



Bulletin: Friday 2nd May 2025

We're delighted to begin this week's bulletin with some very exciting news—yesterday, we officially became part of the White Hills Park Academy Trust! This marks the end of a two-year journey, and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped us reach this milestone. In particular, a huge thank you goes to the brilliant Mrs Burton, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to complete an extraordinary amount of administrative and due diligence work to support the conversion.

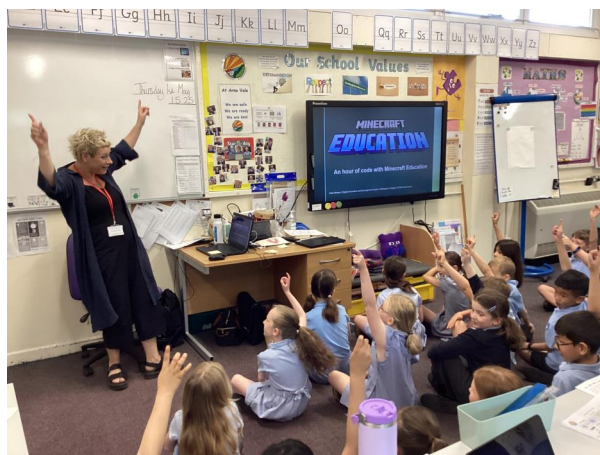
We are really excited about the opportunities this new chapter brings. Being part of the White Hills Park Trust opens up a wealth of collaboration, support and development possibilities that will help our school continue to thrive.

This week also saw our Year 3 and 4 pupils take part in a fantastic coding session with Kate Whyles from Nottingham College, who is also a UK Ambassador for Minecraft. The children had the chance to explore coding through Minecraft challenges on code.org/minecraft, solving problems and writing commands to guide their characters through a series of exciting tasks. It was a great session full of creativity and teamwork!

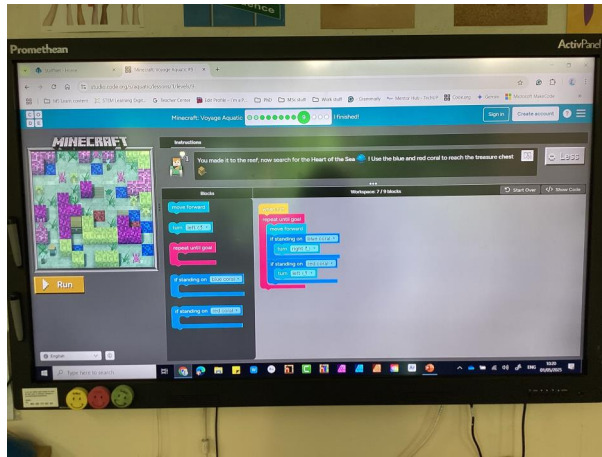
Our class ambassadors were also thrilled to test out the brand-new playground equipment, kindly funded by FOAV. The equipment will officially be in use from next week, and we're sure it will bring lots of fun and enjoyment to playtimes.

Looking ahead, next week we will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day – signalling eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. This significant historical event will be remembered through a special assembly on Tuesday followed by a variety of class-based activities throughout the week.

Wishing you a lovely (extended) weekend.









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

Birthdays:

Ruby, Harriet, Lenny, Emily, Molly, Caitlin, Elizabeth and Amen all celebrate their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- *3 Grey – Toby D and Zac G for curiosity and Naomi and Ela for determination.*
- *3 White – Louis and Harriet for determination.*

- 4 Orange – Christy and Ava for curiosity.
 - 4 Yellow – Annabelle G and Charlie for independence.
 - 5 Green – Ibraheem and Ivy for independence and determination.
 - 5 Red – Joseph W and Jacob H for determination in their writing.
 - 5 Baker – Noah F for determination.
 - 6 Blue – Ryan for determination and Cira for kindness.
 - 6 Purple – Oliver for curiosity and Paige for determination.
 - 6 Baker – Kitty and Ollie for determination.
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

- *Eva has raised £219 for Stand Up 2 Cancer by walking her dog for 2 miles each day throughout April. Even Roxy the dog wore a special Stand Up 2 Cancer bandana!*
 - *A huge thank you to the FOAV for organising the disco and to the adults who stayed to help. Thank you to the children for their excellent behaviour at the disco.*
 - *Another thank you to the staff for consistently going above and beyond to offer brilliant opportunities for the children at Arno Vale.*
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TTRS

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

Out of school achievements:

- *We enjoyed hearing that Meredith has earned a yellow belt in martial arts.*
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Drumming:

*A big shout out was given to the children who performed in last week's drumming concert.
Brilliant!*









General messages:

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

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.

Reading books:

If your child has developed a collection of school reading books at home, please could these be returned to the library as soon as they have finished reading them. Thank you.

Uniform:

With the warmer weather this week, we just want to remind you 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.

Sun:

The warmer weather this week also prompts a reminder that children should have a water bottle in school and are encouraged to bring a hat to wear at playtimes. We recommend that sun cream is applied before school. There are plenty of shady areas for the children to enjoy at playtimes.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

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](#)

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.

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 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
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 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