



Bulletin: Friday 14th February 2025

As we reach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what an enjoyable six weeks it has been. There have been lots of highlights, including our Year 4 residential trip to Dukes Barn, inspiring STEM workshops for Years 5 and 6 and the ongoing work by our Ambassadors and FOAV to enhance playtimes for all children. This week, we also welcomed Stop Hate UK, who delivered an important assembly and workshops about discrimination.

We'd like to say thank you for your continued support, especially during our transition to MCAS - we appreciate your patience as we all adjust to the new system.

A quick reminder that Monday 24th February is an INSET day for staff training, so we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 25th February.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable break!

School grounds

Our staff are incredibly proud to work at Arno Vale and are committed to providing the best opportunities for our children. However, we know that some areas around the school could benefit from a little TLC. Like many schools, we are working within an extremely tight budget and national school funding remains a significant challenge.

We are grateful for the fantastic fundraising efforts of FOAV and we hope that joining the White Hills Park Trust will open up new funding opportunities to enhance our outdoor spaces. Looking ahead to the summer term, we may also be reaching out for volunteers and donations to help improve certain areas of the school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Consultation Evenings

You should now have been sent a booking link for the upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings, which will take place on 4th, 5th and 6th March. 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. Please take a few minutes to complete this electronic form and let us know if there is anything specific you would like to discuss during your 10-minute appointment.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4xykGywMhe>

Thank you for helping us tailor your meeting to address what's most important to you and your child.

Notes:

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

If you haven't received the link, please contact the school office.

We had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.

Birthdays:

Poyraz, Zachary, Phia, Anaya, Jack and Phoebe celebrated their birthday this week - happy birthday!

Stars of the week:

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- *3 Grey – Teddy for curiosity and Jaxon for determination.*
 - *3 White – Louis and Harry for respect and being great role models.*
 - *4 Orange – Finn for respect and Louie for determination.*
 - *4 Yellow – Sum Yau and Evie for independence.*
 - *5 Green – Samuel and Eva for respect.*
 - *5 Red – Iris for kindness and Jacob C for his wonderful writing.*
 - *6 Blue – James W and Zane for determination.*
 - *6 Purple – Gabe for determination and Joseph B for kindness.*
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

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- *Joe G for going out of his way to turn off a running tap, saving water and money.*

- *Ivy, Finn and Teddy gave up a chunk of their break time to help Mr Baker move some barriers.*
 - *Amelia has been helping others in maths lessons.*
 - *Iris passed on good luck and a generous donation to charity.*
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TTRS:

This week's class champions are:

- *Miss Oates/Miss I's maths group-Jack*
 - *6 Baker - Jessica*
 - *Miss Fallon's maths group - Matylda*
 - *5 Baker - Phia*
 - *5 Red - Jake B*
 - *5 Green - Penelope*
 - *4 Yellow - Adrian*
 - *4 Orange - Ben*
 - *3 White - Louis*
 - *3 Grey - Arabella*
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*The winning classes are **4 Orange and 5 Green**. They each win 5 minutes of reward time for having the most children logging on and playing (100%).*

Class Challenge:

The focus of this half term's class challenge has been on 'making good choices without being told' linked to the school value of independence.

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- 10 minutes of reward time: 6 Purple, 6 Blue, 5 Red, 5 Green*
 - 3rd place with 15 minutes of reward time: 4 Yellow and 3 White*
 - 2nd place with 20 minutes of reward time: 3 Grey*
 - 1st place with 25 minutes of reward time: 4 Orange*
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Out of school achievements:

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- Edith, Molly, Elliott, Eliza, Adrian and Nathaniel have been very busy achieving their swimming certificates.*
 - Livvy worked hard to gain her martial arts certificate.*
 - Louie was awarded 'Tackler of the Match' for rugby.*
 - Coralie shared her news that she has been invited to train with Derby County (Super Rams) as part of their emerging talent centre.*
 - Molly, Harriet and Iris showed us their Brownie awards.*
 - Isaac was proud to tell us about his medal and trophy for Player of the Week from his Mellish rugby team.*
 - A special mention was given to Gedling Southbank Wolves U9s for achieving their first ever win. They've improved week upon week and have shown so much positivity,*

resilience and determination. A big well done to Edith, Molly T, Ava, Amelia, Annabelle, Jessie, Millie, Elsie and Molly F for always playing with a smile on their face!





Messages from the office

- *A letter went on Dojo this week with information about the next set of Bricks4Kidz sessions which will take place after half term.*
 - *We have been notified of an incident that happened recently on Arno Vale Road linked to parking. This was reported to the police and we ask again that you park considerately.*
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Reminders from previous bulletins

To raise the profile of Safer Internet Day on 11th February 2025, Mrs Lund is organising a Safer Internet Day Poster Competition. Here is some information from her:

Rules

- *The theme is 'How can we stay safe online?' so you may wish to create a poster raising awareness of online scams (this year's Safer Internet Day theme).*
- *Posters should be created either electronically or by hand.*
- *Posters can be A4 or A3.*
- *Posters to be done individually or in pairs*

- *Posters to be completed and given to Mrs Lund by the end of the day on Friday 28th February*
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The posters will be judged under the following categories:

- *Class winners*
 - *Overall year group winner*
 - *Overall school winner*
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The overall school winner's poster will be framed and displayed in school.

Further online safety information for parents can be found by clicking the link below:

[*Online Safety | Arno Vale Junior School*](#)

Mrs Illingworth has kindly sorted through the school's lost property. Please take a moment to check for any belongings at the end of the day today. After half-term, any unclaimed and unnamed items will be donated to charity.

Diary dates:

Arno Vale Junior School Selected Diary Dates 2025

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2024 to 2025	
Mon, 17 th Feb to Fri, 21 st Feb 25	Half term holiday
Monday, 24 th February 25	Inset day
Tuesday, 25 th February 25	Return to school
Tuesday, 4 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday, 5 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 6 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 6 th March 25	World Book Day
Mon, 7 th Apr to Mon. 21 st Apr 25	Easter holiday
Tuesday, 22 nd April 25	Return to school
Monday, 5 th May 25	May Day bank holiday
Mon, 12 th May to Thu, 15 th May 25	Y6 SATs week
Thursday, 22 nd May 25	Y3 trip to Cresswell Craggs for a stoneage experience
Mon, 26 th May to Fri 30 th May 25	Half term
Thursday, 19 th June 25	School Games afternoon
Tuesday, 24 th June 25	Back up School Games afternoon
Friday, 4 th July 25	Inset day
Friday, 11 th July 25	Non uniform day
Tuesday, 15 th July 25	Y6 performance
Wednesday, 16 th July 25	Y6 performance
Friday, 18 th July 25	FOAV summer fair
Tuesday, 22 nd July 25	Y6 leavers' festival
Friday, 25 th July 25	Last day of term

And finally...

The answer to last week's question:

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1. *Birmingham City*
 2. *Bradford City*
 3. *Cardiff City*
 4. *Coventry City*
 5. *Hull City*
 6. *Leicester City*
 7. *Manchester City*
 8. *Norwich City*

9. Stoke City

10. Swansea City

This week's question comes from the Y3 curriculum and has been provided by Miss Carter, who is the geography subject leader:

Which of these words means the size of an earthquake?

A) Epicentre

B) Richter scale

C) Magnitude

D) Tsunami

E) Crust
