



Bulletin: Friday 11th July 2025

Roll on winter! Only joking!

With the recent hot weather, we've taken extra measures to keep everyone safe and as comfortable as possible. Children are regularly reminded to drink plenty of water, wear hats and sun cream. We're also limiting time spent in the sun during the hottest parts of the day when necessary.

We were incredibly lucky to welcome a team of volunteers from Xylem UK into school this week. Over two days, 10 volunteers kindly gave their time and energy to help improve our outdoor spaces — and they did an amazing job!

The team worked hard on a wide range of tasks including:

- *Cleaning and painting the bin area*
 - *Refurbishing our forest school*
 - *Painting benches*
 - *Tidying around planters and tyres*
 - *Trimming the hedge by Year 3 exit*
 - *Pressure washing chairs and clearing paths*
 - *De-mossing and cutting back overgrown areas*
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We're so grateful for the huge amount of effort they put in — the difference around the school is fantastic.

Even more inspiring is that their volunteer work also supports Xylem Watermark, a global initiative that helps provide access to safe water and sanitation in communities around the world. So while helping us locally, they're also making a global impact.

A big thank you to Esme's dad Haider and the whole Xylem team for their time, energy and commitment — and also to our very own amazing volunteer Mr Manchester, who looked after the team so brilliantly on both days!

The final two weeks of term look incredibly busy. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any reminders.

Have a lovely weekend.









Parent View

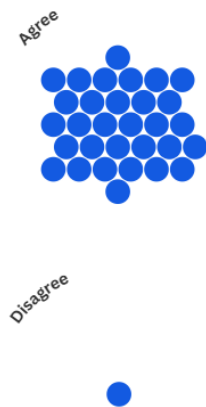
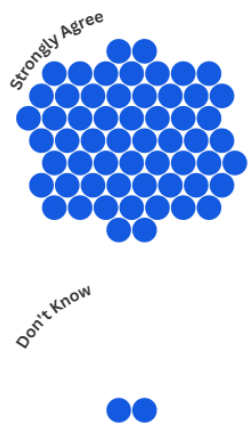
A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaire — we had an amazing 93 responses!

We're very grateful for the positive feedback and some lovely comments about the work we're doing. Your support means a great deal to us.

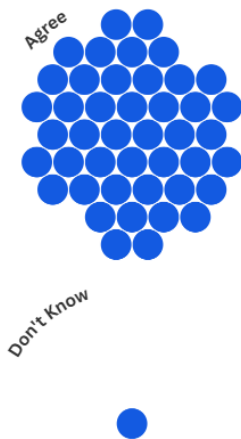
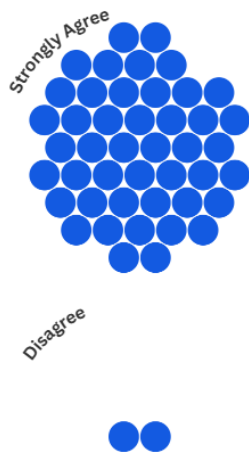
Of course, we're always looking to improve, so we'll be carefully reviewing any constructive suggestions and considering what small tweaks we can make to enhance the experience for both children and families.

You can view the results in the attached images. Thank you again for your continued support!

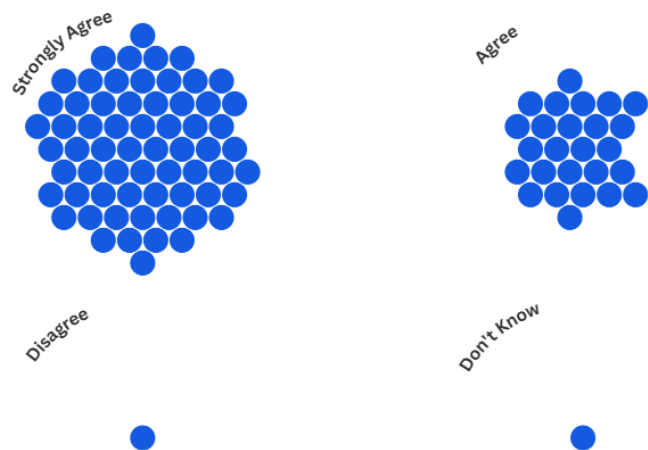
I would recommend Arno Vale Junior School to another parent.



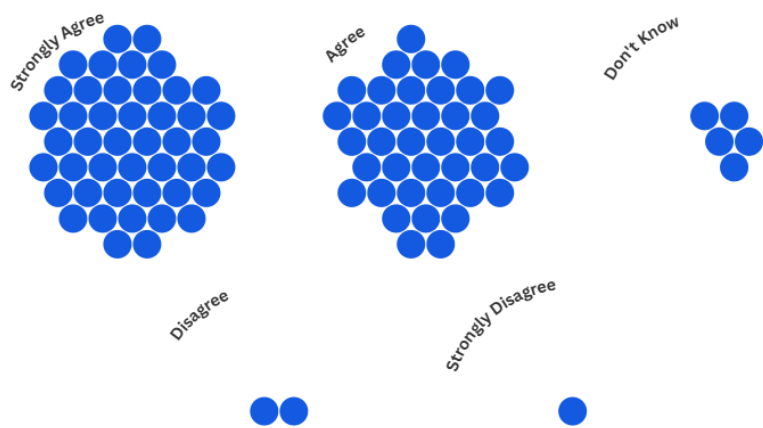
My child does well at school.



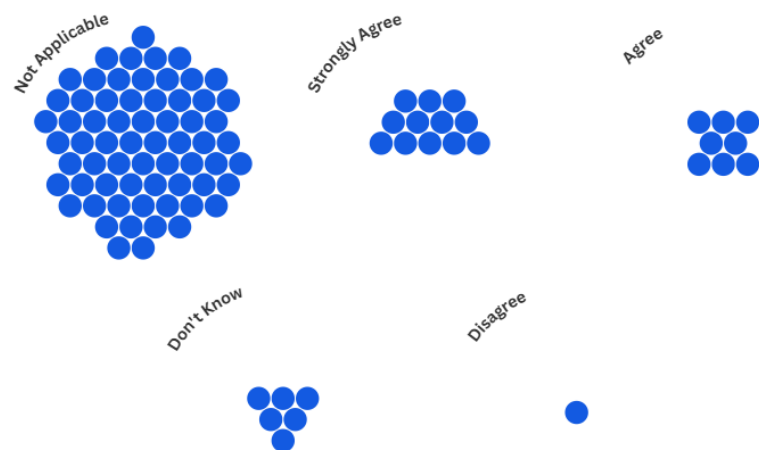
My child feels safe at Arno Vale Junior School.



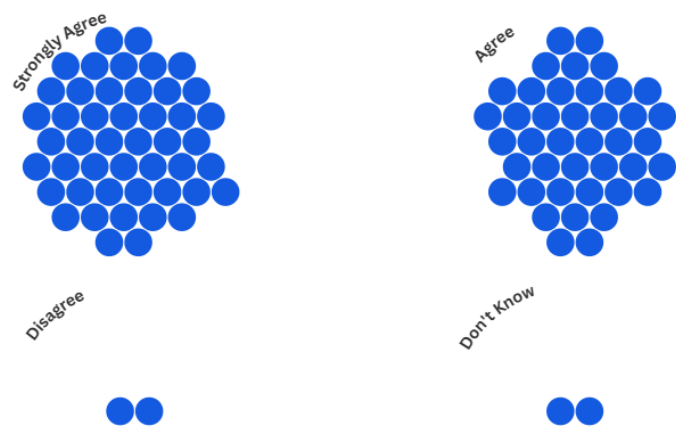
My child has opportunities to take part in a range of clubs and activities at the school.



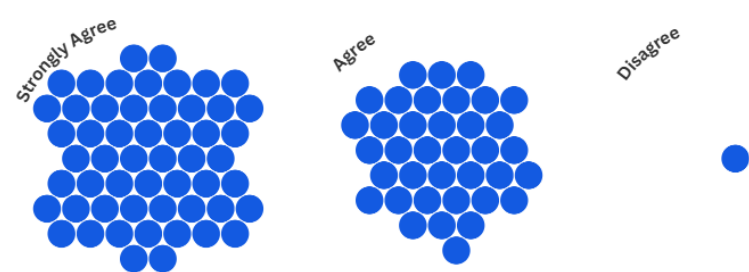
My child has SEND and the school takes all reasonable measures to give them the support they need.



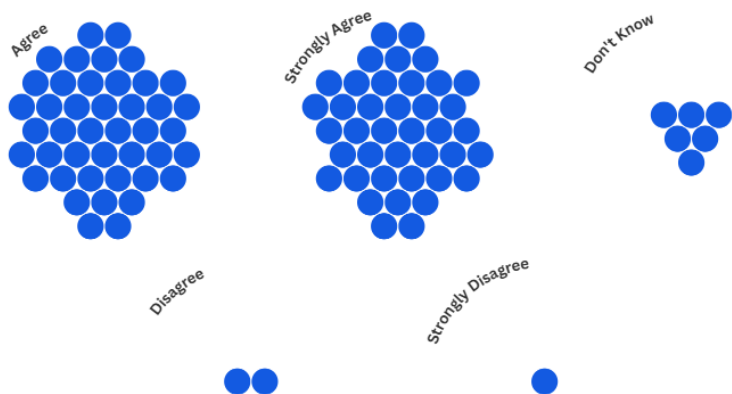
My child has the opportunity to study a range of subjects as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.



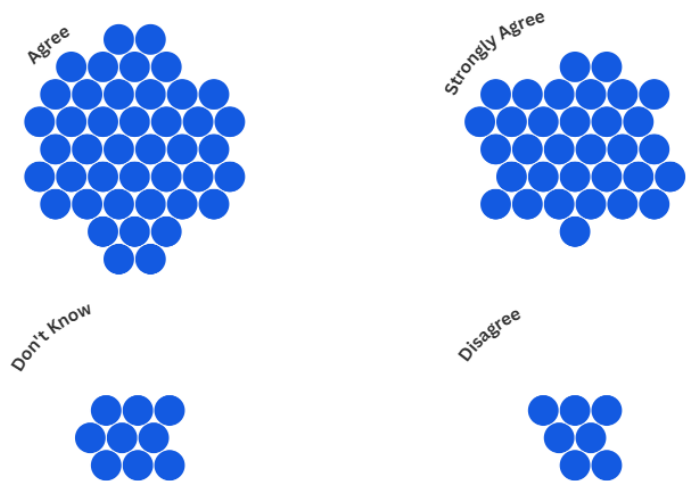
My child is happy at Arno Vale Junior School.



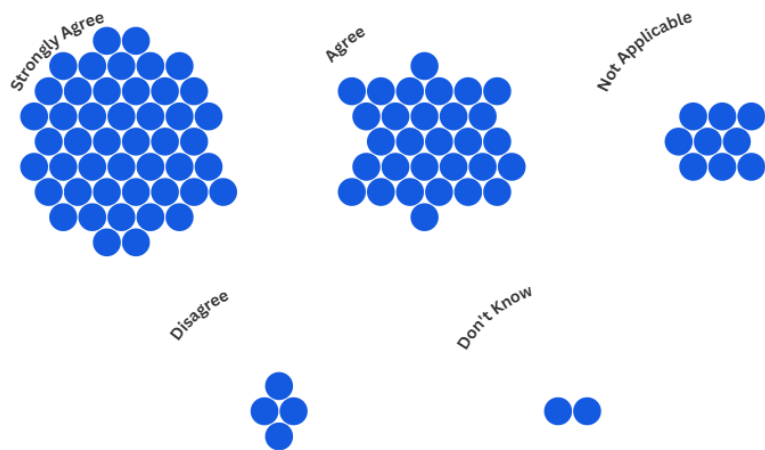
The school has effective measures in place to promote good behaviour, and instances of misbehaviour are addressed appropriately.



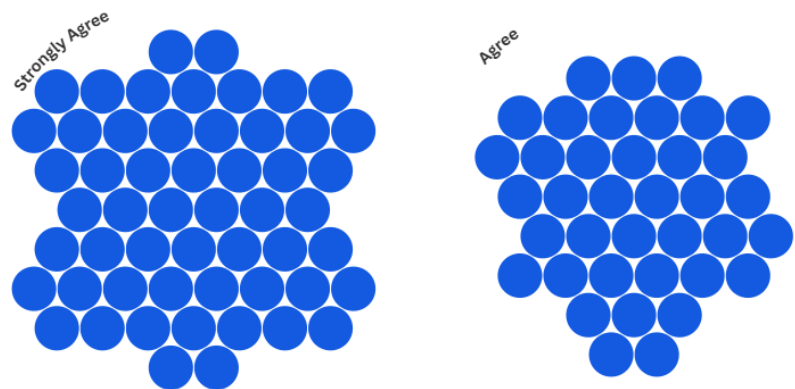
The school has high expectations for my child.



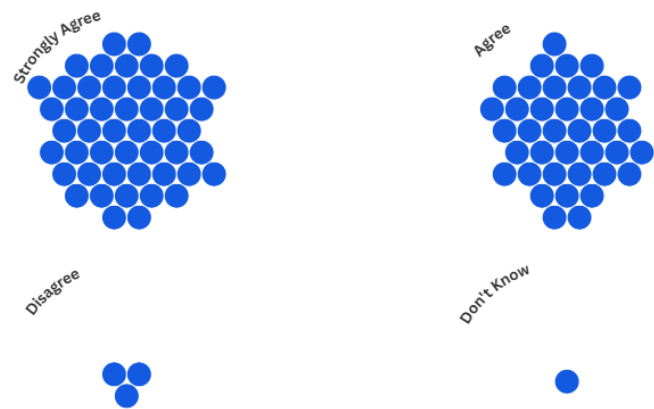
The school has responded to any concerns I've raised in a timely, respectful and effective manner.



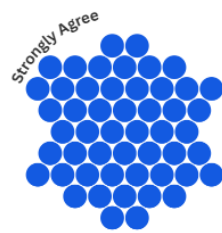
The school keeps me well-informed about what's happening (e.g. through weekly bulletins).



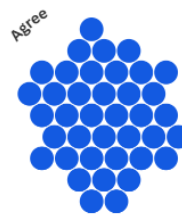
The school lets me know how my child is doing at relevant points throughout the year (e.g. at parents evenings).



The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (for example: on Class Dojo and/or on the website).



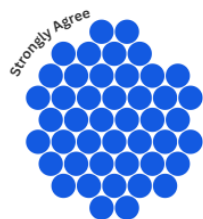
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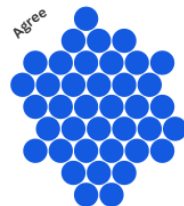
Don't Know



The school supports my child's wider personal development by helping them to grow as a person, not just with schoolwork. They learn things like confidence, teamwork and how to make good choices.



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



Mr Ward and Mr Lindley's Summer Sports Camps

These will take place on the following dates:

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- 5th, 6th, 7th August
 - 12th, 13th, 14th August
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[Click here for more information and to book a place.](#)

Summer Fair

Summer Fair – Friday 18th July

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

We're excited to invite you to our Summer Fair, taking place on **Friday 18th July**. There will be plenty of fun, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy—don't miss it!

Thank you for all the donations that came in to school today. A reminder that **FOAV** is kindly asking for the following donations before next Friday:

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- **Year 3 & 4** – Bottles (any kind)
 - **Year 5 & 6** – Hamper items in your class colour: Purple, Blue, Red or Green
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We Need Your Help!

The fair can't go ahead without volunteers. If you're able to help on the day or in the lead-up, even for just a short time, please get in touch with Carly, Kate, or Becky at foav@arnovale.notts.sch.uk A really useful time to have helpers in school is straight after drop off at 8.55am.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now available to purchase on MCAS – just £1 per strip!

There are plenty of good prizes on offer, including a family ticket to the Hundred at Trent Bridge, Boots beauty hampers and floral baskets from local garden centres.

Brown Bags

*These have been sent home this week and contain the instructions for what to do with them.
Please return them before Friday. Many thanks.*

We kindly ask that all donations are in good working order and of a suitable quality for use or resale.

Arno Vale Summer Fair

Friday 18 July 2025 – 3.35pm-5.00pm

PAPER BAG INFORMATION

As we all know, the children LOVE the paper bag stall, so we really appreciate getting as many of these back as possible, so each child has a chance to buy one.

HOW IT WORKS:

STEP 1 - Ask your child to decorate the bag as brightly as possible.

STEP 2 – Return the bag to school with a small gift inside – gender neutral if possible.

STEP 3 – Come to the fair on 18 July to support the school & raise funds for more equipment & activities for our children.

IDEAS OF WHAT TO PUT INTO YOUR BAG:

* books * pens * pencils * notebooks * sweets * chocolates *
* card games * fidget toys * other small toys * craft items *
* anything else that 7-11 year olds will like *

**Please bring your decorated bags with a gift
or book into classrooms no later
than Friday 18 July 2025**

ARNO VALE FRIDAY 18TH OF JULY

SUMMER FAIR

We need your donations:

- * Good condition toys and plushies
 - * Items that can be used in hampers
 - * Bottles for the Bottlebola
- Please leave donations in reception



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

Birthdays:

This week we celebrated the birthdays of Arabella, Lewis and Logan. Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Zac W for curiosity and Arabella for respect.*
 - *3 White – Devrim for determination and Oliver for respect.*
 - *4 Orange – Ella and Haaniyah-Noor for determination.*
 - *4 Yellow – Mason and Lakai for determination, Maya for kindness and Chloe for respect.*
 - *5 Green - Annis and Eli for independence.*
 - *5 Red – Lewis for independence and Amelia for determination.*
 - *Year 6 – Jasmine, Freya, James A and George for putting 100% effort into being ‘performance ready’.*
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Mr Baker’s special mention for catching people being kind:

Thomas, Iona, Cora and Toby were a big help to me when I was putting up the lighting for the year 6 performance.

TTRS:

100% of 4 Orange logged on and played this week! Well done 4 Orange!

Out of school achievements:

- *Oliver and Nathaniel showed us their Bronze scout award. Sounds like they had to work hard to earn them!*
 - *Eliza, Joe G, Lydia and Naomi told us about their swimming achievements – lots of effort from them.*
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Well done everyone!





Sport:

We are thrilled to celebrate a historic achievement by our girls' cricket team, who were crowned Nottinghamshire County Champions after a flawless performance on finals day at Caythorpe Cricket Club—winning all five of their matches!

As a reward for their success, the team advanced to the regional finals in Sleaford just days later. Despite it posing a few logistical issues to arrange at such short notice, the team once

again showed immense character and determination, winning four out of five matches against tough competition from Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.

This marks the first 'County Champions' title for our school since the girls' football team triumphed at that level back in 2012. What a team—congratulations to our champions!

This week, our Y5 cricket team also took part in the Nottinghamshire County Final. After an unbeaten start to the day, they lost out in the semi-finals and eventually finished fourth overall. Another wonderful achievement and I know Mr King was hugely impressed with the skills on show.





Online Safety:

We know that navigating the online world your child is growing up in can sometimes feel overwhelming. To support you, we're signposting a resource that provides clear, easy-to-understand guides for parents on some of the most popular social media platforms used by children, such as Tiktok, Snapchat, Instagram and Whatsapp.

These Online Safety Posters from the National College offer practical tips on how to keep your child safe online, including advice on privacy settings, content filters and how each platform works.

 [Click here to explore the guides](#)

Take a few moments to browse—just a little knowledge can make a big difference in keeping your child safe online.

Would you like the opportunity to have your writing published?

*Last year, five of our children wrote a mini saga and had their work published in a book. This year, the competition is back. It is open to all children between 7 and 12 years old. You need to write a mini saga, a story of no more than 100 words. The theme is **Monster Tales**. All entrants will receive a bookmark and a sticker. The school with the best set of entries will win £1000 and the top five entries will win a goody bag worth over £100.*

If you would like to enter, please see Mrs Blakemore for an entry form. The closing date is 25th July if you are submitting the entry yourself. If you would like Mrs Blakemore to submit your entry, please return it to her by 18th July.

Attendance

We understand that attendance can sometimes be a sensitive and contentious 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 all 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.

General Messages:

Tuck Shop

Tuck shop for September is now available to book on MCAS.

School Meals

Due to rising costs, the Governors have recently approved an increase in the price of school meals to £3.00 per day, starting from September. We still believe this represents good value for money, given the high quality of the food and the varied, nutritious menu on offer each day.

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on site (with the exception of assistance dogs).

Books

As we approach the end of term, please check at home for any books which have been borrowed from school and return them to your class. We will be closing the school library on Friday 18th July so we can get it ready to reopen when we start back in September.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct school shoes — plain black, practical and suitable for daily activities. Trainers, Crocs, flip flops and fashion shoes are not part of our uniform. As communicated previously, smart, flat sandals that securely fasten are permitted in warmer weather. Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and a smart school appearance.

INSET Days 2025/26

A reminder that next academic year, both Arno Vale Junior School and Woodthorpe Infant School will have the following INSET days:

- *Monday 1st September 2025*
 - *Monday 3rd November 2025*
 - *Monday 23rd February 2026*
 - *Friday 3rd July 2026*
 - *Monday 27th July 2026*
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And finally...

This week, due to some staff absence, I found myself donning an apron and joining the kitchen team to help serve lunch. Tucked away in a Headteacher's job description is a handy little line: "Conduct any other duties and responsibilities as required." In the past, this has seen me doing delightful tasks such as unblocking boys' urinals, cleaning sick from carpets and even removing the occasional dead bird from the field!

That said, my time in the kitchen was a pleasure, and I want to end on a serious note by saying how impressed I was with the children's excellent manners. Their polite thank yous and behaviour reminded me, once again, what a fantastic school community we have.



Community Links

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

Community News | Arno Vale Junior School

Recent updates include a flyer for a holiday club at St Mark's Church.

Calendar Dates

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
Friday 11 th July 2025	Non uniform day
Week commencing Monday 14 th July 2025	Y6 SATs results sent home
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Y6 performance
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Y6 performance]
Friday 18 th July 2025	FOAV summer fair
Monday 21 st July 2025	End of year reports to parents
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Y6 leavers' festival
Friday 25 th July 2025	Last day of term Y6 leavers' assembly (2.45pm)
Monday 1 st September 2025	Inset Day
Monday 6 th October 2025	Individual photos (and siblings)
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Inset Day
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Inset Day
Monday 27 th July 2026	Inset Day