



Bulletin: Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am opening this week's bulletin with a message to address some ongoing issues surrounding parking and road safety at school drop-off and pick-up times.

I want to be very clear that managing these issues is taking up a significant amount of time each day—time that should be spent focusing on the education of the children in our care. I am therefore pleading with everyone to play their part so that we can make the situation safer and more manageable for all.

This is a challenge faced by most schools, but improvement is only possible if we all act responsibly and considerately. I respectfully ask that everyone adheres to the following...please:

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- Please do not use the school car park for drop-off or pick-up.*
 - Ensure that children do not walk through the front school car park or up the driveway unattended at any time*
 - Use the marked pedestrian walkway when going to/from the main entrance.*
 - Park considerately and respectfully, ensuring that driveways, access points and the defibrillator are never blocked.*
 - Refrain from engaging in aggressive or confrontational behaviour with other parents, residents or staff.*
 - Walk to school wherever possible.*
 - When driving, be extra vigilant in and around the school area and keep to a safe speed.*
 - Consider parking on less busy side streets in Woodthorpe and walking a short distance to the school.*
 - Allow plenty of time for journeys so that there is no need to rush.*
 - Adhere to all signage and road markings at all times.*
 - Ensure children enter and exit vehicles on the pavement side.*
 - Supervise children closely until they are safely on school premises or homeward routes.*
 - Remind your children not to run between parked cars.*
 - Where appropriate, consider car sharing with another family.*
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Despite repeated reminders, these issues are continuing, and as a result I have contacted the local police and traffic officers to make them aware of the situation and the ongoing concerns.

This message is not intended to single out individuals, but to emphasise that everyone has a responsibility to contribute to a safe, calm and respectful environment for our children, our neighbours and our wider school community.

We have booked some road safety workshops for the children and these will take place next week.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support in helping us address this matter constructively.

Health and Wellbeing Day

We have had such an exciting day in school with a whole range of activities taking place to celebrate our Health and Wellbeing Day. Teachers will be posting some pictures on ClassDojo.

- *Drumba workshop. This was incredible (but may have caused a few hand blisters due to how involved the children got).*
 - *Bushcraft art*
 - *Scavenger hunt*
 - *Emergency first aid*
 - *Positive mindset workshop*
 - *Self regulation workshop*
 - *Healthy eating quiz*
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A big thank you to Miss Elliott and Mr Manchester for all their hard work organising the day.

Celebration assembly

Due to our Health and Wellbeing Day, there was no celebration assembly today. Anyone with a birthday or out of school achievement this week will be celebrated in a longer assembly next Friday.

FOAV Film Night

Date: Friday 27th February

Film: Migration

Time: Straight after school until 5.10pm. Please collect from the main entrance at 5.10pm

Cost: £5 (includes a drink and snack). This is not yet set up on MCAS but will be available to book next week.

All proceeds will be reinvested in to projects and events that benefit the children.

Valentines Meal

A special Valentines Menu is available for Wednesday 11th February.

School Meals | Arno Vale Junior School

On the theme of school meals, you'll be aware that we are currently trialling a new system allowing parents to book for individual days if required. Unfortunately, we have a significant number of people who are not booking meals when they want their child to have one, which is making it very difficult for the office and kitchen staff.

Here is a reminder of the process:

For this system to work effectively, we ask that all meal bookings are completed by midnight on Saturday for the following week. Although food orders will usually have been placed in advance, having accurate bookings by this deadline will allow the catering team to plan meal preparation efficiently.

If you forget to make your booking by the deadline, please email office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk by 9:00am on the Monday morning, clearly stating your child's name, class and the days required for a school dinner. The office team will then make the

booking on your behalf. We will be completing a dinner register with the children each day rather than only on Monday mornings; however, **it is essential that the above deadlines are followed for the system to run smoothly.** Please also remember to ensure your child's dinner account has sufficient funds.

Booking and payment procedure:

- 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: If your child receives free school meals, the office will continue to make your bookings daily for you.

Attendance

We're really proud that our latest attendance figure for the 2025/26 academic year to date is over 97%. This puts us above the National average, Local Authority average and Trust average. A big thank you from us for your ongoing support. Good attendance is important for so many reasons. We love working at Arno Vale and we want the children to enjoy being here.

General messages and reminders from previous bulletins:

- Unfortunately, there will be no sports camp at February half term due to work taking place on the school site. Thanks to Trust investment, our hall windows will be replaced and there will also be upgrades to our green perimeter security fencing. More work is planned for later in the year.
 - The deposit for the Year 6 Willersley Castle residential is now available to pay via MCAS.
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Dates for your calendar:

Here are some important dates for this academic year:

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026	
2026	
Friday 30 th January	Whole school Drumba workshops as part of our health and wellbeing day
Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th February	Road safety workshops for all children
Monday 9 th February	Y5 trip to National Holocaust Museum
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 rd February	Inset day
Tuesday 24 th February	Return to school
Friday 27 th February	FOAV film night
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 19 th March	Y3/4 Minecraft workshops
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
Thursday 21 st May	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crag
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

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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