



19th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

After a week and a bit of performances and Christmas activities, we are all ready for the Christmas break. The children have been amazing, listening well, trying their best and finding joy in everything they've been doing. There has been a really lovely buzz of Christmas cheer around school. Thank you all for supporting us this term.

We were all disappointed to cancel the outdoor KS2 Winter Carol concert. The weather forecast was not good and rather than send a message to parents at short notice on the day of the event I thought it was best to cancel it early so that we could make arrangements to film the children and send it out to you. We hope you enjoyed the video version of the event rather than missing out completely, the children really made us proud during the filming.

We also raised over £430 to buy books with money raised from the book fair.

I'd like to end with a massive thank you to all the staff and the Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA (formally PTA), for all their hard work- without their support none of the recent events would be possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful festive period.

See you in 2026! (The children return on Tuesday 6th Jan 2026)

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



December

Mon 22nd - Fri 2nd Jan school closed for Christmas Break

January

Mon 5th - INSET Day (school closed)

Wed 7th - Year 4 weekly swimming lessons start

Thurs 8th - Height and weight measurements for children in F2 and Y6 ([link for more details](#))

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

Thurs 22nd - 1A Assembly with parents/carers

Mon 26th - Class 2c visit to Arnold library

Thurs 29th - 2B Assembly with parents/carers

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) provisional

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)

Dinner Menu - w/c 5th January 2026

Winter Menu 2025-26					
Week Commencing: 5 th January				Week 1	
Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	
Inset Day - School Closed	Vegetarian sausage roll <i>Soya Milk Gluten</i> Jacket wedges, baked beans & sweetcorn	Gammon with Yorkshire pudding <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i> Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & gravy	Chicken Enchiladas <i>Gluten Milk</i> with rice & salsa <i>Sesame</i>	Fishcake cob <i>Gluten Fish Sesame</i> with lemon mayonnaise <i>Egg Sulphur Dioxide</i> Oven chips & peas	
Option 1					
Option 2		Sandwich <i>Gluten Soya</i> Filled with a choice of: Cheese <i>Milk</i> Ham or Tuna mayonnaise <i>Fish Egg</i> Vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit, Frube		Jacket potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese <i>Milk</i> or Tuna Mayonnaise <i>Fish Egg</i>	
Pudding	pinwheel Cookie <i>Gluten</i>	Spice Apple Crumble <i>Gluten</i> with Custard <i>Milk</i>	Donuts <i>Soya Milk Gluten Egg</i> <i>Sesame</i>	Chocolate Brownie <i>Gluten</i>	

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:

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Email:
carlarosecounselling
@gmail.com

Internet Safety





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16th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that several titles in the "ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY" book series contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, with no age restrictions. This material is not suitable for any child.

Today we have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. If you do, we advise you to remove them immediately so your child can't access the link. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will deal with them accordingly. We will let you know if we receive an update that the compromised link has been made safe.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jackie Oldfield
Head Teacher





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!



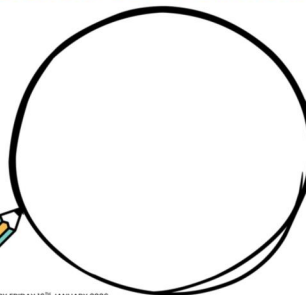


FOAM LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Friends of Arnold Mill
need your help!
We'd love for you to
use your best
creative skills and
design us a fun logo
using our 'FOAM'
name.

*Please keep your drawing
inside the circle.

NAME:
CLASS:







PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ENTRIES INTO THE PFA POSTBOX BY FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025

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	Extra School Funding
Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases	School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases
	
Free School Milk	Access to HAF
Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases	Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

*Year 4 children will be going swimming at Arnold Leisure Centre (we will walk there with staff from school). The morning swimming sessions start on **Wednesday 7th January** and will be weekly through to Wednesday 22nd July. Your child **will** need to come to school in their normal school uniform on swimming days. Please can you ensure your child brings their swimming costume and towel in a separate bag. The Local Education Authority issue rules regarding swimming costumes which are as follows:*

Girls – one piece swimming costume

*Boys – swimming trunks or close-fitting shorts without side pockets and **no longer than mid-thigh length, please see Mrs Greentree if you are unsure.***

Hair which is longer than jaw length should be tied back or in a cap.

All jewellery must be removed.

Earrings cannot be taped over or covered by a hat.

Goggles can be worn. However, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to adjust and fit the goggles correctly and to write a letter of consent to the class teacher.

Please adhere to the regulations, as the instructors will not let your child swim if they break the rules.

Please note that there will be no tuck (Year 4 only) on a swimming day so if you have pre-ordered don't forget to pop on to MCAS to cancel it as you may still be charged. Thank you.



Year 4 Residential Visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre (Places still available- book via MCAS)

We are holding a parents' information meeting for parents of children attending the Lea Green residential on Thursday 5th February at 3.40pm. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of the plans for the visit and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We will also give out an information booklet, consent and medical forms which will need to be returned by 14th February.

If you haven't done so already it is not too late to book a place for your child.

Due to last year's residential being such a resounding success, in March 2026 (Tuesday 24th – Wednesday 25th), we have arranged to take Year 4 children on a residential visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre in Derbyshire. Going on a residential to Lea Green is a fantastic experience for children as it has so many activities to offer and the staff who run it are brilliant at making sure the children have the best time possible.

The children will have a full two-day learning experience with one night staying over at Lea Green. The grounds at Lea Green are extensive and staying in such a grand house, which was built in 1761, is an experience in itself.

The activities the children will take part in are:

- Orienteering*
- Low ropes obstacle course*
- Bushcraft*
- Go-karting*
- Problem solving team challenges*
- Co-operative games.*

There will also be lots of opportunities for children to have free time and use the different facilities at the center to enable them to wind down at the end of a busy day. The facilities include a games room (table football, pool tables, various games etc.), a sports hall, play ground and of course a shop.

The children will also take part in an ambush type game where the staff are the catchers – my favourite activity.

The cost of the trip is £141 and includes transport to and from school to Lea Green, meals, bedding, use of all the facilities and activities led by the staff at the center.

We hope that as many of Year 4 as possible can come (45 places have been booked as last year we took every member of Year 4).

We have set up a payment plan as follows:

**£50 non-refundable deposit Friday 31st October*

** £30 non-refundable instalment Friday 28th November*

**£30 non-refundable instalment Friday 30th January*

**£31 non-refundable final payment Friday 27th February*

Please note that all payments must be paid by the due dates at the very latest. When you pay the £50 deposit, you secure the place and are making a commitment for your child to attend, and you are agreeing to pay the remaining balances by their due dates. If your child decides they no longer want to attend, a refund will not be issued and any remaining balance will still need to be paid, unless a replacement can be found.

The parents' information meeting is after school on Thursday 5th February, this will cover kit list and medical requirements etc. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can contact me by phoning school or emailing me on office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

Please have a look at the Lea Green website with your child for more information about the centre: [Lea Green link](#)

Please note that there will be no tuck (Year 4 only) during the trip dates so if you have pre-ordered don't forget to pop on to MCAS to cancel it as you may still be charged.

Many thanks, Mrs French

Community Notices

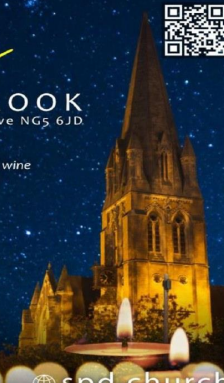


Vocals
BIG YOUTH
CHRISTMAS SING

**A FUN WORKSHOP AND
CONCERT OPEN TO
CHILDREN AGED 5 - 14**

Saturday 13 December
Nottingham Trent University
Clifton NG11 8NS
Sunday 14 December
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA



























Christmas
ST PAUL'S DAYBROOK
corner of Mansfield Road and Church Drive NG5 6JD

Carols by Candlelight
Traditional carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine
6.00pm – SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

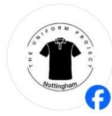
Christingle A simple family-orientated service
4.00pm – CHRISTMAS EVE

Midnight Communion
A late-night, reflective communion service
11.15pm – CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Morning Celebration
10.00am – CHRISTMAS DAY

ST PAUL'S DAYBROOK
ST TIMOTHY'S
stpaulsdaybrook
spd.church
hello@stpaulsdaybrook.co.uk



It's Back to School Season



Thanks to our successful application for the Winter Support Grant via Nottingham City Council.

This Christmas we are able to provide uniform parcels via post for to support your little ones who have outgrown their summer uniform parcels already.

If you need a fresh and free uniform parcel, please contact us via messenger on our Facebook page or email us:
uniformproject@hotmail.com.

CLAIRE WARD
MAYOR OF THE
EAST MIDLANDS

East Midlands
Combined County
Authority

CHRISTMAS KIDS CLUB

The Salvation Army, 99 High St,
Arnold, NG5 7DQ

For more info email contact:
nottingham.arnold@salvationarmy.org.uk
Tel: 01159208800 Mob: 07920377010

MON 22 DEC 2025 1PM-4PM
£1 PER CHILD
GAMES CRAFTS GOODIES

Previously Seen Articles



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



Physical Education

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)

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