



Bulletin: Friday 27th March 2026
(website version)

I would like to begin by praising all of our children for the brilliance they have shown during what has been a very busy week in school. With so many visitors spending time in the classrooms, the children rose to the occasion with confidence and pride. In particular, our class ambassadors were exceptional, demonstrating real maturity and representing the school superbly throughout the week. Across every classroom, there has been a calm and purposeful atmosphere, with children working incredibly hard and behaviour remaining outstanding. It has been especially pleasing to see our values of respect and curiosity shining through in all that the children do, alongside so many acts of kindness.

On behalf of everyone at Arno Vale, I wish you a Happy Easter. A reminder that school will reopen at 8.55am on Monday 13th April.

Egg decorating competition

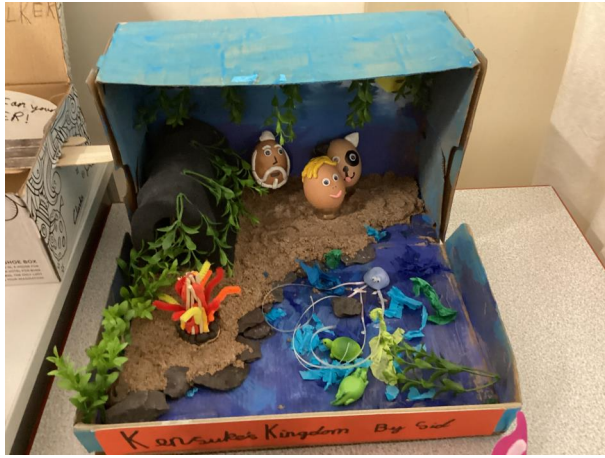
We had an egg-cellent time today as we held our annual egg decorating competition—cracking open a whole carton of creativity across the school! The competition was no yolk, with entries that were truly egg-ceptional in every way. We were thrilled to welcome international egg judge Mrs Tinkler, who scrambled to choose the best from each year group—she said it was an egg-stremely tough decision thanks to the egg-straordinary effort everyone put in. Huge congratulations to our egg-stra special year group winners:

- *Year 3 - Gabriella (Hot air balloon)*
 - *Year 4 - Lenny (Capybara)*
 - *Year 5 - Christy (Minions)*
 - *Year 6 - Sid (Kensukes Kingdom)*
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These four entries in particular really shell-shocked the judge with their creativity - cracking work!

Every entrant will be shell-ebred with 10 Dojo points from their class teachers. Year group winners will also receive an Easter egg. Well done to all who took part—you really cracked it!











Writing competition

We have also tasked Mrs Tinkler, one of our governors, with judging the writing competition. This process is still ongoing and winners will be announced in an assembly straight after Easter.

Sport

Our school sports teams have had another busy week:

Boys football

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- Beat Richard Bonington 3-2 on Tuesday to qualify for the quarter final stage of the competition.*
 - Another boys team beat Arnold View 5-2 on Wednesday*
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Girls football

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- Beat Good Shepherd 6-1 on Tuesday to qualify for the quarter final stage of the competition.*
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Handball

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- *10 children represented the school in a handball competition on Wednesday. We won all five of our games and the children had a great afternoon applying the skills they had learned in Miss Elliott's after school club.*
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Celebration assembly

In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of Essa, Amima, Lyra, Max, Devrim, Harvey and Jonah.

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Reuben for curiosity and Athvik for kindness.*
 - *3 White – Gracie and Colby for independence and kindness.*
 - *4 Orange – Harrison for determination and Naomi for independence.*
 - *4 Yellow – Teddy E for determination and Devrim for curiosity.*
 - *5 Green – Thomas for determination and Sum Yau for curiosity.*
 - *5 Red – Tom for independence and kindness and Ava for respect.*
 - *6 Blue – Amelia and Edee for determination.*
 - *6 Purple – April for kindness and Bella for determination.*
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TTRS:

These children have achieved the most correct answers this term:

- *3rd place - Adrian in year 5*
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- *2nd place - Theo in year 3*
 - *1st place - Athvik in year 3*
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Kindness mentions:

Coralie, Dhilan and Alfie have been demonstrating lots of kindness to others at playtimes.

Out of school achievements:

- *Lots of football 'Player of the Game' awards this week. Oliver, Erin, Nathaniel, Coralie and Adrian have all earned this award for a variety of reasons including: looking for space, making good passes and making good saves.*
 - *Harriet, Molly and Annabelle all shared their Brownie awards.*
 - *Working hard to achieve swimming certificates were Leo, Erin and Gabriella.*
 - *A different type of swimming award was given to Ben, who swam 56 lengths in 55 minutes in a charity swimathon.*
 - *Isaac was awarded Player of the Game for 'barging through everyone' in rugby.*
 - *Thomas told us about an archery certificate he achieved.*
 - *Annis enjoyed taking part in rugby tournament.*
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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.

Class challenge results:

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- *Earning 5 minutes of reward time: Year 4.*
 - *Earning 10 minutes of reward time: Year 6.*
 - *Earning 15 minutes of reward time: Year 3.*
 - *Earning 20 minutes of reward time: Year 5.*
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Reminders from previous bulletins

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](#)

Summer Term Tuck Shop

The Summer Term Tuck Shop is now available to pay for via MCAS. The cost is £14 for the full term (week commencing 13th April until the end of term). The deadline for payment is Sunday 12th April at midnight.

Year 3 – Creswell Craggs Trip

Please remember to make payment for the Year 3 trip via MCAS. You will also need to complete and submit the form indicating whether your child will require a packed lunch.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our supportive governing body. The governing body works closely with the senior leadership team to ensure we are providing the best education and opportunities for the children. If you can spare time to attend two meetings per term and to periodically meet with staff members, then please have a look at the documentation by following the link:

<https://arnovale.school/governor-vacancies>

If you'd like to discuss the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April	Return to school
Friday 24 th April	FOAV disco
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
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
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th October 2026	Wiltley 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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