



Bulletin: Friday 3rd October 2025  
(website version)

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*A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week — whether by donating cakes, attending the event or sending in contributions. We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have exceeded our £1000 fundraising target! A fantastic achievement for a brilliant cause. We will share the final total with you as soon as possible.*

*Looking ahead to next week, Monday is School Photo Day. Individual photos, as well as sibling pictures, will be taken, so please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform*

*and ready to smile! It's also Class Ambassador Polling Day on Monday — a big well done to all the children who have put themselves forward and spoken so confidently this week. We look forward to announcing our new ambassadors soon.*

*This week, we launched Black History Month with a whole-school assembly on Monday. The children have since watched a short film which explores themes of self-belief, identity and positive relationships through the story of Malachi — a young boy who, with the help of friends and local Black role models, discovers just how capable he truly is. If you'd like to watch the video at home, you can find it here: [The Boy Who Found His Confidence – YouTube](#). Follow-up learning and discussions will continue in class over the coming weeks, featuring topics such as the Bristol Bus Riots.*

*Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.*

***If you missed this week's letter about Harvest, here it is:***

*You may have seen in our recent school bulletins that our annual Harvest Festival is taking place on Wednesday 8th October. As this is always such a popular and well-attended event, and space in the hall is limited, we will be holding two assemblies on the day:*

- *Morning Assembly: 9.15am start (arrival from 9.00am)*
- *Afternoon Assembly: 2.45pm start (arrival from 2.30pm)*

*Please note that the afternoon assembly is a repeat of the morning one, so we ask that you don't come to both. Each assembly will last for around 30 minutes and will include class presentations on the theme of food waste, some harvest songs and a contribution from a representative of St Mark's Church.*

*You do not need a ticket to attend but please be aware that it may feel a little busy and seating may be limited. We will also be collecting donations for Arnold Food Bank to help support families in our local community. If you are able to contribute, the following items are most needed:*

- *Tinned Meat/Meals (e.g. corned beef, ham, hotdogs, meatballs, minced beef, chicken in white sauce, etc.)*
- *Pasta Sauce/Tinned Tomatoes*
- *Tinned Tuna/Fish*

- *Jam and Spreads (e.g. chocolate spread, honey, peanut butter)*
- *Tinned Fruit*
- *Tea and Coffee (particularly small 100g jars and packs of 40 teabags)*
- *Razors, Deodorant, Sanitary Towels, Shampoo, Shower Gel*
- *Chocolate Treats and Snacks, Biscuits, Crackers*
- *Rice Pudding and Custard*
- *Tinned Vegetables (especially peas, carrots, and sweetcorn)*
- *Tinned Soup (especially tomato and chicken)*
- *Noodles – pots and pack*

*Donations can be brought into school between Wednesday 1st October and Friday 10th October. More information about the food bank can be found at <https://arnold.foodbank.org.uk/>.*

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

### ***Birthdays:***

*This week we celebrated the birthdays of Grace, Dhilan, Athvik, Tamaira, Harry and Elliott.  
Happy Birthday!*

### ***Stars of the Week:***

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- *3 Grey – Esme and Athvik for respect and curiosity.*
  - *3 White – Colby and Grace for respect and curiosity.*

- 4 Orange – Esila for independence and Esme for determination.
  - 4 Yellow – Lyla for independence and being ready and Logan for determination and independence.
  - 5 Green – Annabelle for independence and determination and Elliott for being ready to learn.
    - 5 Red – Harry and Millie for curiosity and independence.
    - 6 Blue – Betsey and Jacob H for curiosity and independence.
  - 6 Purple – Thomas for curiosity and Rowan for determination and independence.
  - 6 Baker – Stanley for determination and independence and Iris for showing so much curiosity in maths.
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***Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind:***

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- Devrim takes time at lunchtime to hold the door for everyone and make sure they feel happy as they go into the dining hall.
  - Evelyn for a selfless and really kind act at playtime during the week.
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***TTRS***

*Both year 4 classes earned 5 minutes of reward time as everyone logged on to play this week.*

***Out of school achievements:***

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- Stanley's perseverance has paid off and he has earned a new swimming certificate.
  - Devrim has been trying incredibly hard with swimming and earned a certificate.
  - Esme earned a dance certificate for her ongoing efforts.
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*Well done all of you for your effort and determination.*

### **Roblox**

*"Steal A Brainrot" is a popular game on the Roblox platform that we know many of our children are currently playing at home. However, we are becoming increasingly aware that this particular game is proving tricky for some pupils to manage, particularly due to the nature of 'stealing' from other players. Some children have shared that they feel tricked or targeted by their peers in the game, and others have become quite upset when they have been 'stolen from'.*

*Unfortunately, the fallout from these online interactions has been spilling over into school life. A number of children have found it difficult to separate what happens in the game from real-life friendships and resolving issues related to the game has taken up a significant amount of learning time for both pupils and staff this week. This, in turn, has taken staff away from other duties and learning support.*

*Because of this, we feel it is important to let families know that Steal A Brainrot is not a game we would recommend at this time. As always, our advice to parents is to supervise children while they are online and to have regular conversations about what they are playing, who they are playing with and how the games make them feel.*

*Every child is different — what might be fun for one child could be distressing for another. For more information on how to help your child enjoy Roblox safely, the following guide from Internet Matters offers helpful advice: [Parents' Guide to Roblox – Internet Matters](#)*

### **October Sports Camp with Mr Ward & Mr Lindley**

*Looking for some half-term fun? Join Mr Ward and Mr Lindley for an action-packed October Sports Camp!*

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- **Dates:** Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th October 2025

- **Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

- **Activities:** Cricket, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, Tennis

- **Ages:** 5–11

- **Cost:** £18 per day
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 Sign up here: [Register Online](#)

*Don't miss out—spaces are limited!*

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### October Sports camp



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### **Boccia**

*A group of our children recently took part in a Boccia festival, proudly representing the school. They were fantastic ambassadors, showing great enthusiasm while learning new skills and displaying excellent sportsmanship when playing against other schools. We were especially proud of how well they demonstrated our school values throughout the event.*

### **Important Dates:**

Some important dates for this academic year have now been set and can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#).

*This is what is coming up in the next few weeks:*

***Please note that three new dates have been added and these can be seen in bold (Individual photo day on 6th October, Bonfire-themed lunch on 5th November and Christmas dinner day on 11th December).***

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Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026	
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 25	Year 5 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September 25	Year 4 welcome meeting – 3.45pm (Inc Dukes Barn)
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September 25	Year 3 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September 25	Year 6 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 25	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October 25	<b>Individual photo day</b> Y2 Prospective parents look around – 2.15pm
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October 25	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 9.15am
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October 25	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 25	Harvest Festival 9.15am and 2.45pm
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October 25	World Mental Health Day
Weds, 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25	Year 6 at Willersley Castle
Mon, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 25	Half term holiday
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 25	Inset Day
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Bonfire-themed lunch</b>
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November 25	BBC Children in Need day
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November TBC	FOAV Christmas Fair
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 25	Christmas concert at St Marks (times to be confirmed)
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 25	Save the Children Christmas jumper day <b>Christmas dinner day</b>

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### ***Making Sense of Autism***

*We are really lucky to be hosting two 'Making Sense of Autism' sessions for family members of autistic children. The sessions will be lead by the Communication and Interaction team from Nottinghamshire County Council, a team with whom we work closely in order to support children in the school. The team will share the most up-to-date thinking around autism, including latest research and support through a strength-based model.*

*These sessions are open to family members of children with a diagnosis or autism, or those whose families believe may be autistic. The aim of these sessions is to explore your child's strengths and support needs and encourage you to identify your child's individual profile of autism. Throughout the sessions, parents are encouraged to ask questions in the hope that parents learn from and support each other.*

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- **Wednesday 5th November 14:30 to 15:30.** Session 1: Social Understanding and Communication, Flexibility and Information Processing
  - **Wednesday 7th January 14:30 to 15:30.** Session 2 : Understanding Sensory Processing
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*If you feel these sessions will be helpful for your family, you are more than welcome to attend (tea and biscuits also provide). You can attend both or just one of the sessions. It would be helpful to have an indication of numbers, so if you are attending, please complete the form by clicking on the link*

*below.*[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cv9N3couG0e0GZGoXr7fEqdhvDLW0Z5Pp4DXP\\_ZvTfpUQTk2WU5JODVaSVQ3MVRLWThFQjlaRU9EWC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cv9N3couG0e0GZGoXr7fEqdhvDLW0Z5Pp4DXP_ZvTfpUQTk2WU5JODVaSVQ3MVRLWThFQjlaRU9EWC4u)

*If you have any questions, please contact Miss Oates on Dojo or by email (loates@arnovale.notts.sch.uk)*

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

#### ***MCAS User Guide***

*Here is a link to the MCAS user guide. It is a really great bedtime read! The office staff are also on hand to answer any MCAS related questions. <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/arnovale/UploadedDocument/50133ace-cba9-40df-b9a7-b5ab0caf9535/mcas-parent-guide-july-24-new-ui-version-1.pdf>*

#### ***School Dinners***

*A special bonfire-themed lunch will be served on Wednesday 5th November. More information to follow next week.*

*Our Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 11th December. More information to follow.*



### ***Y4 Dukes Barn residential***

*The first payment is now due. This can be paid on MCAS.*

### ***Y6 Hoodies***

*Payment can now be made on MCAS.*

### ***Request from FOAV***

*In preparation for our Christmas Fair, the FOAV are asking for donations of cuddly toys, pocket money toys, fidget toys and games. There is a basket in reception for donations.*

*Thank you!*

### ***Club Vale - Childcare Vouchers***

*If you are paying for Breakfast or After-School Club using childcare vouchers, please note the following important information:*

#### ***Booking deadlines***

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- Booking forms must be submitted by **midnight on Thursday** for the following week.*
  - You are welcome to book in advance for multiple weeks if this is easier.*
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#### ***Club times***

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- **Breakfast Club:** 7:30am until the start of the school day.*
- **After-School Club:** From the end of the school day until **5:30pm**.*

- *Please be aware that a late collection fee may apply to cover staff overtime costs.*
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### ***Childcare voucher payments***

*When you make a payment via your childcare voucher provider, there is an unavoidable delay before the funds appear on our system. This is because:*

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- 1. Voucher companies pay directly into the Trust's bank account.*
  - 2. The Finance Team must process and report the payments.*
  - 3. The school office is notified only after these reports are complete.*
  - 4. The payments then undergo two further audit checks before they can be fully applied to your account.*
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*Due to this process, accounts may temporarily show in arrears. Please don't worry—during this period, the school office will continue to make bookings on your behalf until the payment clears.*

*If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.*

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

### ***Community Links***

*Please check out our website for details about lots of things taking place in our community.*

*We also put important information from other organisations on this page such as a new update from the Healthy Family Team. The Healthy Family Team offer a variety of brief interventions and early support should you need this. They offer advice and support for behaviour, sleep, toileting (day and night), growth, development and healthy lifestyle.*

[\*Community News | Arno Vale Junior School\*](#)

***And finally, a plea for help.***

*One of our children has lost their Pokemon cards folder. It had no Pokemon markings on the outside so could have easily have been mixed in with other things. It was a white A4 folder and was almost full with cards. If anyone comes across this, please let us know.*

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