



11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are back into the swing of things. Lessons are already focusing on making sure every child has the opportunity to make superb progress and learn lots of new knowledge and skills.

This year we want to work closely with you all to make sure that children are in school, on time, every day - If a child misses one day of school or are regularly late/picked up early, they miss so much.

We want every child to feel safe, settled and ready to learn. Being in school every day helps children build routines, make friends and grow in confidence. We know that some children

feel worried about coming to school at times. This is normal, especially at the start of a new term, a new class, or if there are issues with friends or in lessons.

Sometimes there are other issues that make coming to school difficult, such as transport, uniform or difficulties at home. If attendance is becoming a struggle, please talk to us – we are here to help. We can work together to understand what is happening and agree a plan together. If needed, we can help you find support from other services. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher to talk it through.

If your child has a medical appointment, please try to book it outside of school hours where possible. If not, send them in before and after the appointment so they don't miss a full day.

If your child is unwell, it's important to tell us as soon as possible by phone, email to the office or you can also report an absence via MCAS.

If you are not sure if your child is well enough for school - if they've got a runny nose, slight cough or headache but no high temperature, they can usually still attend if they are otherwise well – and we'll keep an eye on them. For more guidance please see [NHS Is my child too ill for school link](#)

We want every child to thrive in school; this can only really happen if they are here every day. Fingers crossed for 100% attendance across school next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



September

Fri 18th - FOAM AGM ([link to poster](#))

Fri 25th-Y1 - Y6 Maths Rockstar and Number Day ([link to letter](#))

Fri 25th - Flu vaccinations (details to follow)

October

Fri 2nd - Y5/6 Visit to King's Mill Reservoir ([link to letter](#))

Thu 8th - Harvest Celebration with Year 3&4 Parents (provisional)

Fri 9th - Book look with parents (provisional)

Fri 9th - PTFA Family Film Night (provisional)

Tue 13th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Wed 14th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Thur 15th - PTFA Golden Pumpkin Hunt (provisional)

19th-30th October - Half Term

November

Fri 13th - PTFA Doughnut Friday (provisional)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th - PTFA Year 5/6 Games Week (provisional)

Thur 19th - Year 3&4 visit to Creswell Crag

*Fri 27th - Non Uniform Day (donations of Chocolate for PTFA Chocolate Tombola)
(provisional)*

December

Tue 1st - Fri 4th - Lucky Bags competition(provisional)

Fri 4th - PTFA Chocolate Tombola and Luck Bag pop ups (provisional)

Tue 8th - F2 Nativity (provisional)

Thu 10th - Talent Assembly (provisional)

Tue 15th - KS1 Nativity (provisional)

Wed 16th - KS2 Christmas Carol Performance (provisional)

21st December-1st January - Christmas Holidays

January

Mon 4th - Inset Day

February

2nd - Year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster

15th-19th February - Half Term

March

18-19th - Year 4 visit to Lea Green

April

May

Mon 3rd - Bank Holiday

June

31st May-4th June - Half Term

July

Fri 2nd - Inset Day

Tues 27th - Last day for pupils

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2026-27
August 2026 to July 2027

Dinner Menu - w/c 14th September 2026

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School Clubs for Autumn Term 1



Arnold Mill Primary School

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Ofsted Registration: 122720

Dear Parents/Carers

After School Activity Clubs for the Autumn Term 1

Clubs for next half term will run for 4 weeks from w/c 14th September to w/c 5th October 2026, except for KS2 Girls' football, which will start a week later and run until 12th October.

There is 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 will be available to book on MCAS from 6.00pm on Wednesday 9th September. Just go onto MCAS and choose 'Before and after school clubs'. Any clubs available for your child to book onto will be displayed. Payment is required at the time of booking, and this is your confirmation that a place has been allocated - you will not receive a separate notification.

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.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oldfield
Head Teacher

Changes to Free School Meals



Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026



From the start of the 2026–2027 academic year, the Department for Education is expanding eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM). This means that all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of household earnings.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

However, eligibility is not awarded automatically. Parents and carers must apply online via the Notts County Council website found here:
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>



Without a completed application, we do not receive confirmation of your child's eligibility and won't receive the funding to provide Free School Meals.

Free School Meals may be available to pupils whose parents or carers receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- The Guarantee Element of Pension Credit
- Support under the Department for Education's separate guidance for families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)



If your household receives Universal Credit, even if you have not previously qualified for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to apply. For more information, please refer to the Notts County Council website page using the link above.



Change of Caterers - Action required if your child has special dietary needs



From September we will have a new catering supplier, Aspen's. Although the kitchen staff will remain the same, we will have new food, menus and systems.

Aspens comply with the Food Information Regulation 2014 which states that allergen information must be provided for all food prepared and sold, and as such will provide a meal for your child if they have a special dietary requirement.

*Unfortunately as a new provider, **ALL ALLERGEN INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE RESUBMITTED** for your child to receive allergen appropriate menu.*

If your child does have a special dietary requirement you will need to complete and return a form please ([Link to form](#)). Please ask the office to send a hard copy home if required.

If your child has a food allergy resulting in a severe reaction/anaphylactic shock, please speak to the school office so that Aspens can get in contact directly to discuss a suitable menu. If this allergy is to one of the known 14 allergens (celery, cereals containing gluten, crustaceans, egg, fish, lupin, milk, molluscs, mustard, peanuts, sesame, soybeans, sulphur dioxide, tree nuts.) then your child can be fed from our allergy aware menu until they have agreed a suitable menu with you.

If your child has multiple allergies or is allergic to other foods such as tomatoes, please could you provide a packed lunch for them until Aspens have met with you to agree a suitable menu.

For those children with intolerance and lifestyle choices, please follow our usual ordering system and select from the daily menu. The draft menus can be seen below. As you will see, there is more choice; anyone can choose the vegetarian option if they wish and both pasta and jacket potatoes will be available as an option on a daily basis.

September at Arnie's Breakfast & Millie's After School Club

SEPTEMBER AT ARNIE'S BREAKFAST & MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB			
SPACE INVASION	UNDER the SEA	SUPER HERO	NATURE
w/c 7th September Activities throughout the week Spazeman training camp Rocket launcher workshop Make me an alien A postcard from space Grab a planet From 4.30pm to include Meteor Meatballs Cosmic kebabs UFO pizza Galaxy popcorn Comet corn	w/c 14th September Activities throughout the week Shark attack tag Ocean in a bottle DIY seaside necklaces Marshmallow toasting Under water treasure hunt From 4.30pm to include Pirate ship hot dogs Crabwiches Shark bites Beach party jelly cup Treasure trove snacks	w/c 21st September Activities throughout the week Hulk bash Superhero shield making Target practice Comic strip creator Make me a superhero From 4.30pm to include Captain America burgers Hulk Smash tacos Kryptonite kebabs Caped crusader cakes Cotton candy canon	w/c 28th September Activities throughout the week Scavenger hunt Bug hotel making Nature bowling Wildlife art workshop Den making From 4.30pm to include Woodland veggie platter Snakehips Tropical parrot punch Wood fired cheese balls Fruit catapult

Updated Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy

Please use this link to read the latest updated policy.

[Link to policy](#)

Reading at Home - changes to how you can record it

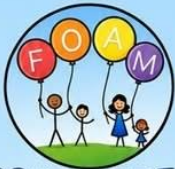
We hope you had a wonderful summer break. We are making some changes to how we record children's reading at home. Instead of using reading diaries, we will now be using Class Dojo to record home reading. This new system will be used across Years 1 to 6 and will help us keep a clear record of children's reading while making communication between home and school quicker and easier.

Please use the link below to read the letter.

[Link to letter](#)

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA





FOAM PTFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


FRIDAY
18/09/2026


8.30 – 9.30


**IN THE
STAFFROOM**

HAVE YOUR SAY. GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ❤️

WE'LL BE ELECTING:

CO-CHAIRS

- Lead and represent the PTFA, working together as a team.
- Set the agenda for meetings and ensure decisions are carried out.
- Support and encourage the committee and wider parents.
- Act as the main contact with the school.

TREASURER

- Look after the money and keep accurate financial records.
- Prepare a budget and monitor income and expenditure.
- Report on finances at meetings.
- Ensure money is handled responsibly and in line with the PTFA's banking procedures.

SECRETARY

- Keep minutes of meetings and maintain records.
- Manage correspondence and communications.
- Support the committee by keeping everyone informed.
- Help ensure the PTFA runs smoothly and efficiently.


 If you would like further information on the committee roles or are considering nominating yourself, please contact friendsofarnoldmill@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! ❤️

FRIENDS OF ARNOLD MILL

FUNDS RAISED 2025-2026

ARNOLD MILL GOLDEN PUMPKIN HUNT £300	SUMMER CASHPOT £37.50	WORLD CUP SWEETSTAKE £150	ICE CREAM VAN DONATION £750
CHRISTMAS FAIR £2,375	BREAKFAST WITH SANTA £523	CHRISTMAS DISCOS £1,004	DOUGHNUT SALES £89
WORLD BOOK DAY WONDERFUL BARS £430	LIGHT UP DISCOS £1,935.50	SUMMER FAIR EVENTS £1,952	SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS £190
COLOUR RUN £3,101	SUMMER PARTY £555.00	NFC SHIRT RAFFLE £362.00	NFC FOOTBALL RAFFLE £165.00

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RAISE AN INCREDIBLE £12,990

Together we make a difference!
Thank you for supporting our school community

FRIENDS OF ARNOLD MILL

FUNDS SPENT 2025-2026

NEW PLAY BENCHES	TRIM TRAIL EQUIPMENT	COACH TRAVEL FOR SCHOOL TRIPS	SLEEPING BEAUTY - PLAYHOUSE PANTS SCREENING
FOX WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP	BAKING EQUIPMENT	AFRICAN AKEE DANCE WORKSHOP	CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES
PRIZES FOR EXTREME READERS - WORLD BOOK DAY	BOOKSHELVES	WELLY WASHING STATIONS	LARGE TV SCREEN FOR THE GEN
GLAZERS FOR SHADE IN THE SUMMER	MINI TRAMPOLINE FOR FOUNDATION UNIT	REFRESHED CHANGING STATIONS THROUGHOUT SCHOOL	PRIZES FOR STAR ASSEMBLIES
CHRISTMAS BOOKS FROM SANTA	OUTDOOR GAMES	STOCK FOR POP UP STALLS	COFFY JARRED MACHINE
		14 WOODEN TROUSERS FOR YOUNG TRIPS	BRIMS AND BUCKETS FOR CLOUTIERING

AS WELL AS THE COSTS OF FUN COMMUNITY EVENTS SUCH AS THE COLOUR RUN, EASTER EGG HUNT, WONDERFUL BARS AND THE SCHOOL FAIRS

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Recycling



Mobile Phones in School



A quick reminder that we have a no phones in school policy for children. They should not be bringing phones to school and if they do, it will be sent to the office and an adult will be asked to collect them. When used unsupervised, mobiles can lead to safeguarding concerns, unwanted photo taking and unkind messages. Please don't feel you need buy your child a phone, as it won't be allowed in school. You can see the policy in more detail by clicking this [link](#) Link to policy.

Community Notices



The advertisement features a central photograph of four children playing soccer on a grass field. One child in a dark blue kit is being tackled by a child in a maroon kit. Another child in a maroon kit is running towards them, and a fourth child in a red kit is in the background. In the top left corner is the 'POWER LEAGUE KIDS CAMPS' logo. In the top right, the words 'HALLOWEEN' and 'HALF TERM CAMPS' are written in a large, green, dripping font. In the bottom left, there is an image of a black Nike x Powerleague shirt. In the bottom right, there is a green box with the text 'Secure Your Kids Place Today' and a QR code. Below the shirt image, the text reads: 'Book all five days and pay for four, plus receive an exclusive Nike x Powerleague shirt.'

T&Cs: Offer valid on October Half Term Camp bookings only. Book five days and pay for four. Exclusive Nike x Powerleague shirt available with full-week bookings while stocks last. Full T&Cs apply.





FOOTBALL ACADEMY

26/27

SEASON 5

ACADEMY VENUE
 Arnold View Primary School
 Gedling Rd, Arnold NG5 6NW

Book Your Child's Space Today for:
£6.00 per Session
 or Block Booking Available

TIMINGS
 08:30 - 09:15 18 months - 2 Years
 3-5 Years
 08:30 - 09:30 Girls 6-11 Years
 09:30 - 10:30 6-7 Years
 8-9 Years
 10-11 Years
 10:30 - 11:30 TEAM TRAINING

ACTIVITIES
 Ball Manipulation
 Dribbling
 Passing
 Shooting
 + LOTS OF FUN GAMES!!

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!!

STAY SOCIAL
 07398 215354
 nextlevelsportsfootballacademy
 Any queries, drop us an email:
 bookings.nextlevelsports@gmail.com

NEXT LEVEL FOOTBALL ACADEMY ESTD 2022

Counselling by Carla

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING



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



Physical Education

Here are the PE slots for each class (now updated for 2026/27):

F1 (am): Thursday (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 Thursday (please come in PE kit)

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

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

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

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

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



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

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