



Bulletin: Friday 5th June 2026 (website version)

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*We have enjoyed a really good first week back after the half term break. The summer term tends to be the busiest in a school with so much planned between now and the end of July.*

*Keep an eye on the bulletin and Class Dojo to stay up to date with everything that will be going on. Next week, we'll send out more detailed information about sports day. As you may have seen, this will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 18th June and you're welcome to attend.*

*Looking ahead to next week, we will be interviewing for a new Y3 teacher on Monday. Lots of the children will be involved with this process and we know they will be great representatives for Arno Vale.*

*Have a lovely weekend!*

### ***Hall/school dinners - Wednesday 10th June***

*Next Wednesday, the school hall will be unavailable as contractors will be on site installing new lighting. Unfortunately, this was the only day the work could be scheduled.*

*As a result, children will eat their lunch either in their classroom or, weather permitting, outside on the school field as a picnic.*

*As per the menu, Wednesday's school dinner will be:*

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- *Baguette with a choice of filling*
    - *Salad bar*
    - *Honey and oat cookie*
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*Thank you for your understanding while we carry out these improvements to our school facilities.*

### ***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, such as the new stage lighting system in the hall which is being installed next week. This will then be in use for our Y6 production later in the term.*

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## **Sport**

*On Tuesday, we took three cricket teams to take part in district level competitions: a Y6 team, a Y5 team and a girls only team. Luckily, the rain held off and the children had a great day showing off the skills they have been working on in PE lessons. In total, the teams played 14 games and won all 14 with some brilliant performances. As a result, all three teams were crowned Gedling Champions and have now all qualified for their respective County Final events. Well done cricketers!*


### **Father's Day Coffee & Cake**

*Celebrate Father's Day with us over coffee and cake! Some tickets are still available.*

 **Date:** Wednesday 24th June

 **Time:** 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

 **Booking:** The booking link is now live on MCAS. Cost: £8

 **Spaces:** Limited to 60 adults, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **One ticket per family. The ticket includes 1 adult and your child/children.**

*If any parents are attending with food allergies or intolerances, please email the office.*

*\*We understand that Mother's Day and Father's Day can hold different meanings for families based on individual circumstances. Our aim is to create welcoming events where all who wish to participate can do so. If you have any queries regarding these events, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd be happy to discuss them with you.*

*We look forward to welcoming you!*

### ***Celebration assembly***

*In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of Colby, Marin, Hunter, Serwan and Jake.*

### ***Stars of the week:***

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- *3 Grey – Lily and Dua for curiosity.*
- *3 White – Ella and Abdul-Haadi for curiosity and Effie for respect.*
- *4 Orange – Violet for determination and Jaxon for respect.*
- *4 Yellow – Toby D for respect and determination and Ela for determination.*
- *5 Green – Thomas for respect and curiosity and Jessica for respect and determination.*
- *5 Red – Isaac for determination and Caitlin for independence. The whole class also got a special mention for really impressing a visitor this week.*
- *6 Blue – Ruby and Edee for respect and independence.*

- *6 Purple – Isla and Eli for respect and independence.*
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***Mr Baker's special mention for kindness:***

*Thank you to the equipment monitors for doing a great job tidying up after everyone at playtimes, as well as picking up litter. Louis T helped somebody find their lost property. Grayson played a key role in helping to look after an injured bird.*

***Out of school achievements:***

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- *Gedling Southbank team members showed us their end of season trophies, with Esme also being awarded Parents' Player of the Year.*
    - *Ella showed us some exciting treasure she had found.*
  - *Ava-Belle told us about her football team being awarded the Respect Award from the league, as well as a gymnastics certificate.*
    - *Iylah was proud to show her achievements from dance and gymnastics.*
    - *Ted has created some stickers for an art show and was able to sell them!*
      - *Annabelle won 1st place in a freestyle dance competition.*
    - *Livvy showed us a kickboxing photo which showcased her best moves.*
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***Attendance***

*We understand that attendance can sometimes be a sensitive subject. However, as a school, we are required to follow the national and local authority guidelines regarding attendance and the issuing of penalty notices. These rules are in place to support every child's education and ensure consistency across schools.*

*Please know that if you receive a penalty notice, it is not intended as a personal judgement or criticism. We are simply fulfilling our legal obligations and following the procedures we are required to uphold.*

*We appreciate your understanding and continued support in helping us promote excellent attendance for all our pupils.*

*For more information, please see the [attendance policy on the school website](#).*

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Attendance	Missed learning	Impact
Above 97%	Less than 6 days of absence a year and minimal lost learning time. Excellent attendance!	Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best outcomes they can.
95%	Less than 10 days of absence in a year.	
90%	Approximately 20 days of absence over the year. This equates to around 110 hours of missed learning.	This is classed as persistent absence.
85%	Approximately 30 days of absence in a year. This equates to around 165 hours of missed learning.	Pupils with this level of absence will fall behind in all curriculum areas. It will be very difficult for them to catch up and achieve their intended outcomes.
80%	Approximately 40 days of absence in a year. This equates to around 220 hours of missed learning.	

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### ***Punctuality***

*We would also like to remind everyone of the importance of children arriving at school on time each day (by 8.55am). Even arriving just 5 minutes late may not seem much, but if this happens every day it adds up to over 900 minutes of missed learning time over the school year. Arriving late can also have other impacts on children. It can be unsettling to enter the classroom once learning has started, may cause them to miss important instructions and can affect their confidence and focus for the rest of the lesson/day. It can also disrupt learning for other children. We really appreciate your support in helping children arrive on time so they can start the day calmly, confidently and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support.*

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

### ***Sports Camp***

*Unfortunately, Mr Ward and Mr Lindley's summer sports camp can not take place this year. This is because we are having extensive work done in school to upgrade windows, doors, ceilings and toilets.*

### ***A plea...***

*Please can we ask for your help to make sure that children do not bring unnecessary items into school such as toys, games, balls, fidgets, plastic bracelets, key rings, teddys and similar items. These can become a distraction to learning and may also lead to items being lost or misplaced.*

*The exception to this is trading cards, which children may bring into school on Mondays and Fridays only.*

*Thank you for your support and understanding.*

### ***Uniform:***

*A reminder that Crocs, sliders, sports trainers and flip flops are not allowed as part of school uniform. On the subject of uniform, Mrs Illingworth has been sorting through the lost property and has found over £500 worth of unnamed clothing. Please could you check that all items of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly named.*

### ***Dates for your calendar:***

<b>Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates</b>	
	<b>2026</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Games afternoon (sports day)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	M&M Productions Jungle Book (in school)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back up School Games afternoon
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Arnold Hill Y6-7 transition days
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving up morning (new classes)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Dukes Barn 2027 meeting (for current Y3 parents)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	New parent meeting (for current Y2 parents)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Non uniform day to promote the summer fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	FOAV summer fair
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	FOAV Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Witterley Castle Y6 Residential
	<b>2027</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2027	Dukes Barn Y4 Residential
Monday 22nd February 2027	Inset Day
Friday 2nd July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 28th July 2027	Inset Day

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### **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**

*A parent of a Y5 child recently got in touch to say he'd just had his first book published. It is called Davey and Peter Episode 1 (by A.P. Morton -Wright) and can be found on Amazon.*

### **Fantasy Premier League Game - Final Standings**

*A huge well done to Katie Soroczyn, who took an early lead in the competition and then just couldn't be caught. Thank you to all of those who played. It certainly generated some good conversations on the playground!*

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Rank	Team & Manager	GW	Total
1	 <b>Sesko Meal Deal</b> Katie Soroczyn	54	2,303
2	 <b>Muriilo Kintyre</b> Matt Wilson	67	2,271
3	 <b>Forward Planning</b> Ben Honey	74	2,266
4	 <b>Goals Aloud</b> Kaitlin Jones	55	2,203
5	 <b>BB's</b> Bianca Baker	59	2,203
6	 <b>Strawberry Place</b> Chris Gillespie	57	2,188
7	 <b>Toby's Tinklers</b> Toby Joddrell	68	2,094
8	 <b>RuthNIFFC</b> Ruth Rolling	65	2,094
9	 <b>Osler Road</b> Samuel & Chris Honey	39	2,089
10	 <b>Thomas the Frank eng</b> Millie Salvin	38	2,072