



Bulletin: Friday 21st March 2025

What a fantastic week it has been at Arno Vale! Our Year 5 children had a great time at the Space Centre yesterday. The trip was a really good opportunity to enhance their learning in science and it was wonderful to hear from staff how brilliantly they represented our school.

Earlier in the week, all children took part in an important NSPCC assembly on Speak Out. Stay Safe. This helped them understand how to stay safe and seek support when needed. Next week, our Year 5 and 6 children will continue this learning with follow-up workshops.

Today, the school has been a sea of red in support of Red Nose Day! In assembly, the children learned about the positive impact their donations can make and as of 3:00pm, we have raised an amazing £284! There's still time to contribute via our fundraising page:

[Red Nose Day Fundraiser.](#)

One of the week's highlights was celebrating the winners of our poetry competition. A huge congratulations to Jessica in Year 4, who was announced as the overall school winner with her beautifully written poem about our school values. It perfectly captures the spirit of Arno Vale.

Arno Vale, our school, so cool.

At Arno Vale we learn, laugh and play.

We get taught new things every day.

Our teachers help us. They are so kind and fun,

But they might tell us off if work is not done.

Sometimes maths can be quite tough,

and spelling words can be quite rough,

but at Arno Vale we always try with determination,

so we can fly way up high in the sky.

I love my school, my school loves me, it helps me show curiosity.

Independence helps me know how to work alone and how to grow.

Honesty helps me be myself, trust my friends and everyone else.

At Arno Vale we are healthy and strong,

we all know that we belong.

If we make mistakes, we just say: "Tomorrow is another day".

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Sport

Congratulations to our Y5/6 athletics team for an amazing achievement, finishing 3rd in the Nottinghamshire County Final yesterday! Competing against the best primary schools in the county, we proudly represented Gedling and delivered excellent performances in both the track and field events. A huge well done to all the children for their dedication and effort and it was lovely to see them proudly showing off their medals in assembly. Also, a big thank you to Mr Ward, Mr Hicking and Miss Elliott for their hard work in training and preparing the team.

The Y5/6 boys' football team played their third match of the season - another tough encounter against Coppice Farm. The final score was 3-4 but the team showed so much determination throughout the match. The next match is on Wednesday at home to All Hallows.



Easter Egg Competition

Once again, we are holding our decorated Easter egg competition this year. The children can decorate an egg or eggs (which should be hard boiled if using real eggs) and be as creative as they like. The standard last year was incredibly high and we are looking forward to seeing what the children can achieve this year. Entries can be brought into school during the week commencing Monday 31st March and we will be judging them on Friday 4th April. The FOAV has kindly donated a special prize for the overall winning entry.

Saville Road / Arno Vale Road:

Last week, I explained that Mrs Bowler (WIS) and I had both written a letter to the local road safety team, police and local councillors to explain the issues that we are experiencing. I am pleased to report that there are now two job adverts out for school crossing patrol wardens to work in our local area (see below). The local road safety team has also agreed to visit the area next week to carry out observations and have a meeting with us.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, we'd strongly urge you to insist that they wear a helmet. Studies have shown that wearing a helmet reduces your risk of a serious brain injury and death because during a fall or collision, most of the impact energy is absorbed by the helmet, rather than your head and brain.

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

Birthdays:

Jonah, Ciaran, Jasmine, Seren and Eli celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Alice and Dhilan for showing all the school values.*
 - *3 White – Moses for showing curiosity and determination and Emily for independence and respect.*
 - *4 Orange – Imogen and Seb for showing determination and curiosity.*
 - *4 Yellow – Adrian and Jessica for being determined and independent.*
 - *5 Green – Ruby and Ibraheem for showing all the school values whilst representing our school at the Space Centre.*
 - *5 Red – Evan, Oliver and Theo for representing themselves and the school brilliantly during the trip to the Space Centre.*
 - *5 Baker – Annis for showing lots of curiosity and enthusiasm in maths this week.*
 - *6 Blue – Harry and Ryan for showing respect and independence.*
 - *6 Purple – Louie and Evie for showing determination and independence.*
 - *6 Baker – Harry for showing curiosity and Emily S for working independently and showing determination.*
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

- *Izaan (Y3) picked up his friend's coat quickly so it didn't get stood on.*
 - *Eva (Y5) helped a friend who was stuck on a question in maths.*
 - *Alex (Y5) helped a friend who was struggling with their work in maths and finding the PE lesson tricky.*
 - *Mrs Baker also got quite a few mentions in the kindness box this week for helping Miss Oates and the children in 6 Purple.*
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TTRS:

This week's class champions are:

4 Orange. *They win 5 minutes of reward time for having the most children logging on and playing this week. Individual winners in each class will now be announced at the end of each half term rather than weekly.*

Out of school achievements:

- *We heard about Annabelle's achievements in an open circuit ballroom and Latin dance competition last weekend. She was awarded 8th in Tango, 6th in Waltz and 3rd in Cha Cha Cha. At the beginning of March, she also did a freestyle competition and came 4th in freestyle pairs and 3rd in solo Cha Cha Cha.*
 - *Louis, Emily K and Eva told us about their recent achievements in swimming. Well done!*
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Poetry Competition:

Miss Oates explained how she was so proud of the number of entries to the competition. Winners in each year group were announced and then an overall winning entry. These are going to be displayed around school.

Y3: Molly

Y4: Ben

Y5: Alex and Iris

Y6: Jessica W

Overall: Jessica S in Y4





General messages from the office

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Tuck Shop – Summer Term

*This is now available for purchase on MCAS! This will run from the first week back after Easter until the final week of the summer term. The cost is £13 for the full term, which includes a slice of buttered toast and a carton of milkshake. Please make payment by **Sunday, 20th April** to allow the kitchen to cater for everyone.*

School Dinners

Due to the way the MCAS system operates, we have had to adjust the booking deadline for your child's school dinners. The new deadline is now midnight on Saturday, rather than Sunday as previously.

Music Lessons

A reminder for parents of children taking guitar or ukulele lessons—Spring term lessons are now available for payment via MCAS.

Year 3 Trip – Cresswell Craggs

For parents of Year 3 children, the Cresswell Craggs trip in May is now set up on MCAS for payment.

Easter Sports Camp

Please complete the form below to register for this year's Easter Sports Camp, taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday of both weeks:

 **8th & 9th April**

 **15th & 16th April**

 **[Register here](#)**

 Please note: There is a slight price increase this year – £18 per child, per day. Children from Woodthorpe Infant School are welcome to attend.

Thank you!

Mr Ward

Red Nose Day - Jokes

Here are the jokes that were judged to be the best in each class:

3 Grey - What kind of tree can fit in your hand? A palm tree. (Ruben)

3 White - Why are chickens so funny? Becauuuuuuse! (Performed in a chicken voice!) (Louis)

4 Yellow - Why was the snowman putting his face in the carrots? He was picking his nose. (Michael)

4 Orange - Why did the whale blush? Because it saw the ocean's bottom. (Tilly)

5 Green - I stopped working at the bank recently but an old lady came up to me and asked me to check her balance. I pushed her over. (Eva)

5 Red - What did the llama say when it got kicked out of the zoo? Alpaca my bags. (Evan)

6 Blue - Did you hear about the new tomb discovered in Egypt that was full of chocolate and nuts? It was the tomb of Pharaoh Rocher. (Charlie)

6 Purple - What do you call chocolate that can rap? M&M (Eminem). (Joseph I)

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	
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Mother's Day afternoon tea
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Mother's Day afternoon tea
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Return to school
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Conversion date for joining White Hills Park Trust
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Day bank holiday
Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May 2025	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Class photos (and sports teams)
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y3 trip to Cresswell Craggs 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
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)
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
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