



9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. It's been lovely to hear the children talking so positively about their Christmas holidays.

Well done to everyone who managed to get into school today. The snow was very weird. Some places had loads and others had none at all. The children did have a lovely time playing out in it.

Hopefully that will be all the snow we have this year. As we mentioned in the letter sent out this week, we will let you know via every platform, if we ever have to close school. If you don't hear anything from us, we will be open.

Don't forget that after school clubs start next week please pay and sign up via MCAS if you have not done so already.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



January

Mon 12th - Dental survey for 5 year olds - please return consent forms if you wish your child to take part

Thurs 15th - Winter Warmer menu (see below)

Thurs 22nd - 1A Assembly with parents/carers ([link to letter](#))

Mon 26th - Class 2c visit to Arnold library

Thurs 29th - 2B Assembly with parents/carers ([link to letter](#))

Fri 30th - Class 2b visit to Arnold library

February

Weds 4th - Class 2d visit to Arnold library

Thurs 5th - Lea Green Information Meeting for Y4 Parents ([link to letter](#))

Fri 6th - Class 2a visit to Arnold library

Tues 10th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Weds 11th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th - School closed for Half Term Break

March

Tues 3rd - Class 1c visit to Arnold library

Weds 4th - Class 2f visit to Arnold library

Thurs 5th - World Book Day

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - PTFA Fundraiser - Wonka Bar sales (provisional)

Tues 10th - Class 1b visit to Arnold library

Tues 17th Class 1a visit to Arnold library

Weds 18th - Class 2e visit to Arnold library

Thurs 19th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 21st - Comic Relief

Tues 24th - Wed 25th - Y4 Lea Green Residential ([Link to letter](#))

Wed 25th - F2 Easter craft with parents (provisional)

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Disco (provisional)

Thurs 26th - Science Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Thurs 26th - KS2 Disco (provisional)

Fri 27th - PTFA Easter Raffle (provisional)

Mon 30th - Fri 10th Apr School closed for Half Term Break

April

Thurs 16th - Year 3&4 Egyptian Day

Tues 21st - Y5 DAaRT Graduation with parents (invitation only/booking essential - details to follow) [\(link to letter\)](#)

Thurs 30th - 1B Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

May

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th - 2c Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Mon 11th - Y6 SATS week

Thurs 21st - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Fri 22nd - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Mon 25th - Fri 29th School closed for Half Term Break

June

Thurs 11th - 1C Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Fri 12th - Now Hear This! (provisional)

Fri 19th - Non-Uniform Day (Summer Fair Donations)

Fri 26th - Summer Fair

July

Thurs 2nd - Art Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 3rd - INSET Day

Thurs 9th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Mon 13th - Year 1 trip to Conkers

Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - F2 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - Fri 17th - Year 2 Residential Sherbrooke Scout Camp (provisional)

Thurs 23rd - Sporting Achievement Assembly (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Fri 24th - Y6 Leavers Assembly with parents/carers (booking essential) (provisional)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2025-2026
August 2025 to July 2026



2025/2026

August							September							October						
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November							December							January						
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February							March							April						
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May							June							July							
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School Holidays	Public Holidays	Administration Day
		Monday 1 st September

Autumn Term

1 September - 17 October 7 weeks
3 November - 19 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

5 January - 13 February 6 weeks
23 February - 27 March 5 weeks

Summer Term

13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days
1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day

Inset Days

Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 5th January
Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th July

Dinner Menu - w/c 12th January 2026

Winter Menu 2025-26					
Week Commencing: 12 th January					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Cheesy pizza <small>Milk Gluten Soya with potato balls & salad</small>	All day brunch Nottinghamshire Sausage <small>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</small> & bacon with hash browns, bakes beans & scrambled eggs <small>Egg Milk</small>	Pork with Yorkshire Pudding <small>Milk Egg Gluten</small> Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & Gravy	Bangers, Mash and Yorkshire Pudding with seasonal vegetables <small>Gluten</small>	Battered MSC Pollock wrap <small>Gluten Soya Fish Egg with coleslaw & oven chips</small>
Option 2	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of: Baked beans, Cheese <small>Milk</small> or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small>	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese <small>Milk</small> or Tuna Mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small>		Sandwich <small>Gluten Soya</small> Filled with a choice of: Cheese <small>Milk</small> Ham or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> Vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit, Frube	
Pudding	Chocolate & orange cookie <small>Gluten</small>	New York cheesecake <small>Gluten Soya Milk</small>	Sticky toffee pudding <small>Milk Egg Gluten with custard</small>	Cornflake Tart <small>Gluten with custard</small>	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate croissant <small>Gluten Milk</small>

Week 2



Severe Weather – Emergency School Procedures



In the event of snow, we intend to keep the school open and to function as close to normal as possible, although this may be with a reduced staff and classes may be mixed. If there aren't enough staff able to reach the school to run classes, then school will be closed.

If it is necessary to close the whole school, we will follow the procedures below:

- A message will be sent to all parents via email, MCAS and ClassDojo.
 - A message will be put on Facebook and on our website.
- We will endeavour to let you know if school is closed by 7.20am.

Clothing

If there is snow and the school is open, please send your child to school in suitable footwear, e.g. Wellington boots or equivalent. Children should bring shoes and spare socks in a bag to change into once inside their classrooms.

Online Learning

If school is closed, then teachers will send links to The Oak National Academy website on ClassDojo to access lessons to complete at home. We also ask that all children read their school reading books and complete Times Tables Rock Stars if they have a login.

Charity Ice Hockey Match - Free child tickets



As a school we encourage support of charitable causes, as such, we have been provided a free ticket allocation of a Charity Ice Hockey match in aid of Breast Cancer. Supporting both Coppafeel! And BreastCancerNow charities with all proceeds from tickets going to these charities.

Our school has been given a free ticket for every child (under the age of 11 years old) for this match which takes place at Nottingham Motorpoint Arena on the 8th February (3.30pm Face off).

The event itself features ex-elite league players David Clarke (Panthers), Marc Levers (Panthers) and Ben Bliss (Steelers) amongst the roster of the Nottingham Knights Ice Hockey Club.

For more information and tickets please go to <http://bit.ly/48QdMz0> On here to obtain our Schools allocation for your child simply select to buy 'primary School Child Tickets' and use the code 'NottsPrimaryPupil08226' in the promo code box. (Note this can only be used for the pupils, Adults must purchase their tickets separately.

After School Clubs - January 2026 (spaces still available)



The way we do after school clubs is changing.

We are asking parents to register their child for all clubs via MCAS each half term for the next half term's clubs. Clubs will run from w/c 12th January to w/c 2nd February.

As previously communicated ([link to letter](#)), there is now a charge of £10 per half term (4 sessions) for each club, payable in advance via MCAS. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Next half term's clubs are now available to book. Just go onto MCAS and choose 'Before and after school clubs', and any clubs available for your child to book onto will be displayed. Payment is required at the time of booking.

Please note that if you sign your child up, the £10 is non-refundable, even if your child does not attend one of the sessions. If we cancel any of the sessions for any reason, we will try to reschedule, but if this is not possible a refund will be given for that session.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2025-26
Dates: Half Term 1: 4 weeks from w/c 12th Jan - w/c 2nd Feb

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places/ ways to take part:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Sign language	Jackie Oldfield	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-6	30	2c
	Indoor athletics	Ruth Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y5-6	30	Front entrance
	Recorder club (beginners)	Hilary Carter/Karen Nunley	3.30-4.15pm	Y2-6	10	2B
Tuesday	KS1 Football (boys and girls)	Tom Robinson	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-2	20	2F
	Knitting	Sam Hopewell/Hilary Carter/ Holly Newton	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	6	2b
	KS1 Gymnastics	Ruth Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-2	25	Front entrance
	Recorder club (not beginners)	Joseph Phillips and Sally Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	Y4-6	15	2E
Wednesday	Ball skills/Games	Ruth Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	Invitation (SEND)	15	Front entrance
Thursday	Book club	Amanda Stones/Karen Gibbs	3.30-4.30pm	F2 - Y1	12	2f
	Boys' Football Club	Shaun Hewlett	3.30-4.30pm	Y5-6	20	2c
	Running Club	Ruth Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y4-6	30	Front entrance
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

Library Visits for the Spring Term



During the Spring Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. As this is your child's second visit to the library this academic year the visit will be slightly more informal and is known as a 'Book Exchange Visit'. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand.

If your child has a library card, please send it into school on the day of the class visit - they will bring it back home after the visit, along with their new book. If your child does not have a library card and you would like to request an application form to be sent to you, please email the school office by 23rd January

Please find the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Class	When	Time
2F	Wednesday 4 th March 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
2E	Wednesday 18 th March 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
2D	Wednesday 4 th February 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
2C	Monday 26 th January 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
2B	Friday 30 th January 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
1C	Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
1B	Tuesday 10 th March 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
1A	Tuesday 17 th March 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2A	TBC	TBC
F2B	TBC	TBC
2A	Friday 6 th February 2026	1.30pm-2.30pm

Counselling with Carla

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING



Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

Sadly my counselling services at school are coming to an end, due to funding, after a really successful few years.

I'm still very lucky to be able to run my sessions privately from the Den. If you need any support for your child, I offer this through talking, creative, and therapeutic play. Please contact me directly if this is something you may be interested in: carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

Carla Rose Counselling



About My Services

- 1-1 sessions
- Providing a safe and supportive environment for children to explore their feelings, thoughts and experiences
- Check-in on individuals well-being
- Coordination with outside agencies
- Communication with parents and teachers
- Sign post referrals

Price Package:

5 Children: (Full day)	£215
3 Children: (Morning)	£135
2 Children: (Afternoon)	£90

Each session will run for 50 minutes on an 8 week block but can be tailored depending on a child's specific needs.

Details:

Level 4 Diploma in
Counselling Practice
BACP Registered
Enhanced DBS
Fully Insured

*Copies provided on request

Contact:

Tel: 07929 604693
Email:
carlarosecounselling
@gmail.com

Plea to parents to apply for Free School Meals even if your child is in F2-Y2 and in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals

IT'S MORE THAN A FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

Did you know that free school meal applications assist in so much more than just free meals? Take a look!



Free School Meals

Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases



Extra School Funding

School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases



Free School Milk

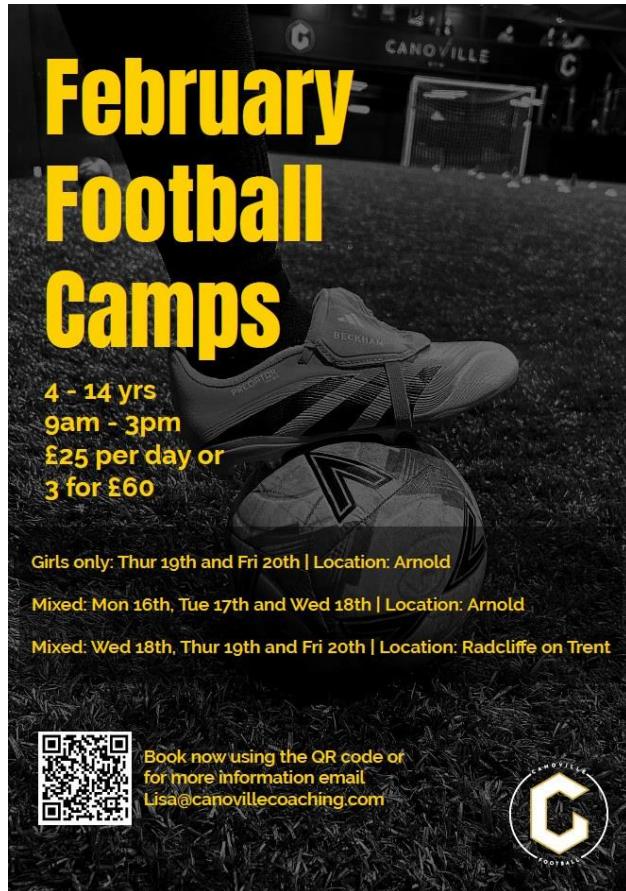
Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases



Access to HAF

Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

Community Notices



February Football Camps

4 - 14 yrs
9am - 3pm
£25 per day or
3 for £60

Girls only: Thur 19th and Fri 20th | Location: Arnold

Mixed: Mon 16th, Tue 17th and Wed 18th | Location: Arnold

Mixed: Wed 18th, Thur 19th and Fri 20th | Location: Radcliffe on Trent

 Book now using the QR code or
for more information email
Lisa@canovillecoaching.com





Looking for professional football sessions for ages 2-12 that are fun, no-pressure and led by experienced coaches?

New Saturday sessions starting this month in **Carlton**:
9.30am: 4-7s
10.30am: 8-12s

League teams and beginner training running throughout the week in **Arnold, Forest Fields, Hucknall and Bestwood**

 Membership starts at £5.50/session or pay-as-you-play
With 200+ happy members, we're the best around!
07775 687682 or pbbl.uk/StarStrikeFootball

All coaches are experienced, fully-trained and DBS certified



Previously Seen Articles



Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA (FOAM)

We have had a wonderful start to the year with lots of events that we have loved planning and seeing everyone enjoy.

We raised around £300 during our Halloween Pumpkin Hunt, where many children were lucky enough to win some fabulous bonus prizes. The Christmas Fair was fun filled and busy and a great kick off to the festive period. Congratulations to Jack who won the Festive Cash Pot, and our raffle winners as well as to Gemma, Meadow and Markus who were our Bake-Off winners – and a huge thank you to all who took part! The fair raised around £2000, and we couldn't have done this without the help of all the school staff, volunteers and everyone who gave a donation or attended the event.

We held our very first Breakfast with Santa event for around 70 children and which was a lovely morning full of craft activities, lots of breakfast pastries and a special visit from Santa. This event raised around £300 and we have included some photos of this, showing the fun that was had.

We have held Christmas Discos for F2&KS1 and KS2 where the children partied the afternoon away and had great fun taking pictures in the Christmas themed photobooth. The discos made over £800.

We were also kindly donated a signed Nottingham Forest football, which has raised around £200 from the raffle. A massive thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets the winning ticket was 121 (red) and the lucky winner has been notified.

We're looking forward to 2026, which will see the return of Wonka bars for World Book Day, more Discos and the Summer Fair, plus more to be confirmed. We would like to offer a massive thank you to every child, parent, family member, volunteer, and school staff member for getting involved and being so enthusiastic about our events and our school community.

We need your help! We'd love for the children to use their best creative skills to design a fun logo using our 'FOAM' name. Please pop your entry into the blue PTFA Postbox at the school office by Friday 16th January 2026.

Good Luck!





Important Policies



Here are a few policies which we would like to highlight:

[Parental Code of Conduct](#)

[Behaviour Policy](#)

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Mobile Phone Policy](#)

All other policies can be found here:

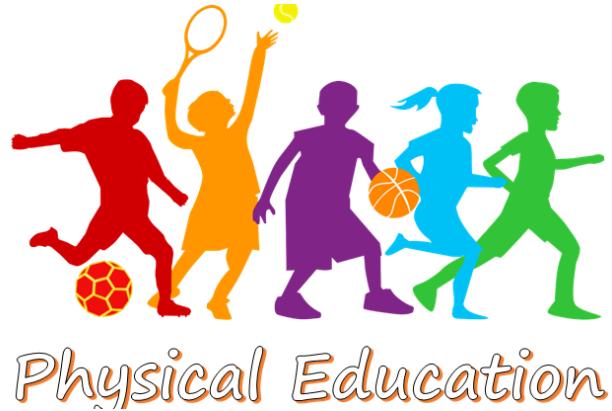
[Link to Policies page on website](#)

The School Car Park



Just a quick reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. Parents should not use it for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not use it for breakfast club, after school clubs or boosters. The only exception to this is after 5pm from Millie's After School Club.

Many thanks



Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): *Tuesday (please come in PE kit)*

F1 (pm): *Friday (please come in PE kit)*

F2a: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

F2b: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1A: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1B: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1C: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

2A: *Monday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Tuesday (please come in PE kit)*

2B: *Tuesday (please come in PE kit) and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2C: *Tuesday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2D: *Monday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Thursday (please come in PE kit)*

2E: Thursday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2F: Tuesday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Thursday (please come in PE kit)



✉ office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

☎ **0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 2 to speak to a member of the admin team)

🌐 <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk>

💬 <https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial>
