



Bulletin: Thursday 2nd July 2026 (website version)

We are thrilled to celebrate a historic achievement by our girls' cricket team, who were crowned Nottinghamshire County Champions for the second consecutive year earlier this week. It was a flawless performance on finals day at Caythorpe Cricket Club—winning all five matches in fine style!

As a reward for their success, the team have advanced to the regional finals, which will take place tomorrow at Leicestershire County Cricket Club's Grace Road ground. Despite it posing a few logistical issues to arrange at such short notice (and with it being an Inset Day), we are

really looking forward to seeing how the team get on against the best teams from Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.

Yesterday, our Y6 boys' cricket team also took part in the Nottinghamshire County Final. The standard was incredibly high but our team performed so well. After winning two of their five matches, the team finished in 7th place out of the whole county.

Tonight, our Y5/6 girls' football team will be playing Lowdham in the Gedling District Final. Kick off is at 3.50pm at Redhill Academy. Good luck girls!

World Cup

Following the announcement of England's kick-off time this weekend, we would like to confirm that school will be operating as normal on Monday. Lessons will begin at the usual time, and we look forward to welcoming all pupils into school ready for the day ahead. We appreciate that some families may be watching the match and encourage everyone to ensure children get as much rest as possible. It is a real shame for lots of us that the time is so inconvenient.

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.



Summer Fair

Today has been a non-uniform day to promote next week's Summer Fair. In return for wearing non-uniform, children were asked to bring in the following donations:

- ***Year 3 & 4 – Bottles (any kind). However, anything glass will need to be dropped off at the office by an adult.***
 - ***Year 5 & 6 – Hamper items in your class colour: Purple, Blue, Red or Green***
 - ***All - pocket money toys, cuddly toys, wrapping paper, new toiletries, gift sets, new toys etc... We kindly ask that all donations are in good working order and of a suitable quality for use or resale. Please leave donations in the tub in the foyer or with the staff in the office.***
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Please also ensure that no products containing nuts are sent in to school.

You can still send things in between now and next Friday.

Summer Fair – Friday 10th July

Time: 3:35–5:00pm (straight after school)

*We're excited to invite you to our Summer Fair, taking place on **Friday 10th July**. There will be plenty of fun, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy—don't miss it!*

Celebration assembly

Birthdays:

This week we celebrated the birthdays of Elsie, Erin and Arabella.

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Reggie, Esme and Samuel for being ready to learn.*
 - *3 White – Cressida for respect, James for independence and Eliza for curiosity and determination.*
 - *4 Orange – Harvey, Amelia B and Meredith for respect and independence.*
 - *4 Yellow – Rio for curiosity, Logan for independence and Emily for respect.*
 - *5 Green – Thomas for curiosity, Annabelle for determination and Raife for kindness.*
 - *5 Red – Annabelle and Edith for helping others and Alice for independence.*
 - *Year 6 – Ivy, Marley, Ronnie, James and Jacob C and for showing determination in their performance rehearsals.*
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Out of school achievements:

- *Gedling Southbank Wolves (Ava, Millie, Amelia, Edith, Elsie, Annabelle, Molly, Jessica and Imogen) were very proud to tell us about winning a recent football tournament.*
 - *Teddy shared his end of season football trophy*
 - *Thomas has earned an archery award.*
 - *Ava-Belle, Elias and Gracie took part in the muddy Race for Life. They had lots of fun and raised money for charity.*
 - *Leon was proud to share a racing trophy for coming third in a very tough competition.*
 - *Adrian shared his end of season award and showed us some comic illustrations he has done.*
 - *Joanna and Leo showed their football medals from a recent tournament.*
 - *Leo also told us about the Gladiators Experience that he enjoyed taking part in.*
 - *Bobby enjoyed telling us about a swimming event he took part in.*
 - *Nancy was awarded a trophy for great partner work at Acro.*
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Help Our School Library Win £1,000!

We need your help! If you have a spare minute, please nominate our school for the National Book Tokens #rebuildthelibrary prize draw.

Our school could win £1,000 in National Book Tokens to buy new books for our library. Plus, everyone who nominates a school is entered into a draw to win a £100 National Book Token to spend on books for themselves.

Thank you for your support!



General messages from the office and reminders from previous bulletins

Nut Free Site

*To ensure the safety of all our children and staff, please do not send any items containing nuts to school. This includes snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats. Even trace amounts of nuts can cause severe allergic reactions in some children, **so your cooperation is essential in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.***

Free School Meals (FSM) - changes to eligibility

There have been some national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, and we wanted to share the key points with you. Some changes affect schools, while others may require action from parents and carers.

One of the biggest updates is that families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify for free school meals even if their income is above £7,400 per year.

Summary of changes:

- Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 or below will continue to qualify for free school meals. This is now called Targeted FSM, and it also provides Pupil Premium funding to support your child's school.*
- Families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 may also now be eligible. This new category is called Expanded FSM, and it is expected to increase the number of children who can receive a free school meal.*

Applications for Free School Meals can currently be made through Nottinghamshire County Council's Citizen Portal by following Free School Meals. The guidance for parents is likely to be updated as the local authority refine their processes, and we will share any amendments as soon as they are received.

Dates for your calendar:

A reminder that the Father's Day event has now been rearranged for Monday 20th July at 2.30pm. All original bookings will move over to this new date. If you had booked but are no longer able to attend, please contact the office.

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
2026	
Thursday 18 th June	School Games afternoon (sports day)
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)
Thursday 2 nd July	Non uniform day to promote the summer fair
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
Friday 17 th July	FOAV Disco
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 leavers' foam party
Friday 24 th 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 th to Friday 16 th October 2026	Willersley Castle Y6 Residential
2027	
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd January 2027	Dukes Barn Y4 Residential
Monday 22nd February 2027	Inset Day
Friday 2nd July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 28th July 2027	Inset Day

Community news and 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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