
 - *6 Blue winner: Ivy*
- *6 Purple runner up: Oliver*

- 6 Purple winner: Eli
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We also announced the TTRS top three in each class - the children with the highest number of correct answers on Times Tables Rock Stars this year. Overall winners in each year group are shown in bold.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

*3 Grey: 1. **Athvik** 2. Theodore 3. Samuel*

3 White: 1. Grace 2. James 3. Evelyn

4 Yellow: 1. Moses 2. Zachary 3. Nathaniel

*4 Orange: 1. **Louis** 2. Dhilan 3. Harrison*

5 Green: 1. Elliott 2. Lucas 3. Ella

*5 Red: 1. **Adrian** 2. Stanley 3. Millie*

*Y6: 1. **Isla** 2. Faris 3. Noah*

Lisa Morley Dukes Barn Award for resilience and determination:

When Mrs Morley retired, we set up an award in recognition of all the work she did over the years with school residents. The Y4 team presented Esme and Max with the award this year for their resilience and determination at Dukes Barn.

The Zak Fleming Endeavour Trophy:

The family of former pupil Zak Fleming gave us a trophy to award annually for a child that shows exceptional determination and endeavour despite them facing challenges. This year,

the award was presented to Devrim, who joined the school without being able to speak a word of English. The progress he has made is fantastic!

Out of school achievements:

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- Edith recently performed in a dance show, performing four dances and a finale.*
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Helicopter Park - a message from Miss Fallon

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 Class Ambassadors took part in an incredible final project, supporting The Friends of Arno Vale Park with their funding application for a brand-new playground at Arno Vale Recreation Ground (The Helicopter Park). They answered every question with such maturity, thoughtfulness and honesty that they made me incredibly proud. It was wonderful to see them representing our school and community so brilliantly. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the funding application is successful so that we can see an exciting new playground at our local park in the near future!

Safeguarding

The following email accounts will be monitored regularly during the summer break

arossington@arnovale.notts.sch.uk (until 31st August)

cbaker@arnovale.notts.sch.uk

General messages from the office

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- Willersley Castle: The last instalment is now due. Please log onto MCAS and make the payment.*
 - Tuck Shop: This will be starting during the week commencing 14th September and will go live on MCAS at the beginning of September.*
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INSET Days 2026/27:

A reminder that next academic year, both Arno Vale Junior School and Woodthorpe Infant School will have the following INSET days:

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- *Tuesday 1st September 2026*
 - *Wednesday 2nd September 2026*
 - *Monday 22nd February 2027*
 - *Friday 2nd July 2027*
 - *Wednesday 28th July 2027*
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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
