



Newsletter

Dear Armfield Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter! We are always delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our students and keep you updated with important reminders to ensure everything runs smoothly at Armfield Academy.

- Thank you to all the parents for supporting the uniform push. Our students are looking incredibly smart.

ARMFIELD ACADEMY PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE CLASS OF 2026

Prom Night

ONE NIGHT. INFINITE MEMORIES.

Wednesday 24th June

DANCE DRESS TO IMPRESS DJ

FOOD

Venue:
BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

Time:
TBC

Only 68 school days left for our year 11's!



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Secondary Uniform – Improving Standards

Our students have looked super smart and scholarly this week with ties, shirts and blazers being worn to an exceptional standard, thanks for your continued support with this as working together is hugely beneficial. As previously noted, high expectations and standards of uniform play an important role in creating a positive learning environment. They promote a sense of pride in the school, ensure equality among students, and help maintain a calm, purposeful atmosphere that supports learning and behaviour. The focus next week is on **every student wearing appropriate, all black school shoes** around the school site. Each week, we will focus on specific standards to ensure 100% compliance:

- **Week commencing 24th February** – every student wearing the correct tie & shirts tucked in
- **Week commencing 2nd March** – every student is wearing a school blazer
- **Week commencing 9th March – every student is wearing appropriate school shoes**
- **Week commencing 16th March** – every student is wearing appropriate trousers or skirt

As a reminder, we ask for your support in checking that your child attends school each day in the correct uniform. Students who do not meet uniform expectations will be asked to correct this by their form tutors at the start of each school day and then will be consistently challenged to ensure ongoing compliance during the school day. ***If a student receives 3 uniform behaviour points for wearing incorrect uniform on any given day, they will be issued with a 1-hour after school detention on the same day.***

We do have uniform in school that can be borrowed if a student arrives to school without the correct uniform. In this case, they will be able to borrow the uniform they need by handing in their mobile phone in exchange for the uniform needed. When returning the borrowed uniform at the end of the school day, they will have their mobile phone returned.

Mobile Phones – Following UK government guidance

In light of recently published government guidance, we must also remind you that the use of mobile phones, headphones and earpods at school is strictly prohibited. **Students are required to turn off their phones and remove headphones/earpods and store them in their bags while on school site** – this is non-negotiable other than for medical purposes, which would be included within an individual health-care plan for an individual student. Any student found with a mobile phone or headphones/earpods will have the item confiscated and parents/carers can collect it from the reception at the end of the school day.

Nursery have had a very fun week exploring science week, we've carried out a few experiments and enjoyed getting our hands messy!



Weekly Maths challenge

8 times table

$$1 \times 8 = 8$$

$$2 \times 8 = 16$$

$$3 \times 8 = 24$$

$$4 \times 8 = 32$$

$$5 \times 8 = 40$$

$$6 \times 8 = 48$$

$$7 \times 8 = 56$$

$$8 \times 8 = 64$$

$$9 \times 8 = 72$$

$$10 \times 8 = 80$$

$$11 \times 8 = 88$$

$$12 \times 8 = 96$$

Timestables.co.uk

The foundation of all mathematics is the times tables.
It is important to enable fast mental arithmetic,
problem solving and developing maths confidence.

Please can we ask parents to work hard with their you people
to ensure they can do their times tables.

Celebration of music

On Monday, 2nd March 2026, our talented students took to the stage at the iconic Winter Gardens Blackpool for the annual "World in Harmony" Celebration of Music. Now in its 17th year, this prestigious event showcases the incredible musical skills of children from schools across the region.

Our students delivered a multidisciplinary rendition of Coldplay's "Fix You". The performance was a true collaborative effort, blending:

A Live Band: Featuring Lucca on drums, Lucas on acoustic guitar, Luke on electric guitar, and Jack on piano.

Vocalists: Felicity, Bella, Daisy, Livia, Hallie, Ella, Gabriela, Erin, Taylor.

Dancers: Scarlett, Amelie, Layla, Harper, Amelia, Darcey, Eve.

The evening wasn't without its drama! During the first performance, Luke Dignan's electric guitar broke. In a heart-warming display of teamwork, his bandmates immediately pulled together to support him until the song was finished. Fortunately, the Winter Gardens staff managed to fix the instrument, allowing the group to perform a second time so Luke could have his well-deserved moment in the spotlight.

It was a magical evening that highlighted the incredible talent and spirit within our school community.



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COMMUNITY BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB TRUST

Holiday Activity and Food

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

MULTIPLE VENUES AND DATES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE!

www.bfcct.co.uk

🐣 Easter Holiday Club at Armfield – FREE HAF Places Available!

We're excited to be running our Easter Holiday Club at Armfield this April – with FREE places available through the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme for eligible children.

📅 Dates: 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th April

🕒 Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Children can enjoy:

- 🏆 Fun sports and team games
- 🎁 Fun challenges and prizes
- 😊 Making new friends
- 🍎 A healthy meal each day

It's a great way to keep children active, happy and engaged over the Easter holidays in a safe and friendly environment.

How to book:

📱 Book online here: <https://forms.gle/2x2V2s3Dpx7kTMWj8> ↗

Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so please book as soon as possible.

If you're unsure whether you're eligible for a free HAF place, please get in touch and we'll be happy to help - camp@bfcct.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you there! 🌟 ✨

Book giveaway

In celebration of World Book Day, National Literacy trust have once again partnered up with Blackpool Football Club Community Trust and will be hosting a book giveaway at the stadium on Saturday. See attached poster- this event is for all families, not just people who are attending the match. Come along and get your free World Book Day book

7th March - Blackpool FC stadium - North stand 1-2.45pm



FREE!
BOOK GIVEAWAY

Join us pre-match at Bloomfield Road Stadium, in the North Stand to collect your free World Book Day book.

7TH MARCH
1PM - 2:45PM

BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB vs WIGAN ATHLETIC

CELEBRATING WITH
WORLD BOOK DAY

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

GO ALL IN.

Charity Registration Number: 1128235 www.bfoc.co.uk



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Happy Holi 4/3/26

To all Armfield families that are celebrating the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring.



FCHS **FREE EVENT**

Holi Celebrations

8th March 2026

12:00 till 3:00 pm
Colours, Food stalls
Entertainment, DJ,
music, dance, raffle
and much more...

Community Event
Everyone is Welcome

Venue: Stanley Park,
West park drive, Blackpool FY3 9HQ

For any more info email us : info@fyldcoasthindusociety.org

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



See full reference list on our website



Departmental News: Empowering the Next Generation of Engineers

Our Year 9 Science students recently engaged in a high-impact curriculum enrichment session delivered by industry experts from **Morecambe Offshore Wind Ltd**. This visit provided a unique opportunity for our pupils to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world application, specifically focusing on the burgeoning renewable energy sector right here on our coastline.

From Theory to Application

Through a series of interactive presentations, students explored the mechanics and thermodynamics of offshore wind energy. Our guests provided expert insights into:

- **Engineering Excellence:** The sophisticated design differences between terrestrial and maritime turbines.
- **Future Technologies:** The revolutionary potential of floating turbines and their role in global energy security.
- **Regional Pride:** How Morecambe Bay has become a leading international hub for sustainable power.

Hands-on Innovation

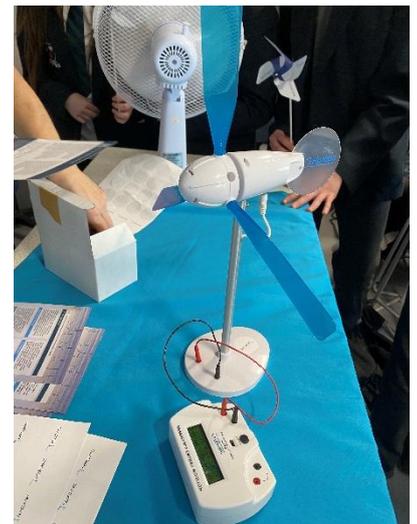
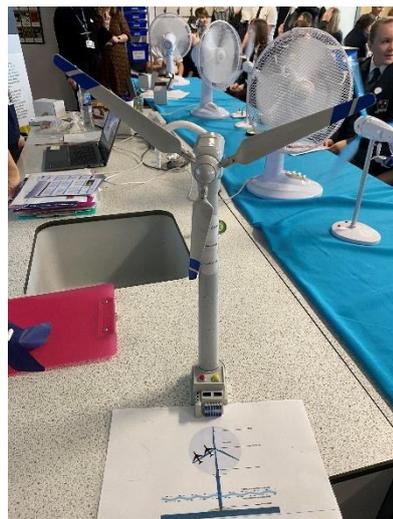
The session culminated in a practical engineering challenge where students designed, constructed, and tested their own wind turbine prototypes. Using data-driven testing with high-velocity fans, pupils evaluated the **efficiency and effectiveness** of their designs—skills that sit at the heart of our **disciplinary science** curriculum.

Inspiring Future Careers

Beyond the technical knowledge gained, this visit highlighted the vast array of professional pathways available to our students. As the North West continues to lead the green energy revolution, we want our students to be at the forefront of this sector. By fostering **independent inquiry and problem-solving skills**, we are ensuring our pupils are well-equipped to pursue successful careers in engineering and environmental science.

The visiting speakers were incredibly impressed by the **impeccable conduct** and inquisitive nature of our Year 9 cohort. We are immensely proud of how our students represented the Academy and the "Growth in Wisdom" they demonstrated throughout the session.

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Armfield Library

This month, for National Tell a Fairy Tale Day on February 26th (yes, we know that was last month!), we have a display for *The House with Chicken Legs* by Sophie Anderson, a fairytale story in a magical world. This book has a reading level of 5.0 and we have more than one copy available, so it is the perfect book for a group of students who like to discuss what they are reading. Maybe one of you might like to start a Book Club.



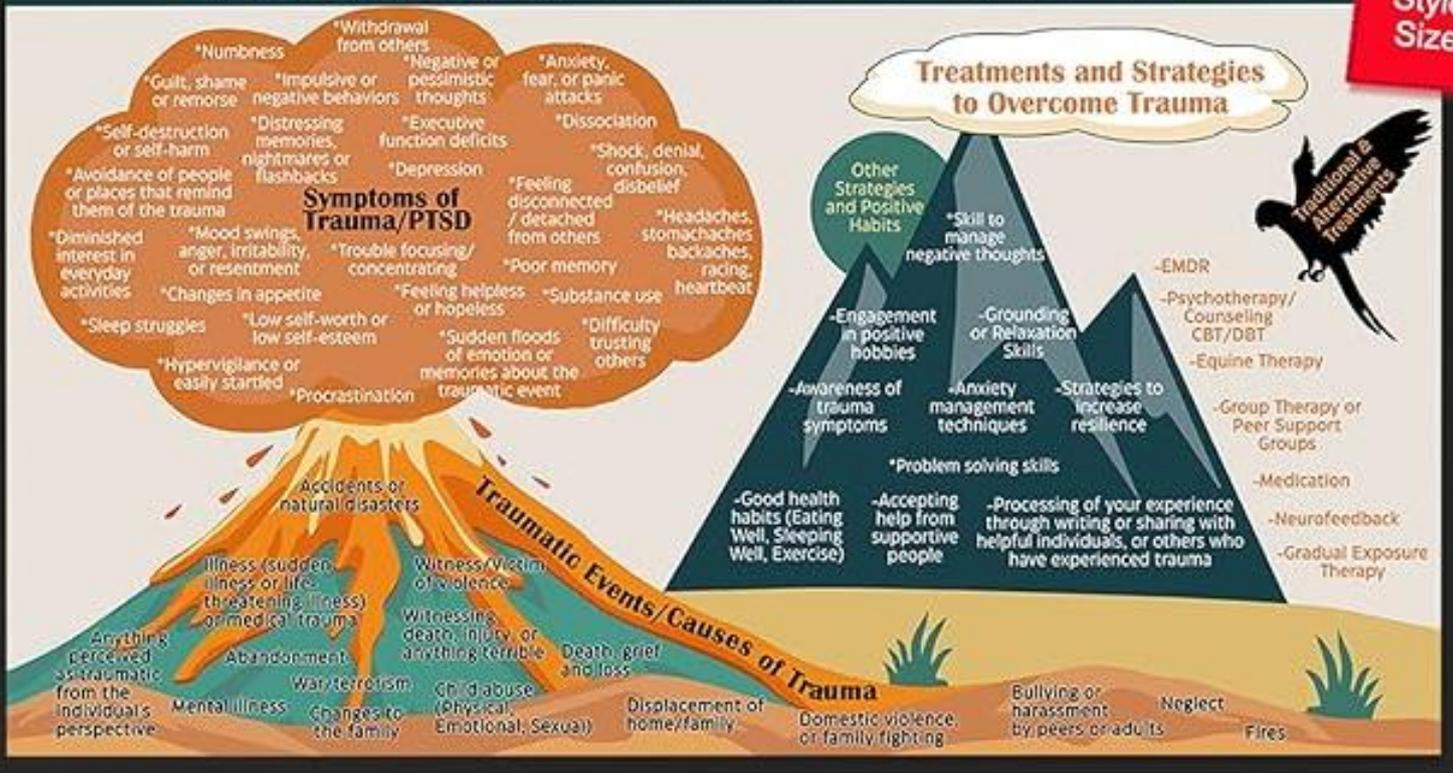
March 21st is World Poetry Day, so for our main display we have a selection of our poetry books for students to browse or borrow. These range from silly rhymes to more serious poetry in a range of reading levels. This year's theme is Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion. What is your favourite poem? We would love to have a display of all your favourite poems in the library. Maybe you would like to write one yourself based on this year's theme. Visit the UNESCO website for more information

Helpful information to support

WHAT IS TRAUMA FOR KIDS & TEENS

Trauma is exposure to an overwhelmingly stressful event or series of events that a child or teens finds extremely distressing or emotionally painful. It could be related to physical injury, a psychological trauma, or an accumulation of stresses that cause trauma throughout our young life. PTSD is an anxiety disorder often diagnosed as a result of psychological or physical trauma. It is important to know that each child's experience is valid, and treatable.

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Size**



New York 2027!



Coming Soon for all Y7-Y10 students

Details to be released on MCAS soon

Incredible Performance at the T1 Rugby Tournament!

A massive well done to our Year 8 girls who recently represented Armfield at the T1 Rugby Tournament!

Our students jumped into an fantastic opportunity hosted by Fylde Rugby, where they received expert coaching from specialist staff. It was a high-energy session that saw our girls sharpening their skills before putting them straight into action during a friendly tournament against other Blackpool schools.

The feedback from the coaches was fantastic. They were incredibly impressed by how our students conducted themselves, noting their remarkable resilience and natural leadership qualities when interacting with peers from across the borough.

We are so proud of the spirit and determination they showed—what a brilliant way to represent the Armfield community!





House System Update

Our house system returned this week after a mini-break. We ran two competitions, offering our pupils the opportunity to mix with each other and work collaboratively.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day through a character quiz; our pupils had to guess who is staff member was and the book/story their character came from. The winning house was:

- 1st - 50 points = **Ruby**
- 2nd - 40 points = **Citrine**
- 3rd - 30 points = **Sapphire**
- 4th - 20 points = **Emerald**
- 5th - 10 points = **Amethyst**



Earlier today, we held a 'Big Mac' relay race, using tennis balls and racquets. Our pupils demonstrated speed and nimbleness in equal measure as they journeyed from one side of the Sports Hall to the other. The winning house was **Citrine House** with 68 laps.



Finally, the 10-point bonus was again handed **Sapphire House** as a result of having the highest average attendance [91.21%].



Your views

here is a consultation out at the moment for if equation sheets should be provided for GCSE examinations for physics, combined science and mathematics. Since COVID, this has been an adjustment which has been highly beneficial to pupils and reduced the need to memorise over 40 equations. This would be extended for the rest of the lifetime of the current specification and will therefore involve your child and their exams if they are in Year 7, 8 or 9 (if they are in Year 10 and 11, the equation sheets are already provided). If the equation sheet is provided, your child will have less to learn for their final examinations and can focus on application of knowledge and increasing their grade overall. As staff, we fully support this proposal.

Please take a moment of time to fill in your views. Your child can also complete this. The consultation is open until the 23rd March 2026.

Thank you for your time and support with this.

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Thank you for your continued support—we love celebrating our students' successes with you!

Best wishes,

The Armfield Academy Team