



Bulletin: Friday 28th March 2025

We'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Red Nose Day fundraiser last Friday. We set out with a target of £200, but thanks to your incredible kindness and generosity, we more than doubled that by raising over £400! We know this money will be put to very good use.

It was wonderful to see so many people in school for our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. A big thank you to our catering and office staff, whose hard work made the event such a success. We also appreciate that not everyone could attend due to work commitments. Please be assured that we'll always try to consider event timings to make them as accessible as possible. On this occasion, they were the only two slots we were able to offer.

Our Year 3 children have had an exciting time this week making pizzas as part of their D&T project. This wouldn't have been possible without the many parent volunteers who kindly gave their time to help – your support makes such a difference.

A huge thank you once again to the FOAV for their ongoing support. We are delighted to share that we have just placed an order for over £700 worth of new playground equipment, which we hope to have delivered and in use very soon!

We would also like to recognise one of our midday supervisors, Irene Gillingham, who has recently received a long service award after dedicating 25 years to Nottinghamshire County Council, with a big chunk of that time spent here at Arno Vale.

Finally, a big highlight of the week came following the visit from the NSPCC on Tuesday. They delivered workshops to our Year 5 and 6 children and were so impressed with their behaviour, curiosity and engagement. Before leaving, they made a point of telling us how lovely it was to be in our school, which of course, came as no surprise to us! However, it is always a very proud moment when others recognise what a great place Arno Vale is.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!





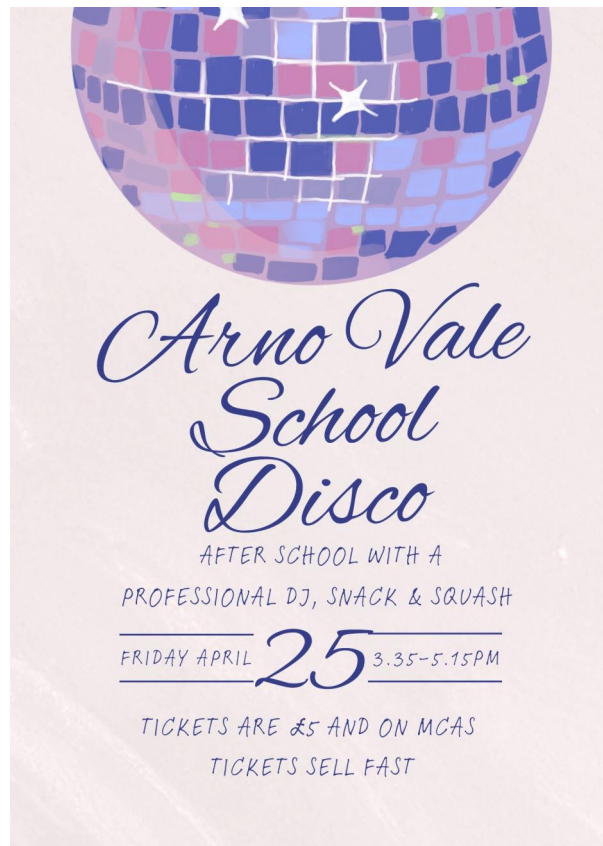


Sport

Our Y5/6 boys football teams have both been in action this week. On Tuesday, we played away against Netherfield and did so well to win the game 5-1. On Wednesday we hosted All Hallows and ran out impressive 10-0 winners. A big well done to Caleb, Charlie, Reuben M, Ruben I, Amen, Huey, Edward, Oliver, Dylan, James R-G, Ryan, Joe I, Toby, Joe G, Alfie, Ralph, Noah, Gabe, Riley, George and Jack.

FOAV Disco

FOAV members are organising an after school disco on Friday 25th April. Tickets cost £5 and are available to purchase on MCAS. Children can bring a change of clothes to school if they want to and we'll make time for them to get changed. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 5.15pm prompt. This is another great opportunity to raise additional funds for our ongoing Class Ambassadors' project, dedicated to improving playtime experiences.



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:

This week, we met with the local road safety team to discuss possible measures to improve safety around our school. During the visit, the district highway manager witnessed several instances of illegal parking and unsafe driving. As a result, we have been assured that patrols in the area will be increased with fines issued to those parking illegally. We will keep you updated on any further developments, and as always, we appreciate your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

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

Birthdays:

Cira, Max, Devrim and Harvey celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

*This week we had a special challenge: all of our stars are based on the school value of **RESPECT**. These children have stood out for consistently high levels of respect to all adults, children and themselves. What amazing role models!*

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- *3 Grey – Molly, Toby D and Dhilan.*
 - *3 White – Harvey and Amelia.*
 - *4 Orange – Teddy and Amelia.*
 - *4 Yellow – Toby and Molly.*
 - *5 Green - Betsey and Ruby.*
 - *5 Red – Phia and Amelia.*
 - *6 Blue - Matilda, Imogen and Jessica.*
 - *6 Purple – Eleanor and James A.*
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

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- *Orestis and Charlie helped a friend get ready for football.*
 - *Amelia in year 3 played with someone who was feeling sad.*
 - *Lenny collected equipment in that other people had forgotten.*
 - *Mr Manchester's garden team have been working really hard and he wanted to say thank to everyone, in particular Layla, Evie and Iona who have been leading the team.*
 - *Joe G in year 4 tidies Mr Baker's room every day after lunch and has been doing some litter picking outside of school.*
 - *Esme in year 3 helped a member of the public who had fallen and hurt themselves, helping them pick up their things and get on the bus safely, as well as helping them calm down.*
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TTRS:

This week's class champions are:

3 Grey. *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:

- *Theo was really proud to tell us about winning Player of the Match for football.*
- *Emily showed us her two swimming certificates.*
- *Ava worked hard to achieve a new 'bronze' swimming certificate.*
- *Olive shared her recent gymnastics achievements.*

- *Teddy TC earned Player of the Match for his efforts in football.*
 - *Lakai told us about his modelling work and recent photo shoots for Stella McCartney.*
 - *Adrian won Player of the Match for his determination in football.*
 - *Oliver and Jessica have earned a Blue Peter badge for their amazing Lego/Pokemon creations!*
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General messages from the office

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

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.*

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 (full) & 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

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	
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 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