



Bulletin: Friday 6th February 2026  
(website)

---

*In today's Celebration Assembly, we shared the results of our latest class challenge linked to kindness. Over the past month, it has been wonderful to witness and hear about so many thoughtful and caring actions taking place across the school. Children have been seen helping others in the playground, sharing resources in class, including others in games, offering kind words and encouragement to friends, doing jobs to help around school and showing patience and understanding when someone has needed support. These everyday acts of kindness make a big difference and help create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.*

*The winning classes were 4 Orange and 5 Green, who will enjoy 20 minutes of reward time. It was a very close competition, and every class did extremely well. In recognition of this, all other classes were awarded 15 minutes of reward time for their fantastic efforts.*

*We would never pretend that everything is perfect all of the time. Of course, there have also been moments when unkind words or actions have occurred. When you are working with around 240 young children, this is something that will naturally happen from time to time. Our role as a school is to support and educate children so that when things don't go well, or when someone says or does something unkind, they learn how to deal with it in positive ways and reflect on their actions. This is a normal and important part of growing up, and our staff work hard to ensure that any issues are addressed fairly, sensitively and with learning at the heart of every conversation. We may not always get it right, but we certainly never intend to get it wrong.*

### ***Celebration assembly***

*In today's assembly we celebrated the birthdays of:*

*Amelia M, Rowan H, Thomas M, Eliza C, Eva E, Edith R, Thomas B, Joanna B, Ben H, Sum Yau N, Coralie P and Amelia B.*

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

*As well as the usual celebrations of our school values, this week's Stars also linked to our current challenge of kindness and to our recent assembly about resilience.*

---

- 3 Grey – Iris for kindness, Bobby for resilience and Leo T for independence.*
- 3 White – Alfie for kindness, Grace for resilience and Ava Belle for independence.*
- 4 Orange – Amelia B for kindness, Harrison for resilience and Solomon for determination.*
- 4 Yellow – Lydia for kindness, Ruben for resilience and Moses for determination.*
- 5 Green – Evie for kindness, Lucas for resilience and Eva for independence.*

- *5 Red – Amelia for kindness, Theo for resilience and Elsie for kindness.*
  - *6 Blue – Sofia for kindness, Jasper for resilience and Serwan for independence.*
  - *6 Purple – Iris for kindness, Annis for resilience and Dylan H for curiosity.*
    - *6 Baker – Evan for resilience and Iris for curiosity.*
- 
- 

***Out of school achievements:***

*Well done all of you for your determination.*

---

---

- *Teddy TC, Leon and Gabriella all told us about their hard work in their swimming lessons.*
  - *Ruben was proud to say about his recent swimming and karate achievements.*
    - *Evelyn shared a beautiful piece of art she had created.*
  - *Grayson told us about his fishing achievements after a marathon session!*
  - *Alex was proud to talk about a gymnastics competition and shared the medal she earned.*
  - *Grace was awarded Player of the Game from her football team for resilience when playing in different positions and scoring!*
    - *Ashton has been doing incredibly well with his golf achievements.*
  - *Joanna had the amazing honour of being a mascot at last weekend's Forest match.*
- 
- 

***Sport:***

---

---

- *Ivy, Michael and James represented school in a cross country county final. What a brilliant achievement!*

- *Our Y5/6 athletics team qualified for the next stage of the competition when performing to a high standard at yesterday's first heat. The children have been working very hard in training with Mr Ward and all that hard work paid off. They represented school brilliantly and it was particularly pleasing to hear how they all supported each other during the field and track events. The children were the first to wear our brand new school kit, which has very kindly been sponsored by Amelia and Mikaeel's dad. He owns 1stchoice Card Payments. A very big thank you from us!*
- 
- 

### **Road Safety Workshop**

*This week, all children took part in a road safety workshop, which helped them develop a greater understanding of how to stay safe when travelling to and from school and when out in the community. They learned about crossing roads safely, being aware of traffic, using pedestrian crossings correctly and making sensible choices as pedestrians and cyclists. These sessions are especially important in helping children build confidence and responsibility around roads and vehicles. This also links closely to last week's message about parking, and we thank families for continuing to support us by helping to keep the areas around school safe for everyone.*

### **Resilience**

*My assembly on Monday looked at resilience. We watched this video [Wellbeing For Children: Resilience](#) which covers the following topics in a clear, age-appropriate way:*

---

---

- *What is resilience?*
  - *How to master your emotions*
  - *How to deal with stressful times*
    - *Accepting change*
    - *Managing emotions*
- 
- 

### **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).

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

### **Walking to and from school and collection arrangements**

We know that as children get older, families sometimes make different arrangements for journeys to and from school – whether that's walking independently, being collected by an older sibling or going home with another trusted adult.

National guidance advises parents to carefully consider their child's age, maturity and ability to keep themselves safe before allowing them to travel without direct adult supervision.

Things to think about include:

- 
- How familiar your child is with the route
  - Road safety awareness and confidence in crossing safely
  - What they would do if plans change or something goes wrong
  - Whether they know who is authorised to collect them
- 

At Arno Vale, we usually only agree for children in **Year 6** to walk alone/without direct adult supervision. If this applies to your child, you must inform the school office of the exact arrangements so that our records are accurate and up to date. Please also let us know straight away if anything changes. Irrespective of age, we do ask that all children are collected by an adult when it is dark (for example, if they stay behind for an after school club).

### **Respectful Communication**

*We kindly remind all members of our school community that respectful communication is essential. It is not acceptable to engage with school staff in an aggressive manner or to use foul, abusive or derogatory language, whether in person, over the phone, or in writing on Dojo or by email. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a positive, supportive and respectful environment for everyone.*

### **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](mailto: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.*

### **General messages**

#### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

*The final total raised at our Macmillan Coffee Morning has now been confirmed at £1084.36. Thank you so much for your kind donations. We have been told that this amount could fund a cancer information nurse specialist to support 10 people affected by cancer and provide information, such as how to manage side effects, treatment options, living with cancer and coping with grief.*

#### **Music lessons**

*Music lessons are now available for you to make payment (guitar and ukulele only) via MCAS.*

#### **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.*
-

---

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

*Here are some important dates for this academic year:*

---

<b>Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2025 to 2026</b>	
<b>2026</b>	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school Drumba workshops as part of our health and wellbeing day.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Road safety workshops for all children
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
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOAV film night
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
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Minecraft workshops
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	FOAV disco
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 Crag
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
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)
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
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

---