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Primary Newsletter and Updates

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term on Thursday, the start of term arrangements in September and to be transparent in clarifying our expectations for the new academic year.

End of term arrangements

On **Thursday 23rd July 2026**, all students finish at **12 noon**. There will be no after school club.





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Start of term arrangements for September

The first day of the new academic year for all students is **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. This is a normal school day, starting promptly at **08:45am** although the school gates will open as normal at **08:30am**.

Moving up

One important change is all classes move up so please use the correct doors for your class year group. End of the school day will remain the same at **3.15pm**

Thank you to all members of the Armfield community

As we wrap up another fantastic year, I'd like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all our staff, students, parents, carers, and governors. Every one of you has played a part in making this year such a success!

A special thank you to our parents and carers and volunteers for your brilliant support throughout the year. Across every year group, it's been a hugely positive time full of hard work, personal growth, and wonderful community spirit. It has been a pleasure celebrating these moments with you all.

If you'd like to help support the school PTFA fundraising next year please do speak to Mrs Jones on the gate.

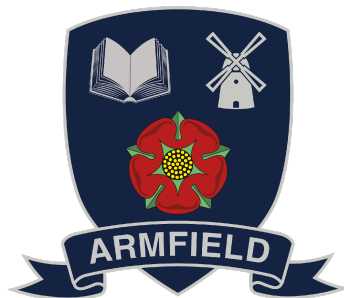
Outcomes

Our students have excelled both inside and outside the classroom this year. Across all age groups, we have seen superb academic progress. Our students have worked hard, tackled challenges head-on, and achieved results they should be incredibly proud of. I am pleased to report that all primary statutory outcomes and external assessment including SATS are above national average which is a great achievement for all pupils.

Out of School Success

This year, we have taken great pride in celebrating student achievement beyond the classroom through our Star of the Week assemblies. From successes on the sports field and creative triumphs in the arts, to national and international trips and charity initiatives, our pupils have demonstrated outstanding teamwork, dedication, and enthusiasm throughout the year.





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What I need to bring

As we prepare to move into the new academic year, it is essential that all students are organised on their return to school in September. At Armfield, we pride ourselves on our three pocket principles, in being respectful, responsible and ready to learn. Therefore, moving forward, every morning please bring a bag, coat and water bottle. Sun hats and sun cream if it's still warm in September.

Uniform Standards/Reminders

I want to say a huge thank you to all our students, parents, and carers for your fantastic support with uniform standards this term. As we look ahead to the new school year, we want to hit the ground running with those same high standards. Wearing the correct uniform gives our pupils a real sense of pride and belonging, and sets them up with a focused, positive mindset for learning every day!

Please ensure your child returns in September in the correct uniform. You can find our full uniform policy on our website if you need a quick reminder before buying any new items over the summer

<https://armfieldacademy.co.uk/information/uniform>

Key reminders are in relation to the three listed school logo items –

- Navy blue cardigan/jumper (Armfield branded)
- PE Navy blue polo shirt (Armfield branded)
- For girls the Tartan skirt/tunic/ pinafore (Armfield design)

Branded items can be purchased from Whittaker's on Highfield Rd.

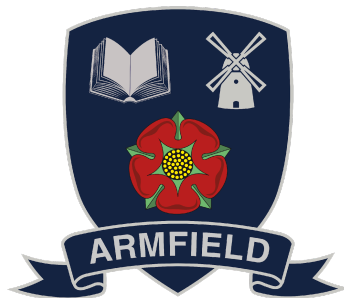
Armfield PTFA Uniform Swop shop - Please contact the school office for access to the swap shop which is run by parent/family volunteers.

Y6 Mobile Phones (new laws from June 2026)

A reminder for September, students are prohibited from using or accessing mobile phones and similar smart communication devices (including smartwatches that receive notifications or text messages) at any point during the school day. Any Year 6 pupils with a mobile phones MUST hand it in to their class teachers on arrival.

Parents and mobiles :We would also respectfully ask you to please be role models to children and greet children with a smile, not on a phone, when entering the playground to pick up and drop off.





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Breakfast & After School Club Update

Bookings for next term open on **1st September** via the MCAS app. Please remember to prepay and book at least **24 hours in advance!**

- **2026/27 Group Setup:** We are currently building the new group list. **Please ensure all debts are cleared ASAP**, as pupils with outstanding balances cannot be added.
- **Credit Balance:** Any remaining credit will automatically transfer on **1st September** (INSET Day)—no need to worry!
- **New 7:30 AM Slot:** We will have a limited number of 7:30 AM Breakfast Club slots available from September at **£5 per session**.

If you have any issues with credit transfers on 1st September, please send a direct message to **Mrs C. Packer** via ClassDojo.

School Attendance & Punctuality

Excellent attendance is key to your child's success and well-being. We continue to strive for 100% attendance for every student. Being in school every day, on-time, ensures that students do not miss out on vital learning and social opportunities. We understand that students sometimes feel slightly unwell, but even in these situations, we ask that you do your best to send them to school. This will help students build the resilience they need to access the learning that will help them make the best progress. We appreciate your continued partnership in making school attendance a priority when we return. A reminder that all holidays in term time will be unauthorised. Fixed penalty notices will be utilised for requests of 5-days or more, even if attendance is 100%. Across FCAT, we expect parents to utilise school closure times for holidays. Only in exceptional circumstances, holidays may be authorised by the Headteacher, but this can only be considered when parents complete the holiday request form in advance.

Free School Meal Application

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit (UC) will qualify for free school meals, regardless of their earnings. To make sure your child does not miss out, please use the official link to apply (this applies to all parents): <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/fcat>

Our Final Thanks

Thank you for your continued support this year! Thanks for bearing with us through a long update—we just want to make sure everyone feels fully prepared for September. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year!

Kind Regards

Mrs J. Jones
Head of Primary

