



Bulletin: Friday 13th June 2025

We're pleased to say that normal bulletin service has resumed this week following last week's IT issues. I have been informed by the IT support team that it was 'user error' but I disagree!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at yesterday's Father's Day event. The atmosphere was fantastic and the cake went down an absolute treat! A huge thank you to our brilliant kitchen and admin staff for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

Yesterday also gave the Senior Leadership Team the chance to visit classrooms across the school, and we were incredibly impressed by the learning taking place. Year 3 and Year 5

wowed us with the structure and quality of their writing, Year 4 were busy exploring the properties of quadrilaterals and Year 6 were fully engaged in a hands-on science experiment. The children's enthusiasm and focus were a real credit to them.

Looking ahead, next week is shaping up to be a busy one! Year 5 will be heading off to the tennis centre and our class ambassadors will have the honour of being school representatives at the launch of 'Gedling's Big Green Book'. We're also all looking forward to School Games Afternoon on Thursday. With warm weather forecast, please make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream already applied.

Have a lovely weekend!





School Games Afternoon

In case you missed it, here is the information Miss Elliott sent out recently about School Games Afternoon, which is scheduled to take place next Thursday:

You are invited to attend our School Games afternoon, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 19th June – weather permitting. The gate to the school field will be opened at 1.00pm, the event will last all afternoon, and normal home-time arrangements will be in place.

The afternoon will have two parts:

Part 1: Approximately 1.10pm - 2.35pm. A carousel of activities designed to showcase different aspects of the schools PE curriculum, Club / Competition opportunities and wider offer. As part of the carousel, classes will also be showcasing their dance skills. Dances will take place in the hall and seating will be available in front of the stage and in front of the apparatus, please speak with your child about where they want you to sit.

Part 2: Approximately 2.35pm - 3.20pm. Sprint races. Heats will have taken place during PE lessons and pupils who want to race on the day will be allocated a slot in a year group specific race.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit (plain white t-shirt), blue / black bottoms and trainers. We would encourage you to provide your child with a hat, sun-cream and a water bottle. Sun-glasses would be useful but are not essential.

We are looking for 2 parent helpers per class to support the delivery of this event. Parent helpers will move from station to station with their child's class so will have a front row view of all the action. If you are available and willing to help please message Miss Elliott so she can co-ordinate all the arrangements.

In order to ensure pupils are fully prepared and to alleviate any pre-event jitters, all classes will be participating in a sports day dry run next Monday morning (16th June). Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on Monday so they are able to participate in the practice session.

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

Birthdays:

Louis P, Teddy TC, Annis and Sienna celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

3 Grey – Jasper and Naomi for showing all of the school values and especially showing lots of determination.

3 White – Devrim for showing lots of determination in maths and Harrison for independence and determination this week.

4 Orange – Xavi and Tom S for their determination and focus.

4 Yellow – Oliver, Annabelle G and Annabelle T for showing lots of curiosity and determination.

5 Green – Maisie and Poppy for always having a smile on their faces and showing lots of determination in their work.

5 Red – Faris and Iziah for showing lots of determination and resilience this week.

6 Blue – Elizabeth and Imogen for showing all of the school values and showing a great attitude

6 Purple – Riley for being a pleasure to teach and always showing all of our school values and Emily for showing all of the school values.

Out of school achievements:

Louie and Edith spoke about their recent swimming achievements and Toby told us about his regular park runs. Well done for your determination!



Sport:

- *Last week, one of our football teams played so well to beat Hawthorne Primary School. A group of children also went to Christ The King to play in a netball competition.*
 - *This week, some Y6 children went to a tennis festival at Woodthorpe Tennis Club. Louis, one of the eight children that attended told me, "It was GREAT! We really enjoyed it!"*
 - *5 Red are enjoying their swimming lessons. Mr Hill has commented on how well the children are representing Arno Vale during each session.*
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Midday Supervisors

We're always on the lookout for friendly, reliable people to join our team of midday supervisors. The role involves helping to keep children safe and happy during lunchtime, both in the dining hall and on the playground. If you're interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office. In addition, we're looking for someone with experience of working in a kitchen environment to work on Fridays. Again, please get in touch for more information if you're interested.

Ex Pupil - Anna Purchase

This week, I received an email from a former Arno Vale pupil that truly made my day. She reached out to share what she has gone on to achieve since leaving our school—and her

story was both inspiring and uplifting. I wanted to share this as a reminder of the amazing paths our pupils take after their time with us.

Looking ahead, I'd love to include more stories like hers in future bulletins. If you know of any former pupils doing great things, please feel free to put them back in touch with us—we'd be delighted to celebrate their achievements.

My name is Anna Purchase, and I attended Arno Vale from 2007 to 2011. I wanted to reach out to the school in the hope you can pass this message on to Mr Baker, who was my teacher in year 6.

Mr Baker,

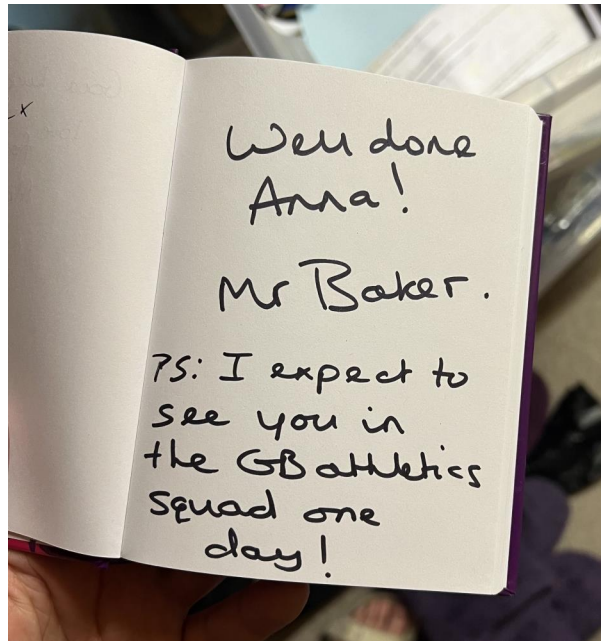
I was going through my childhood memories in my grandma's attic and came across a note you wrote for me when I finished Year Six! It was an incredible find and made me feel very nostalgic. I remember how involved you were in sports and how much you encouraged us to stay active.

I wanted to reach out to let you know that I did, indeed, make it to Team GB. I ended up going to university in America on a sports scholarship for hammer throw - first at Nebraska, and then I transferred to the University of California, Berkeley. While I was there, I became the second British woman ever to throw over 70 meters in the women's hammer!

Since then, I've competed for Team England at the Commonwealth Games, twice at the European Championships - placing eighth in 2024 - and at the 2023 World Championships, where I made the final. Not only that, but the sport has taken me all over the world and brought the most amazing family and friends into my life!

I still remember the influence of the activities and sports we did at Arno Vale, and I truly believe it contributed to my love for athletics. My mother passed away in 2014, and sport was the one constant in my life. I just wanted to thank you for encouraging a younger me to keep going. I absolutely loved finding your note.

I've attached a couple of photos below for you. I hope you're doing well!





Age UK

Huge congratulations to Grace, her mum and Mrs Tinkler, who have hand-crafted over 60 mini hats to support Age UK. While it might feel a little early to be thinking about Christmas, Innocent Drinks needs the hats this month so they can be ready to decorate their smoothie bottles in the run-up to the festive season. Keep an eye out in the shops this December—you might just spot one of their wonderful creations on a bottle!



Spanish Teaching Update

We would like to extend our thanks to the PPA cover team for the provision they have put in place this year following Mrs Peat's retirement. Their support has been important while we've taken the time to carefully recruit the right person to do the role long term.

In particular, we'd like to wish Georgina Maldonado all the very best in the future. She'll be with us until the end of term but will then begin her training to become a secondary languages teacher.

Looking ahead, we're delighted to announce that our new Spanish teacher, Miss Daisy D'Mello, will be joining us in September. She really impressed us (and the children in 5 Red) during the interview process, and we're very much looking forward to welcoming her to the Arno Vale team.

Messages from the office:

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley's Summer Sports Camps

These will take place on the following dates:

- 5th, 6th, 7th August

- 12th, 13th, 14th August

More information (and the booking link) will follow soon.

Willersley Castle Instalment 3

A reminder that the third instalment for the Year 6 residential trip to Willersley Castle is now due. Thank you to those who have already made their payment.

Music Lessons on MCAS

For parents of children taking guitar and ukulele lessons: payments are now available to make on MCAS. Please ensure payments are made promptly to secure your child's place.

Message from Our School Photographers – Starvision

Parents have until the end of this Sunday to take advantage of the £5 early order discount. Orders placed by then will be delivered back to school next week.

DCP Drumming Lessons – 12th & 19th June

Please note that drumming sessions on the 12th and 19th June have been cancelled, as our drumming teacher is celebrating the arrival of his new baby. Congratulations to the family! Rest assured, any missed lessons will be rescheduled later this term.

Bike

There is a blue and red bike with white writing that has been left outside the Year 4 cloakroom since before half term. If it belongs to your child, please arrange for it to be collected as soon as possible.

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 information about a new local drama group and an invite for children to get involved in rugby at Mellish Rugby Club.

Calendar Dates

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Class photos (and sports teams)
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y3 trip to Cresswell Crag for a Stone Age experience
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025	Half term
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Father's Day coffee and cake
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	Y5 trip to the Tennis Centre
Thursday 19 th June 2025	School Games afternoon
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Back up School Games afternoon (in case of bad weather on 19/6)
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Moving up morning (new classes)
Friday 4 th July 2025	Inset Day
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
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Y6 leavers' festival
Friday 25 th July 2025	Last day of term
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