



Bulletin: Friday 23rd May 2025

We have reached the end of another busy and exciting half term!

Year 3 had a brilliant time yesterday on their visit to Creswell Crags for a Stone Age experience day. They explored one of the ancient caves, learned how people survived during the Ice Age and discovered fascinating facts about the animals that once roamed the area. A huge thank you goes to the staff for the hard work and planning that made the trip possible. Thank you also to the parent helpers who were able to support on the day—it was very much appreciated.

Back in school, 5 Red made us incredibly proud by supporting with an important recruitment task this week. Their maturity, respectful attitude and excellent communication skills really stood out. Year 6, meanwhile, are getting into full swing rehearsing for their end-of-year performance of Snow White. Year 4 have also been getting creative (and a little messy!) in their art lessons, enjoying the challenge of using Modroc as part of their sculpture topic.

I've had the pleasure of speaking with children across the school about their experiences and views on topics such as safety, bullying, inclusion and what school life means to them. Their thoughtful and articulate responses were really impressive and showed a great deal of maturity. I'll share some of their responses next half term.

Thank you to all our children, staff, volunteers and families for another wonderful half term. We wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd June.





Class lists

On Tuesday, Mr Rossington sent out this important letter on ClassDojo for parents of children in years 3-5:

We are now in the process of thinking about the classes for next year. When compiling the new class lists, we consider many things including a mix of gender, children's strengths, who they work well with and friendships.

In order to help us do this, we are asking you to complete, with your child, the Microsoft form by clicking the link below and return to us by Monday, 2nd June. We ask that you and your child choose four names of children they would like to be with in their class next year; the children they choose can be from either class in their current year group. We can only guarantee that your child will be with one of the children from their list.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6X7pmeJ0dW>

If the list is not returned, we will ask your child to complete it in school time but we would like to stress that we do prefer for the children to work with you on it.

Once the class lists have been published, they will not be changed. *If you have any questions about transition, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.*

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

Birthdays:

Imogen, Louis, Alfie and Layla celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- *Year 3 - Naomi, Phoebe, Nathaniel, Lydia, Molly and Esme AH for showing respect on their trip yesterday.*
 - *4 Orange – Isaac S and Finn for curiosity.*
 - *4 Yellow – Sonny for determination and Molly for independence.*
 - *5 Green – Penelope for determination and Ibraheem for respect.*
 - *5 Red – Isla M for determination and Iris for curiosity.*
 - *6 Blue – Florence and Jasmine for curiosity.*

- *6 Purple – Reuben M and Ruben I for independence.*
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TTRS

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

The half-term winners from each year are:

Year 3: Hugo and Moses

Year 4: Harry and Adrian

Year 5: Eva, Faris and Isla

Year 6: Seren

Out of school achievements:

- *Jake B has worked hard to earn four swimming medals (two silver and two gold) from one competition.*
- *Some of the girls in the Gedling Southbank football team showed us their medals and special awards from their football presentation ceremony.*
 - *Toby was proud to share his piano award.*
- *Harry and Theo told us about their football team's achievements in a Notts County tournament.*
- *Zachary has completed stage 7 of swimming and was very pleased with all the badges and certificates!*

- *Nathaniel has earned a new swimming certificate and a Captain's award for football.*
 - *Bella has achieved a runners up medal for her football team in the cup competition.*
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Well done to all of you!

Class Challenge

This challenge was about being good learners by showing independence, determination, curiosity and being ready. This challenge was very close as everyone has been trying so hard!

5 minutes of reward time: 4 Yellow, 3 Grey, 4 Orange, 5 Red and 5 Green.

3rd place - 10 minutes of reward time: 3 White

2nd place - 15 minutes of reward time: 6 Purple

Winners - 20 minutes of reward time: 6 Blue







Sport:

- The Y5/6 boys' football team played so well in their 6-2 quarter-final defeat away to Burton Joyce.*
 - The Y5/6 girls' football team won 3-2 in their quarter-final match and will now play Ernehale in the semi-final of the competition.*
 - A group of children from Y4 represented school in a football festival on Tuesday. This was officiated by four of our Y5 children, who did a fantastic job.*
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Messages from the office:

Y6 parents

Please check the letter on ClassDojo for information about the national height and weight programme, which is due to take place in school on Monday 2nd June.

School Dinners

Please make your bookings by midnight on Saturday 31st May.

Club Vale

Bookings are due by midnight on Thursday 29th May.

Payments

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- Please ensure that any outstanding payments for school dinners and/or Club Vale for this half term are settled as soon as possible. Thank you.*
 - The third instalment for the residential to Willersley Castle is now due.*
 - Payment is now due for the Y5 trip to the Tennis Centre.*
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Tax-Free Childcare Update

The issue has now been resolved. When signing into your account, please use the 'Add Childcare Provider' field and search for Arno Vale Junior School.

If we are already listed on your account, you may need to remove and re-add us to ensure everything is up to date.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Photographs

The photos were taken earlier this week. Dojo messages have been sent out containing the codes and a link to Star Vision Photography.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

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*). Please email the office if there are any specific allergies and/or dietary requirements.

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.

For more information, please see the attendance policy on the school website.

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.

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.

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 1st September 2025	Inset Day
Monday 6 th October 2025	Individual photos (and siblings)
Monday 3rd November 2025	Inset Day
Monday 23rd February 2026	Inset Day
Friday 3rd July 2026	Inset Day
Monday 27th July 2026	Inset Day