



Bulletin: Friday 7th November 2025 (website version)

It's been great to welcome everyone back after the half-term break — the children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm for the busy weeks ahead.

Yesterday marked a special moment as we said farewell to our catering manager Mrs Jane Tait. After 12 years of dedicated service in the Arno Vale kitchen (and many more across other local schools), Mrs Tait is now looking forward to a well-earned retirement and more time with her family. We thank her for her hard work, warmth and commitment — she will be missed by children and staff alike.

You may have noticed that our school website is currently down — it seems technology likes to keep us on our toes! The Trust's IT team is investigating the issue, and we hope to have everything back up and running very soon. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

This week, our class ambassadors have been busy selling poppy merchandise in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We're very proud of their efforts and the generosity shown by our school community. Once the donations have been counted, we'll let you know the total raised for this worthwhile cause.

As we head into the weekend, we wish all our families an enjoyable and safe time — especially if you're heading out to any bonfire or fireworks displays. Please do take care.

Next week promises to be another busy one, with Children in Need taking place on Friday (details below).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life.

Dates for your calendar:

Friday 21st November: *Non uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas Fair. More information is on the FOAV poster below.*

Tuesday 9th December: *Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church. There will be two performances (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Full details to follow in the next few weeks.*

A full list of upcoming dates will be published in next week's bulletin.



I know that class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and as always, they will provide you with a general overview about your child and their academic progress. However, we want to ensure that the discussions are as productive as possible and we'd like to focus more on the areas that matter most to you.

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if there is anything specific you would like to discuss during your 10-minute appointment. Thank you for helping us tailor your meeting to address what's most important to you and your child.

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Note: If you have more than one child at the school, please complete a separate form for each child.

To help us keep the evening running smoothly, please note that each appointment is limited to 10 minutes. If you feel more time is needed to discuss your child's progress, we'd be very happy to arrange a separate meeting at a convenient time.

Book Fair

Dates: Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th November and Monday 17th November

Venue: The library

Time: 3:40pm

Payment will need to be made on a card. We cannot take cash.

The children will be completing wish lists which can be used to order books if you cannot make it in person. These will come home next week. Please make it clear which books you are ordering from the list and do not return the wish list unless you are ordering from it.

Competition winners:

Y3: Effie

Y4: Harry T.

Y5: Ben H.

Y6: Edee

Best overall: Imogen J.

All winners will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair.

Children In Need

On Thursday we posted a letter on Dojo about Children In Need:

National Anti-Bullying Week is really important to our school as it supplements our PSHE curriculum. Anti-Bullying Week is a nationwide initiative that highlights the issue of bullying and encourages individuals to take action against it. It emphasizes the importance of fostering a culture of respect and support, where bullying is not tolerated, and every person is valued. The theme this year is 'Power for Good.' More information about bullying can be found here via the Anti-Bullying Alliance website: [Anti-Bullying Week](#)

Odd Socks Day is taking place on Monday 10th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We look forward to seeing the differences on show!

Children in Need takes place on Friday 14th November this year. During the day, children will be taking part in classroom-based discussions to understand the work of the money raised; where it goes and who it helps. There is also a focus this year on positive relationships and mental health, which both tie in perfectly with national Anti-Bullying Week.

We are inviting children to come to school wearing something that will make them feel happy/comfortable. This could be their favourite outfit, onesie, football kit or anything else that makes them feel happy! Children may also choose to wear some Pudsey merchandise if this is something they already own. As always, full uniform can be worn on the day if that's what your child prefers.

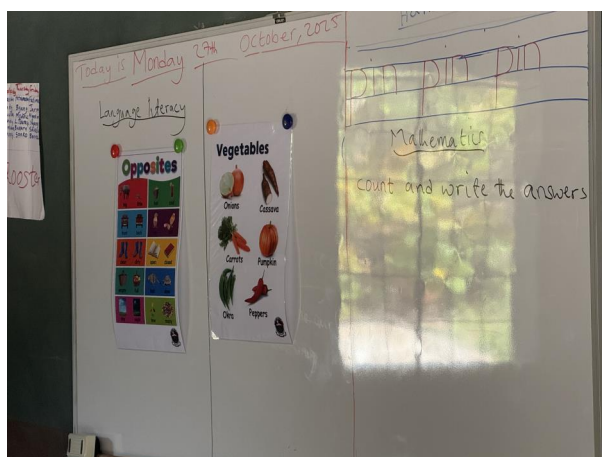
In return for taking part, a small donation to the Children in Need charity would be appreciated. To do so, please donate via this link: [Arno Vale is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#) Unfortunately, cash donations cannot be accepted on this occasion.

A wonderful message from Mrs Tinkler

Hi everyone,

While we were away at half term we went to a local bookshop, over in The Gambia, and spent the money the staff gave me when I retired. Using that money, and a bit more that was donated before we left, we managed to purchase 110 books! Thanks again for supporting the school over there in that way! We went to the school on the Thursday to deliver the books and they were really pleased to receive them. When we went back in the second week they were already using the posters we got printed using some of the money the old year 6s raised during their charity event. This money was also spent on a new white board to replace their old termite eaten black board!





Online safety

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.

General messages

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- The Making Sense of Autism training has now been reorganised for the 20th November from 14.30 to 15.30. Please contact Miss Oates for more information.*
 - Payments for the Y5 trip to the Holocaust Centre and Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn (installment 2) are now due.*
 - Payments for guitar and ukulele autumn term lessons are now also due (via MCAS).*
 - Parents have until the end of this Sunday to take advantage of the £5 discount on school photos from Star Vision.*
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As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.

Birthdays:

This week we celebrated lots of birthdays: Sam, Dylan and Betsey (from before half term), Charlie, Lily, Gabriella, Hugo, Solomon, Mikaeel, Olive, Xavi, Emily, Oliver, Amelia, Maisie and Noah (during half term), Marley and Eric (this week).

Stars of the Week:

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- *3 Grey – Phoebe P and Theo for curiosity.*
 - *3 White – Oscar for curiosity, Noah for being ready to learn, and Ted for determination.*
 - *4 Orange – Dhilan for curiosity (and challenging his teacher with tricky questions) and Alfie for respect.*
 - *4 Yellow – Toby D for independence and Teddy TC for curiosity.*
 - *5 Green – Imogen and Toby for curiosity.*
 - *5 Red – Tom for respect (and being Mr Hill's computing inspiration) and Molly for curiosity.*
 - *6 Blue – Edee and Jacob C for curiosity and being ready to learn.*
 - *6 Purple – Alex for determination and Grayson for curiosity.*
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Mr Baker's special mentions:

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- *Teddy B, Finn, Seb and Lucas looked after a friend who was hurt.*
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- *4 Orange earned 5 minutes of reward time for having the most people logging on to play this week.*
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Out of school achievements:

- *We had a record breaking number of swimming certificates. Nathaniel, Oliver, Edith, Elliott and Molly have worked really hard to either complete their stage of swimming, or swim a certain distance. They must be very tired!*
 - *Bella and Joanna impressed their football coaches and both earned Player of the Game in their recent football matches.*
 - *Imogen not only showed us a medal from a tennis competition, but also the Blue Peter Eco badge she has just received.*
 - *Adrian showed us his certificates from a recent football training camp.*
 - *Charlie explained about a recent event at Leicester City academy.*
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Well done all of you for your effort and determination.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

School Dinners

Please take a few moments to complete our short survey. We're keen to find out which dishes your children enjoy most—and which are less popular. This information will help our catering team when planning the menu and will hopefully be another step towards reducing food waste.

Even if your child doesn't currently have school dinners, your feedback is still valuable. We'd like to understand why and explore how we might improve the service.

Thank you for your time and support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/scEHBAYvFz>

Photo consent:

We're currently in the process of updating photo consents on our new administration system. 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.

Childcare vouchers:

Because the trust now receive all childcare voucher payments and this results in slight delays in us getting the information, can we request that all parents using the voucher schemes please include on the Arno Vale Club Vale booking form or email to clubvale@arnovale.notts.sch.uk the following information: the voucher company name, reference number, date and amount paid. This will help the office staff enormously.

Saville Road / Arno Vale Road:

Parking and congestion continue to be ongoing challenges for our school and others in the local area. We are once again asking for everyone's support in keeping the area around our school safe for all children, families, staff and residents.

Please help us by following these important guidelines:

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- ***Walk to and from school whenever possible*** – it reduces traffic and supports healthier lifestyles.

- ***Do not use the school car park at drop-off and pick-up times unless you have been granted prior permission by the Headteacher.***
 - ***Be respectful to our neighbours – please avoid blocking driveways or causing obstructions.***
 - ***Drive slowly and with care – children can be unpredictable near roads.***
 - ***Observe road markings – particularly the zigzag lines on Saville Road, which must be kept clear for safety.***
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Children Using Bikes or Scooters

If your child travels to school by bike or scooter, we strongly recommend they wear a helmet. Research shows that helmets significantly reduce the risk of serious brain injury and death in the event of a fall or collision. A helmet can absorb most of the impact, protecting the head and brain. We also ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden on the school grounds.

School Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only, unless specific permission has been given by the Headteacher. This helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone on site. In exceptional circumstances, where permission has been granted, we ask that you park with the utmost care and consideration.
