



Bulletin: Friday 16th May 2025

We want to start this week's bulletin by saying a huge WELL DONE to our incredible Year 6 children. Their attitudes during SATs week have been nothing short of outstanding. These tests gave them the perfect opportunity to showcase all the knowledge they've gained and just how far they've come. They certainly rose to the challenge!

With maturity, focus and determination, they approached each day with positivity and gave it their all. We are so proud of every single one of them. They deserve a relaxing weekend after all their hard work!

A special thank you goes to FOAV for organising a treat for Year 6 this afternoon — the visit from the ice cream van brought plenty of excitement, smiles and a well-earned moment of celebration!

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all the other children across the school for the way they've helped create a calm and quiet environment throughout the week. It has been a real team effort this week — well done everyone!



Reading Champions

We are thrilled to share with you the very first newsletter created by our fabulous Reading Champions! Behind the scenes, they've given up their time, shown lots of independence and worked hard to create something that celebrates a love of reading and hopefully inspires others to do the same. We hope you enjoy reading it.

[*Click here to read the newsletter.*](#)

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

Birthdays:

Eva, Huey and Iris celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Teddy E for kindness and Hugo for determination.*
 - *3 White – Ellie for curiosity and Eliza for independence.*
 - *4 Orange – Stanley for determination and Edith for curiosity.*
 - *4 Yellow – Arabella for respect and Evie for curiosity.*
 - *5 Green – Harriet for curiosity and Grayson for respect.*
 - *5 Red – Olivia for determination and Betsey for respect.*
 - *Year 6 - all of year 6 have been stars this week so they are all getting a special mention for their amazing attitudes during the SATs tests.*
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

- *Mrs Manchester gave up time each morning to help around school as she knew the adults were all busy with the tests.*
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TTRS

4 Orange had the highest number of children logging on and playing TTRS - 100% of the class! They have earned another 5 minutes of reward time.

Sport

One of our girls football teams was in action this week. The team won 2-1 against Arnold View and impressed all in attendance with their determination to come back from going a goal down. They also showed fantastic respect throughout the game. Well done girls!

Out of school achievements:

- *Teddy was really proud to tell us about his two swimming certificates.*
 - *Edith told us about her swimming and gymnastics certificates.*
 - *Meredith worked hard to achieve another swimming certificate.*
 - *Toby shared his certificate for getting to the next stage in swimming.*
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Well done to all four of you!





Father's Day Coffee & Cake

Celebrate Father's Day with us over coffee and cake!

 **Date:** Thursday 12th June

 **Time:** 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

 **Booking:** The booking link is now live on MCAS. Cost: £7

 **Spaces:** Limited to 60, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis (one ticket per family*).

**We understand that Mother's Day and Father's Day can hold different meanings for families based on individual circumstances. Our aim is to create welcoming events where all*

who wish to participate can do so. If you have any queries regarding these events, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd be happy to discuss them with you.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

This information is taken from our attendance policy. The full document can be found on the school website.

*In August 2024, the Department for Education issued the document 'Working together to improve school attendance'. This details the **statutory guidance** for schools and local authorities and includes when parents may be subject to attendance contracts, Education Supervision Orders, attendance prosecution, parenting orders and penalty notices.*

The law now states that parents can be fined for taking their child or children on holiday during term time without the headteacher's permission.

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- The threshold for Penalty Notice fines is 5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence over a 10 school week period. Working Together to Improve School Attendance (August 2024) states the following:*
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- *The threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).*
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- *The threshold mentioned above also covers transition periods, for example when a child leaves one school to go to another (in year transfers and from one education phase to another).*
 - *First penalty notices are currently set at £160 per child, per parent / guardian / carer and must be paid within 28 days. If the notice is paid within 21 days, the amount is reduced to £80. A penalty notice can be issued to any adult who has responsibility for a child.*
 - *If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent /guardian /carer, the full amount of £160 must be paid within 28 days.*
 - *A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same adult who has received a first and second penalty notice for the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty notice. In such a case, alternative action will be taken instead; this will often include considering prosecution.*
 - *Once three years has elapsed since the first penalty notice was issued, a further penalty notice can be issued.*
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Further information can be found by clicking the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy time at Arno Vale, particularly as we officially joined the White Hills Park Trust on 1st May. I am pleased to say that everything went very smoothly, thanks to the efforts of our staff team. I would especially like to thank the office team, led by Sarah Burton, who have managed many administrative changes, including the introduction of software like MCAS.

Due to these changes, the Governing Board has decided to extend the current arrangements for cover in the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) until the end of December 2025. Since Mr Rossington reduced his hours to part-time at the start of this year, Mr Baker and Miss Oates have taken on secondments as interim part-time Headteacher and interim part-time Deputy Headteacher, respectively. To provide continued stability whilst we navigate the first full term of being in the Trust, we will begin recruitment in the autumn term to appoint a permanent part-time Headteacher to job share with Mr Rossington from January 2026.

We will keep you updated later in the year once recruitment has been completed. I hope you will all join me in thanking Mr Baker and Miss Oates for their continued support.

Best regards,

Amanda Payne

Chair of Governors

Messages from the office:

HMRC Tax-Free Childcare Payments

If you use Tax-Free Childcare to pay for Club Vale, please be aware that we are currently experiencing some issues with the system. We kindly ask that you do not attempt to make any payments at this time. We will notify you as soon as the issue has been resolved.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience.

Year 6 parents

Please look out for a letter regarding the National height and weight programme on Monday.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

Sports Camp

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley will once again be running a sports camp at half term. Please click the link for details and booking information.

[*May Sports Camp*](#)

TerraCycle

We are now set up to be a TerraCycle collection point for Warburtons Wax Wrap packaging. Collection bins are located in the entrance hall.

Play Equipment and Trees

We ask that younger siblings do not play on or with any of the play equipment stored around the site while waiting at the start or end of the school day. This equipment is set aside for supervised use during school hours. Also, please could you remind them not to climb any of the trees on site as we want to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Class and Team Photos – Tuesday 20th May

A reminder that class and team photos will be taken on Tuesday 20th May. To help us prepare for the team photos, please ensure all sports kit is returned to Miss Elliott by Monday 19th. Thank you.

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.

School Games Afternoon:

This is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Thursday 19th June (weather permitting) but Miss Elliott and the staff are already working really hard to prepare the children for what promises to be an exciting event. We have two favours to ask: If you have a hobby horse at home and would be prepared to lend it to us (random request I know), please contact Miss Elliott on ClassDojo. We are also looking for at least two parent helpers per class to help with scoring the events. If you are able to help, again please contact Miss Elliott or your child's class teacher to put your name down.

Uniform:

A reminder that Crocs, sliders and flip flops are not allowed as part of school uniform. Smart, flat sandals that securely fasten are permitted in warmer weather.

Trips

- *Payment is now due for the Y5 trip to the Tennis Centre.*

Community Links

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

Community News | Arno Vale Junior School

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