



13th May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for choosing Arno Vale Junior School for the next phase of your child's education; we are really looking forward to welcoming them into school and to meeting you. Our aim is to make the transition process as seamless as possible for everyone involved.

We're excited to be holding a range of transition activities, giving the children the chance to meet the staff and pupils at Arno Vale and get a feel for life at the junior school. In the past, these activities have resulted in a smooth transition where the children quickly become settled and start to enjoy school life as year 3s.

The activity dates and times are as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
19 th June 2026	9.30am to 10.20am	Question and answer session with the year 3 teachers followed by playtime on the school field.	Arno Vale Junior School
26 th June 2026	9.00am to 1.10pm	Transition morning. The children will be brought to Arno Vale by the Woodthorpe Infants staff after registration to spend the morning in their new, year 3 classes and then stay for lunch. They will then spend the afternoon back in their Y2 classes.	Arno Vale Junior School
1 st July 2026	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Welcome meeting for new parents (not children). Parents will meet some of the Arno Vale staff and visit their child's new classroom. Please come to the main entrance for a 6.00pm start.	Arno Vale Junior School
8 th July 2026	2.35pm to 3.15pm	What do we learn about in year 3? Orienteering game led by the year 3 teachers where the children work with a partner to find answers to questions about the year 3 curriculum.	Arno Vale Junior School
13 th July 2026	11.00am to 11.30am	Class Ambassadors and Mr Rossington / Mr Baker to visit Woodthorpe Infants for a question-and-answer session with the children.	Woodthorpe Infant School

We are also organising for some children, who may be very nervous about the move to the junior school, to have extra visits to Arno Vale in small groups accompanied by a member of Woodthorpe Infant staff.

Our year 3 teachers and our SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) are already in discussions with the staff from Woodthorpe Infant School to discuss the children and any issues we should know about that will help with settling them in.

You will find below a link to an online form, which asks for the important information that is needed. We would like to be able to process this information before the new academic year, **so please complete it by Friday 26th June 2026.**

[Arno Vale Junior School - Emergency Contact Form and Essential Information September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

We will endeavour to answer any questions you may have at the new parents meeting and look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, you can follow the below link to our website with some relevant information regarding your child starting with us.

[Y2 to 3 Transition | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

Many thanks and kind regards,

Andrew Rossington

Headteacher (Monday to Wednesday)

Nikki Glover

Head teacher from September 2026

Chris Baker

Headteacher (Thursday and Friday)