



Bulletin: Friday 20th June 2025

Celebrating a Week of Pride and Positivity

What a week it has been at Arno Vale! We couldn't be more proud of the children for the way they've conducted themselves during such a busy and exciting few days. Their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour have all been clear to see.

Our Year 5 children were fantastic representatives during their visit to the Tennis Centre. They took part in some excellent coaching sessions, watched a professional match and even had the chance to see British number two Katie Boulter warming up. Several members of the public commented on how well they behaved!

On Wednesday, our Class Ambassadors became School Ambassadors as they attended the launch of Gedling's Big Green Book. It was a brilliant day packed with activities—from skateboarding and bug hunting to seed planting and frisbee golf! Their superb behaviour and engagement didn't go unnoticed, earning praise from both the Mayor of Gedling and the event organisers. It was a real pleasure to spend the day with them and see them making the most of every opportunity.

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our School Games afternoon yesterday—it was a wonderful event! Despite the heat, the day ran smoothly thanks to your support and cooperation with the measures we put in place.

The children had an absolutely brilliant time—so many smiles, cheers and great attitudes! Your encouragement helped create such a really positive atmosphere and we're very proud of all the children for the way they participated.

A very special thank you goes to Miss Elliott, whose outstanding planning and organisation ensured the whole day was a success. Thanks also to Miss Fallon and Mr Ward for their support behind the scenes and to FOAV for their support on the day—teamwork!

All the scores will now be added up and the winning class will be announced in our end of year sports awards assembly. For this we'd also like to put together a montage of children's out of school sports achievements so if you'd like your child to be included in that, please send one photograph to Miss Fallon's Dojo. Please be aware that we'll publish the montage on Dojo and on the website at the end of the year, so please don't send a photo if you don't consent to that.

Looking ahead to next week, the excitement continues! On Monday, we're welcoming a theatre company to perform The Secret Garden for the whole school, and afterwards, children will find out their new classes and teachers for next year. Plus, on Tuesday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be representing us at a cricket competition—good luck to them!

Well done to everyone this week—you've made us very proud. Have a lovely weekend!



Parent View

We'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our Parent View questionnaire. Your feedback is really important to us — it helps us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve. By sharing your views, you help us make the school the best it can be for all our children. Thank you for your continued support!

[Please click here to access the questionnaire.](#)

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!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 11th July

In return for wearing non-uniform, **FOAV** is kindly asking for the following donations:

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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 a short time, please get in touch with Carly, Kate, or Becky at foav@arnovale.notts.sch.uk

Raffle Tickets

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

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



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

Birthdays:

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Jasper, James and Jessica. Happy Birthday to them!

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Molly for being kind and helpful, and Daphne for showing so much determination!*

- *3 White – Theo for showing lots of respect and for representing our school brilliantly this week, and Harriet for demonstrating all our school rules and values this week!*
 - *4 Orange – Harry for have a brilliant attitude and showing lots of determination, and Molly for being an ‘all around superstar and a ray of sunshine’ according to Miss Jones!*
 - *4 Yellow – Adrian for showing so much determination in his writing this week, and Alice for trying so hard with her determination over the course of the year!*
 - *5 Green – Katie and Jasper for showing all of the school values in and outside of Arno Vale this week in the multiple exciting activities they have done.*
 - *5 Red – Phia for always showing kindness and respect, and Rowan for showing determination and resilience this week!*
 - *6 Blue – Louis P and George for showing so much determination in everything they have done this week!*
 - *6 Purple – Sofia for always showing our school values and trying her hardest, James R.G for showing determination to be the best version of himself, and Layla for showing so much determination all of the time!*
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Out of school achievements:

- *Theo shared a football tournament certificate and medal. He came 3rd place in a go karting race and won awards for parents' player and managers' player for his football team. So many awards!*
- *Harry also shared a football tournament certificate and medal and an end of season trophy for his football team!*
- *Oliver shared a 50m front crawl swimming certificate.*
- *Leon shared that he came 2nd place in a go karting race, a stage 4 swimming certificate and a managers player trophy!*

- *Esme shared her 10m swimming certificate with us as well as a drowning prevention certificate.*
 - *Katie, Joe, Theo, James, Dylan and Jasper showed us the trophy their football team – The Sherwood Reds – got for winning their league!*
 - *Marley had a trophy too for winning a different league for his football team - Arnold Town Yellows!*
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Challenge winners:

- *5 minutes of reward time was awarded to: 6 Purple, 6 Blue, 5 Red, 5 Green and 4 Orange*
 - *10 minutes of reward time was awarded to: 3 Grey*
 - *15 minutes of reward time was awarded to: 3 White*
 - *20 minutes of reward time was awarded to: 4 Yellow*
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Sport:

- *Last Friday, a group of Y4 children represented school brilliantly at an ultimate frisbee event.*
 - *On Wednesday, our Y5/6 girls' football team went to Ernehale to compete in the semi-final of the Gedling Competition. Not only did they face a very strong team, but they also had to contend with the heat. The match was an absolute thriller, with many spectators commenting that it was one of the best games of children's football they'd seen. After a hard-fought 1–1 draw at full time—and still level after extra time—the result came down to a tense penalty shootout. Although we narrowly missed out on a place in the final, our team should be incredibly proud of their performances, teamwork and positive attitudes throughout the season. They've represented the school with real determination and spirit—well done girls!*
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Ex Pupil - Miriam Nelson

As I mentioned earlier, our Class Ambassadors spent some time at an event in the park on Wednesday—and they had a surprise encounter during the skateboard lesson!

Waiting to greet us was a familiar face: Miriam Nelson, a former Arno Vale pupil who left in 2019. Miriam was once a Class Ambassador herself and a key player in the girls' football team that were crowned Gedling Champions.

Since her time at Arno Vale, Miriam has gone from strength to strength, competing at a national level and achieving a remarkable milestone—winning the women’s final at the Skateboard GB National Championships in 2023.

Here she is pictured with some of our current Class Ambassadors, who were clearly inspired by her journey. What a fantastic role model and reminder of where passion and perseverance can take you!



Reminders from previous bulletins:

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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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*
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[*Click here for more information and to book a place.*](#)

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.

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.

DCP Drumming Lessons – 19th June

Please note that drumming sessions on the 19th June have been cancelled, as our drumming teacher is celebrating the arrival of his new baby. Any missed lessons will be rescheduled later this term.

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	
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Whole school theatre production in the hall. The Secret Garden.
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Moving up morning (new classes) Y6 transition day at Arnold Hill Y2 new parents meeting
Friday 4 th July 2025	Inset Day Y6 transition day at Arnold Hill
Friday 11 th July 2025	Non uniform 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
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