



Bulletin: Friday 26th June 2026 (website version)

As you'll be aware, this week has presented some unusual challenges due to the rare Amber Weather Warning and the exceptionally high temperatures experienced across the country. While we have taken a range of measures to keep classrooms and shared spaces as cool as possible, the conditions have been very uncomfortable for the children and staff.

To help manage the heat safely and sensibly, we introduced a number of temporary arrangements, including the option to wear PE kit instead of school uniform, offering optional early collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, adapting activities throughout

the school day, timetable adjustments and making changes to our lunch provision when temperatures in the kitchen reached an unsafe level for staff working conditions. Throughout the week, our priority has been to balance wellbeing with the practical realities of operating the school safely during extreme weather.

Unfortunately, we also had to cancel the Father's Day coffee and cake event. This has now been rearranged for Monday 20th July at 2.30pm. All original bookings will move over to this new date. If you had booked but are no longer able to attend, please contact the office.

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding, patience and cooperation this week.

Your support with the various adjustments we have had to make has been greatly appreciated! Thankfully, cooler temperatures are now forecast, and we look forward to a return to more normal routines next week.

Transition

Today has been an exciting and important milestone for our children as they spent the morning with their new teachers and classmates, getting a taste of the year ahead. For our

Year 6 pupils, it has also been a significant step towards secondary school, with many attending transition days and others looking forward to theirs soon. Moving into a new class or school can bring a mixture of emotions – excitement, curiosity, nervousness and even a little uncertainty. These feelings are all completely normal. While class changes may mean that some friendship groups look a little different, children are wonderfully adaptable and often thrive as they build new relationships alongside maintaining existing friendships. We are confident that every child will be supported to settle happily and make the most of the opportunities their new class will bring.

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.



Summer Fair

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2nd July

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

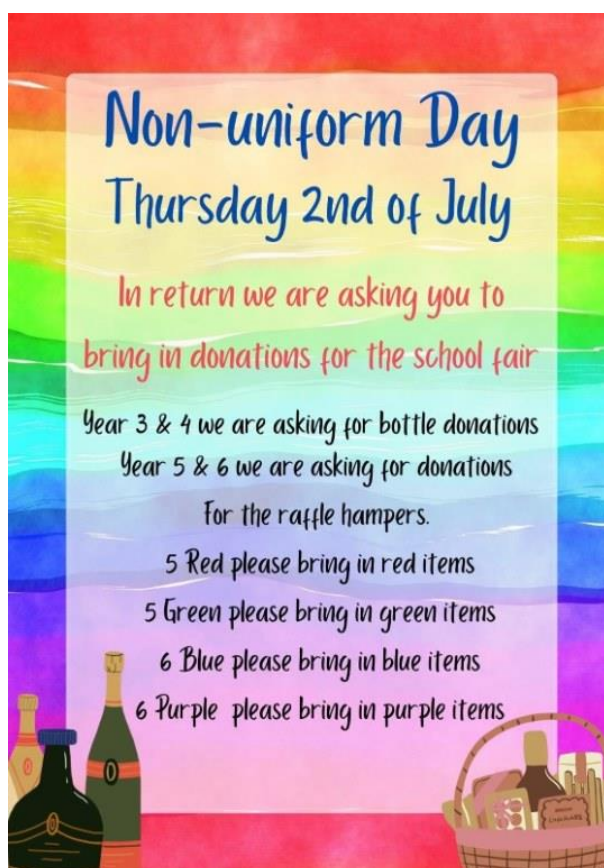
- ***Year 3 & 4** – Bottles (any kind). However, anything glass will need to be dropped off at the office by an adult.*
 - ***Year 5 & 6** – Hamper items in your class colour: Purple, Blue, Red or Green*
 - ***All** - pocket money toys, cuddly toys, wrapping paper, new toiletries, gift sets, new toys 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

There was no celebration assembly this week due to the transition sessions. Birthdays and achievements for this week will be celebrated in next week's assembly.

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.***

General messages from the office

Guitar/Ukulele

The deadline for applying for autumn term music lessons (guitar/ukulele) is today. For more information, please refer to the letter posted on ClassDojo earlier in the week and complete the form to apply.

Free School Meals (FSM) - changes to eligibility

There have been some national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, and we wanted to share the key points with you. Some changes affect schools, while others may require action from parents and carers.

One of the biggest updates is that families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify for free school meals even if their income is above £7,400 per year.

Summary of changes:

- Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 or below will continue to qualify for free school meals. This is now called Targeted FSM, and it also provides Pupil Premium funding to support your child's school.*
 - Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 may also now be eligible. This new category is called Expanded FSM, and it is expected to increase the number of children who can receive a free school meal.*
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Applications for Free School Meals can currently be made through Nottinghamshire County Council's Citizen Portal by following [Free School Meals](#). The guidance for parents is likely to be updated as the local authority refine their processes, and we will share any amendments as soon as they are received.

Reminders from previous bulletins

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:

- *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

The Big Future

Children in schools across England have been asked by Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner to complete a survey to gain their thoughts and ideas to 'help shape future policy and decision-making'.

Dame Rachel states: "At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their voices are heard. Through The Big Future, I can take the views of your students directly to government and ensure their priorities help inform the decisions that affect their lives."

We will be finding time for the children to complete the survey in school. Alternatively, it can be done at home using the following link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

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	Witlersley 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
