20th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Hallam-Jones, one of our volunteers, has kindly offered to gift us a washing machine - so I wanted to say a huge thank you to him for this very generous offer. We are still looking for storage boxes for our OPAL sheds, if anyone has got any laying around, please think of us. We have also had lots of donations of toys- these always to go good use- so thank you to everyone who has brought things in. As we approach Christmas, you may be having a clear out, and we would welcome any donations. We can use material, old curtains, toys, pushchairs, dressing up clothes, second hand uniform, cooking pots and pans, scooters - to be honest we normally find a use for most things. We will offer AMPS awards to children who bring in donations as a way of saying thank you.

This year we are trying to do things a little differently for Christmas. We will be holding Christmas discos in school time, at no cost to parents. We wanted to make sure that everyone gets to celebrate together, and not add extra financial burdens on parents at this very expensive time of the year. We are also not holding our annual Christmas Fair. Instead the PTA are planning smaller pop up events, including a raffle, a tombola, a meet Santa event and the book bus will be visiting. We will be advertising these in our weekly newsletters so watch this space for more details.

On Friday, 27th November, your children can wear anything they want, if they donate some chocolate, a bottle of something, or a colourful item we can use in our Rainbow Hamper Raffle. We look forward to seeing them all enjoying their 'Dress down Friday'.

We do try and respond when parents raise things with us, which is why we are trying to make sure we are not asking for too much money all of the time. We hope these plans will make things a bit easier for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

P.S.

We love to reflect on how we are doing as a school so please use this link to complete the Parent Questionnaire (Link to questionnaire). This will help us see what's going well and what we could do better.

Thank you!

Calendar



November

Tues 24th - English Writing Assembly with parents (invitation only)

Wed 25th - Family phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception (Link to poster)

Fri 27th - Non Uniform Day (donations of Chocolate for PTFA Chocolate Tombola) (Link to poster)

December

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

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

Tue 8th - F1 Nativity Link to letter

Wed 9th - Book Bus in school

Thu 10th - F2 Nativity Link to letter

Thu 10th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (Link to letter)

Fri 4th - PTFA Toy Sale pop up (provisional)

Tue 15th - KS1 Nativity (invitation only) (Link to letter)

Wed 16th - KS2 Christmas Outdoor Carol Performance (Link to letter)

Wed 16th - PTFA Rainbow Raffle and Christmas Cashpot Draw (provisional)

Wed 16th - PTFA F2/KS1 Christmas Party Disco (provisional)

Thu 17th - PTFA KS2 Christmas Party Disco (provisional)

21st December-1st January - Christmas Holidays

January

Mon 4th - Inset Day

February

Tue 2nd - Year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster

Thu 4th - Year 4 Parents' Information Meeting for Residential to Lea Green (link to letter)

15th-19th February - Half Term

March

Thu 4th - World Book Day

18th-19th - Year 4 Residential to Lea Green (link to letter)

April

May

Mon 3rd - Bank Holiday

Mon 10th - Thu 13th - Year 6 SATs week

June

31st May-4th June - Half Term

July

Tues 27th - Last day for pupils

Wed 28th Inset Day

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2026-27
August 2026 to July 2027

Nottinghamshire County Council

2026/2027

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School Holidays | Public Holidays | Administration Day

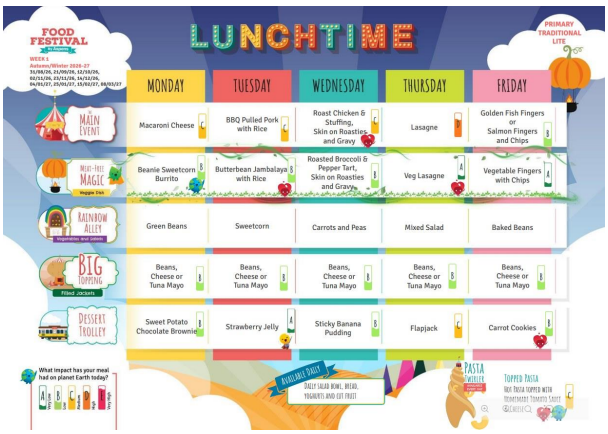
Autumn Term
1 September - 16October **6 weeks 4 days**
2 November - 18 December **7 weeks**

Spring Term
4 January - 12 February **6 weeks**
22 February - 25 March **4 weeks 4 days**

Summer Term
12 April - 28 May **6weeks 4 days**
7 June - 28 July **7 weeks 3 days**

Inset Days
(please note that 2nd July 2027 is a provisional date and subject to change)

Dinner Menu - w/c 23rd November 2026



Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club









SEND


progress
SENCo
children
speech & language
teachers
anxiety
learning difficulties
learning plan
parents
dyslexia
autism
dyspraxia
fine motor
inclusion
ADHD
SEMH
TAs
special needs
dyscalculia
hearing
children
SENCo

Nottinghamshire County Council

SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

NOTTS PARENT EVENT:
Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

General Outline

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide many practical tips for supporting these learners at home

Course Details

Monday, 23rd November 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VENUE: Taking place via MICROSOFT TEAMS
(joining instructions will be sent out separately prior to the session taking place)

The course Presenters will be
Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screeton, Sandhya Sharma from the Cognition and Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)

PLEASE NOTE: This event is FREE so there is no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

https://notts-parent-event-supporting-dyslexia-at-home-23-nov-26.eventbrite.co.uk

Closing date:
Monday, 16th November 2026 at 12:00 noon

Enquiries – Judith A Knight, SIS Admin Team: sis.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk or
Tel: **0115 854 6464**

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA



A massive thatnk you to everyone for supporting our Penny Wars challenge.


NON UNIFORM DAY
The children are invited to come to school in their own clothes.
FRIDAY 27TH NOV
Please bring a donation of something chocolatey, a bottle or something colourful for the Rainbow Hamper Raffle.
*a bottle of anything (new and unopened) - shampoo, bubble bath, cordial, pop, alcohol or anything else in a bottle. Adults please carry any alcohol/glass bottles into school as we do not want to put any child at risk.
THANK YOU!


WANTED
Donations of new or nearly new children's school socks and/or welly socks (suitable for ages 3-11).
Sometimes socks get wet from spills, water trays, mud kitchens, wet grass or accidents. A clean, dry pair can make a big difference!
DONATIONS GRATELYLLY RECEIVED
Thank you for helping us look after little feet.

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



Arnold Mill Primary School

THE WHITE HILLS PARK TRUST

OPEN DAYS

For children starting school in September 2027



We'd love to welcome you!

- Tour our school
- Meet the teacher
- See our learning spaces
- Ask questions and get to know us

Our open day dates

Thursday 12th November
9:15am or 10:15am
session last approx 30 minutes

Thursday 26th November
9:15am or 10:15am
session last approx 30 minutes

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
as group sizes are limited.

office@arnoldmill notts.sch.uk

0115 966 7930

To book please contact the school office to confirm:

- the date you are enquiring about
- name(s) of the adult visitor(s) maximum of two adult visitors please
- a daytime contact number
- name & date of birth of the child that might be joining our school - they are welcome to attend too!

BOOK NOW

NHS
Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

What to expect from your Healthy Family Team contact



What your health visitor will discuss:

- Your health and wellbeing
- Your pregnancy, babies' health, and development
- Bonding, attachment, and parenting
- Who and where to go for support

Scan the QR code for the Healthy Family Team helpline:



Here are the PE slots for each class (now updated for 2026/27) - Please come in PE Kit on PE Days

F1 (am): *Thursday*

F1 (pm): *Friday*

F2a: *Wednesday*

F2b: *Wednesday*

1A: *Monday and Wednesday*

1B: *Monday and Wednesday*

1C: *Monday and Wednesday*

2A: *Monday and Thursday*

2B: *Thursday and Friday*

2C: *Tuesday and Thursday*

2D: *Monday and Tuesday*

2E: *Tuesday and Thursday*

2F: *Tuesday and Friday*



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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://arnoldmill.school/

https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial
