



Bulletin: Friday 25th April 2025

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children return this week full of energy and ready for the summer term ahead.

With the bank holiday on Monday, there's definitely been a bit of confusion about what day we've been on this week! Still, we've packed a lot into this short week!

The absolute highlight of the week has been the incredible drumming exhibitions this afternoon. The children performed with such enthusiasm and confidence and it was a real pleasure to see how far they've come. Their progress was clear to see and they were rightly

proud of themselves. A huge thank you to Dan, our inspirational drumming teacher, for all he does to bring out the best in them.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to Brookfields Garden Centre for their generous donation of plants and bulbs. Mr Manchester and his team of lunchtime helpers have been hard at work and the results are really starting to show.

Sport

Our Y5/6 girls football team beat Robert Mellors 6-1 last night to extend their unbeaten record to three. The team has now qualified for the quarter-final stage of the Gedling competition. We'll find out our opponents next week.

A group of Y4 children took part in an orienteering festival just before Easter and had a great time.

Well done everyone!

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

Birthdays:

Harriet, Lakai, Haaniyah, Lediana, Faris, Isaac, Lionela, Caleb, Laila, Luke, Emily, Ralph, Leia, Harry and Daisy celebrated their birthday over the holidays and this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

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- *3 Grey - Certificates to be given out next week due to Miss Carter's absence.*
 - *3 White – Olive and Oliver for independence.*
 - *4 Orange – Patrick for curiosity and Isaac H for independence.*
 - *4 Yellow – Lakai and Ralph for determination.*

- 5 Green – Eli and Narai for independence.
 - 5 Red – Lediana and Sid for respect.
 - 5 Baker - Grace and Katy for determination.
 - 6 Blue – Lionela and Seren for determination.
 - 6 Purple – Caleb for independence and Aimee for determination.
 - 6 Baker – Caleb and Sienna for determination.
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

- Zac G and Moses for picking up litter around the school grounds – thank you!
 - Charlie M for helping a younger child overcome a challenge.
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Out of school achievements:

- Betsey was really proud to tell us about her golf medal from a recent competition
 - Ava worked hard to achieve a 600m swimming certificate.
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Class Challenge:

The new class challenge was launched in assembly linked to 'being a good learner'. The winning class will be announced at the end of the half term.





General messages from the office

School Dinners

The new school dinner menus for the summer term can be found on the school website or you can click this link: [menu-april-2025.pptx](#)

Drone

A drone was found on the school field near Arno Vale Road on Tuesday morning from over the Easter break/weekend. If you know who this belongs to, please contact the school office.

MCAS

Apologies for the mix up with tuck shop double payments when this was set up. A refund will be processed if you have paid twice.

Please check any outstanding balances on MCAS for Club Vale bookings and school dinners.

Trips

A reminder that payment for the Year 3 trip to Cresswell Craggs is now due.

Y6 October residential to Willersley Castle: Installment 2 is now due.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

Arnold Hill Transition

We understand that parents of children attending Arnold Hill in September have received a welcome email today informing them that transition days will be taking place on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July. You may have noticed that Friday 4th July is also an INSET day here at Arno Vale and this has been in the calendar all year. This clash was out of our control and we hope it doesn't cause any inconvenience. Please note that children are expected to make their own way to and from Arnold Hill on transition days.

Nut Free Site

*To ensure the safety of all our children and staff, please do not send any items containing nuts to school. This includes snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats. Even trace amounts of nuts can cause severe allergic reactions in some children, **so your cooperation is essential in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.***

Free School Meals

Transitional Protection for Free School Meals is changing. Here is the current update we have from the council regarding what this means for families:

- Any child currently eligible for free school meals under transitional protection will continue to be eligible for free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, for example children in year 1 will continue to be eligible until they leave primary school in year 6.*
 - Any child who becomes eligible for free school meals up to 31 March 2025 will continue to be eligible for free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, for example children in year 1 will continue to be eligible until they leave primary school in year 6.*
 - Any child who becomes eligible for free school meals on or after 1 April 2025 will be eligible for free school meals but will be assessed regularly and if there is a change in their circumstances and they no longer receive a qualifying benefit, they will lose entitlement to free school meals.*
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We would encourage you to check to see if you are eligible before the 31st of March by going to the website

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

or phone on 0300 5008080

New recycling legislation

Children who stay for a school meal will place their food waste into a bin in the hall at the end of their meal. This waste has to be separate from any other type of waste including packaging.

We are asking the children who bring a packed lunch to put any of their waste back into their lunchboxes and take it home. This allows you to see what your child has eaten, what they have left and can encourage discussions around what they like to have for lunch.

Community Links

*Please check out our website for details about lots of things taking place in our community,
including Easter activities:*

[Community News | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

Calendar Dates

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates	
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Return to school
Friday 25 th April 2025	FOAV Easter Disco (3.35-5.15pm)
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 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
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