



Bulletin: Friday 28th November 2025  
(website version)

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*We're very busy in school getting ready for tonight's Christmas Fair, so this week's bulletin is a bit shorter than normal.*

*Here are some reminders about later:*

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- *Children will be dismissed as normal at 3.35pm. The fair will then start in and around the school hall.*
  - *If your child normally attends Clay Creators, they will be sent to the club as normal. You must inform Clay Creators if they are not attending tonight's session. Dismissal will be as normal at 4.35pm.*
  - *If your child is booked in to Club Vale, they will be sent there as normal. This will take place in a classroom instead of the hall and you should collect them from the main entrance as normal.*
  - *The event will be CASH ONLY.*
  - *Raffle tickets can be purchased at the fair.*
  - *Please be aware that it will be very busy so younger siblings must be supervised at all times. We have told the children that if they get separated from the adult looking after them, they should wait by the Christmas Tree in the school reception.*
  - *Please walk to school where possible as it will be very busy in the surrounding areas. If you do need to drive, please park considerately and be aware that the school car park is for staff use only unless you have been given specific permission.*
  - *Please be aware that it may be dark when you leave so take extra care and maintain high levels of supervision to keep everyone safe.*
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*Have a lovely weekend!*

***Christmas concert:***

*The Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe will take place on Tuesday 9th December. It is always a lovely, festive event and we hope that you can make it.*

*To help manage the crowd, and in light of another large attendance last year, it has been agreed that we can hold two performances again this year. The first performance will start at 10.00am and it will then be repeated at 2.00pm. We expect each performance to last for about 50 minutes.*

*Here are some key points to note:*

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- *Despite the fact that there will be two showings of the performance, we anticipate that church will still be very busy and there is a chance that there will only be standing room for some people. We do not allocate tickets. We kindly request that people only attend one of the shows in order to maximise opportunities for everyone.*
  - *Please do not sit in the reserved seats at the front unless one has been specifically allocated to you.*
  - *Parking is limited so if you are able to walk there, please do so. Please be mindful of local residents when parking.*
    - *Photos can be taken but please do not post anything on social media.*
  - *Please ensure your child's coat has their name in. This will help us at the end when we are handing coats back to them.*
    - *Children may wear a santa hat to church if they want to.*
  - *After the performances on Tuesday, we will ask you to leave the church first, keeping doors and pathways clear. That will give us the time and space required to get the children organised to return to school safely. Children will be dismissed from school as normal at 3.35pm. For safeguarding reasons, they cannot be collected from the church.*
  - *Please note that we will also be taking the children to the church for a full dress rehearsal the day before (Monday 8th December) in the afternoon.*
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*Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with the above.*

### ***Fundraising***

*We raised £404 for Children In Need and £340.18 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.*

*If you would like to make a donation to support children impacted by the devastation in Jamaica caused by Hurricane Melissa, please click here: [\*\*Help school children in Jamaica affected by Hurricane Melissa\*\*](#)*

*Thank you again for your continued kindness and compassion.*

### **Christmas Dinner**

*Christmas dinner day is on Thursday 11th December. If you are usually a school dinner please book Monday to Friday in the same way but **the deadline for that week is Saturday 29th November**. If your child is usually a packed lunch, you can go into the dinners tab and just book the one day, again by the deadline of Saturday 29th November.*

*Here are the menus:*

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*As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.*

***Birthdays:***

*This week we celebrated the birthdays of Mollie, Robyn, Joe, Ava-Belle, Sofia and Evie.*

***Stars of the Week:***

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- *3 Grey: Jonah and Dua for being kind and working hard.*
- *3 White: Erin and Abdul-Haadi for being determined and independent.*
- *Miss Croft and Miss McAdam have both been real assets to the year group and we wish them lots of luck in the rest of their teacher training – we will miss you!*

- 4 Orange: Daphne and Harry for being determined.
  - 4 Yellow: Zac G and Toby M for being curious and having a great attitude towards learning.
  - 5 Green: Sum Yau and Maya for being determined and independent.
  - 5 Red: Poyraz and Elsie for being independent and working hard in maths this week.
  - 6 Blue: Shanzay for being determined and Ibraheem for showing all the school rules and values.
  - 6 Purple: April for showing determination and Isla for being ready and respectful.
  - 6 Baker: Edee and Shanzay for showing lots of independence.
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***Mr Baker's special mentions for being kind:***

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- Molly and Lakai were nominated by a classmate because they helped her with her work when she was stuck.
  - Ruby showed great maturity and kindness by helping someone outside her house who had been in an accident by making them a drink and checking they were ok!
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- 4 Orange earned another 5 minutes of reward time for having the most people logging on to play this week.
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***Out of school achievements:***

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- *Athvik was really proud to tell us about his swimming certificate for passing stage 3.*
  - *Zachary told us about his lifeguard training! What a great achievement at such a young age!*
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### ***Class Challenge:***

*Each class came up with their own criteria for our latest class challenge.*

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- *Runners up with 5 minutes of reward time:*
    - *3 White, 4 Yellow, 4 Orange, 5 Green and 5 Red*
  - *3rd place with 10 minutes of reward time: 6 Blue*
  - *2nd place with 15 minutes of reward time: 6 Purple*
  - *1st place with 20 minutes of reward time: 3 Grey*
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*Well done all of you for your effort and determination.*

### ***Reminders from previous bulletins:***

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- *Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site. This includes the entire site, which means they can't be tied up on the grass patch near Saville Road or carried on to the playground.*
  - *A reminder to regularly check your child's online activity. We've had some reports of inappropriate language and behaviour online, and your vigilance helps us keep everyone safe and respectful.*
  - *Payments for the Y5 trip to the Holocaust Centre and Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn (installment 3) are now due.*



- If you have not yet updated your consents, this can be done quickly on MCAS by clicking on the 'Parental Consents' tab – it only takes a few seconds. If you haven't already done so, please complete this at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### Dates for your calendar:


Here are some important dates for this academic year:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	FOAV Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at St Marks. There will be two performances (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Full details to follow.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas party. Details to follow.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas party. Details to follow.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas holiday

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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of the spring term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	4 Yellow residential to Dukes Barn
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	4 Orange residential to Dukes Barn
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 trip to National Holocaust Museum
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Inset day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Craggs
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Games afternoon
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	M&M Productions Jungle Book (in school)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back up School Games afternoon
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
TBC	FOAV summer fair
TBC	Y6 leavers' festival
TBC	FOAV film night
TBC	FOAV disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

### Community events:



*Christmas at  
St Mark's Woodthorpe*

**Candlelit Carols**  
14 December, 6:00 pm  
*The Carols will be led by the South Notts Hussars band*

**Interactive Nativity Service**  
21 December, 10.30 am  
*Everyone is welcome to join in, costumes are available*

**Community Christingle Services**  
24 December, 3:30pm & 5:00 pm  
*Our Christingle services raise money for the Children's Society*

**Christmas Celebration**  
25 December, 10:00 am  
*Why not bring along one of your Christmas presents?*

**Holy Communion Service**  
28 December, 10:00 am