



27th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This week proved that not all super hero's wear a cape; on Monday we discovered that our pond area was in danger due to soil erosion (when part of the wooden

walkway was lifted as part of a maintenance project we discovered that the bank of the pond had dropped leaving very little support for the pond liner - the only thing keeping the pond water in the pond!!! As many of you will know the pond is a very special area used by our Forest School. Thankfully we are part of an amazing community, so I want to say a huge thank you T&J Building Services and Frank Key for stepping in at very short notice to prevent a pond catastrophe. Frank Key donated and delivered a quantity of hardcore and shingle. T&J Building Services volunteered their time to undertake all of the manual labour required to backfill the very large hole. Without their help we would not have been able to continue with our Forest school session- we are so grateful for their community spirit.

It's World Book Day on Thursday, the children can dress up as their favourite book character (more details are in this Newsletter). The PTFA are selling 'Wonderful Bars' with the chance to win a golden ticket prize. They can be purchased via MCAS for £2.50 (only) on a first come, first served basis - there were only 152 left when I checked this morning so be quick to avoid disappointment! We're all looking forward to sharing our love of books.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



**Frank
Key.**

Calendar



March

Tues 3rd - Class 1c visit to Arnold library

Weds 4th - Class 2f visit to Arnold library

Thurs 5th - World Book Day ([link to letter](#))

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - PTFA Fundraiser - Wonderful Bar sales - limited number available ([Link to poster](#))

Mon 9th - Coffee morning - 'Coffee, Cake and Curious Behaviours' ([Link to poster for more information](#))

Tues 10th - Class 1b visit to Arnold library

Thurs 12th - Wellbeing Together Workshop for Parents (booking essential) ([link to poster](#))

Fri 13th - Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Mother's Day event (provisional)

Tues 17th - Class 1a visit to Arnold library

Weds 18th - Class 2e visit to Arnold library

Fri 21st - Comic Relief (normal uniform please)

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

Wed 25th - F2 Easter craft with parents ([link to letter](#))

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Disco (provisional)

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Glitter tattoos

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

Thurs 26th - KS2 Disco

Thurs 26th - KS2 Glitter tattoos

Wed 23rd - Fri 27th - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt (provisional)

Mon 30th - Fri 10th -PTFA Holiday Acts of Kindness (provisional)

Mon 30th - Fri 10th Apr School closed for Easter Break

April

Thurs 16th - Year 3&4 Egyptian Day ([link to letter](#))

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

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

June

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

Fri 12th - Year 3 Trip to Now Hear This! (provisional)

Fri 12th - Non-Uniform Day (Summer Fair Donations)

Fri 19th - PTFA Father's Day event (provisional)

Fri 26th - Summer Fair

July

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

Fri 3rd - INSET Day

Tue 7th - 9th -PTFA Animal Dome Willow Weaving Workshop (provisional)

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

Fri 10th - Colour Run (provisional)

Mon 13th - Year 1 trip to Conkers ([link to letter](#))

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



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■ School Holidays	■ Public Holidays	■ Administration Day Monday 1 st September
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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	

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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 6 weeks 4 days
7 June - 28 July 7 weeks 3 days

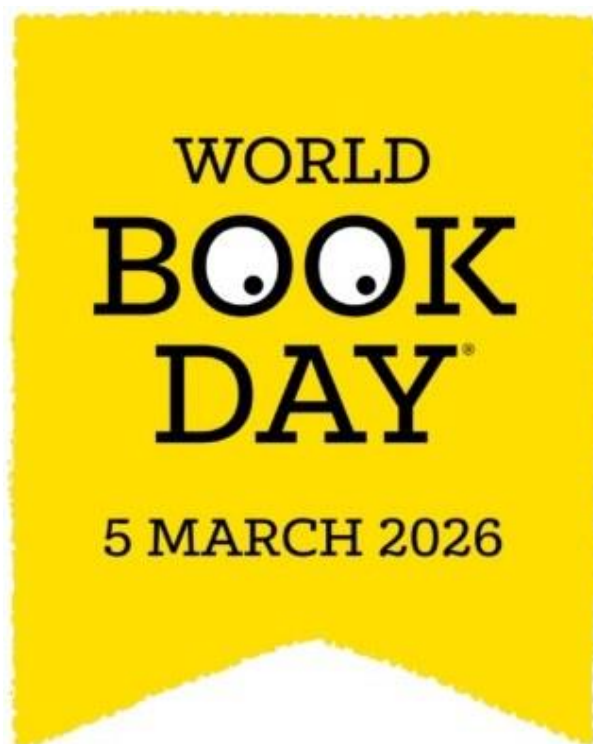
Inset Days
(please note that 2nd July 2027 is a provisional date and subject to change)

Dinner Menu - w/c 2nd March 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic Bread Salad	Chicken Tacos Jewelled Rice Salad	Nottinghamshire Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Mash'd Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Children's Choice Themed Menu - Italy Margherita Mayo'd Pizza Pomme Nocselles Mixed Salad	Fish & Chips Curry Sauce Peas
Option 2	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked beans, Cheese or Tuna mayonnaise	Sandwich Filled with a choice of Cheese, Ham or Tuna mayonnaise Vegetable sticks cress, Fruit, Fruit		Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked beans, Cheese or Tuna mayonnaise	
Pudding	Zesty Lemon Jelly with a Cookie	Butterscotch Tart	Chocolate Cracknell	Chocolate or vanilla Ice Cream	Iced Carrot Cake

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026



We are excited to announce that our school will be celebrating World Book Day 2026 on Thursday 5th March, and this year's theme is "Go All In" as part of the National Year of Reading.

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading and creativity across the school, and we have planned several exciting activities for the children:

Dress-Up & Book Sharing

- Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. The following link from the World Book Day website has some great low-cost ideas: [Dressing-up Ideas for Parents and Carers This World Book Day](#)*
 - Children should also bring along their favourite book, comic, or novel to share with their classmates.*
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School Book Sale

- *There will be a book sale before and after school. The book sale before school will be at 8.30am-9.00am. The book sale after school will be from 3.30pm-3.50pm.*
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Extreme Reading Challenge!

- *We are inviting children to take part in our fun Extreme Reading Challenge.*
 - *Please send in a photo of your child reading in the most unusual or extreme place you can think of.*
 - *There will be one winner from each class, and each winner will receive a prize.*
 - *Photos should be sent to Mr Hewlett or Mr Phillips by Friday 27th February 2026 at the latest. (shewlett@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and jphillips@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk)*
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We look forward to seeing the children's creativity and enthusiasm as we celebrate the joy of reading together.

Thanks for all your support.

Mr Hewlett & Mr Phillips

Wellbeing Together Workshop for Parents (booking essential)

Use this link to book your place:

[*Link for booking form*](#)

Wellbeing Together
A workshop for parents and carers to explore how to improve their family's mental health

All parents, carers and other family members welcome.
Refreshments provided.

Arnold Mill Primary
Thursday
March 12th 2026
1.30-3.30pm

You will discover:
The Five Steps to mental wellbeing and how they help.
Practical Activities
Strategies to take home with you.



Booking Essential
Click on or scan the QR code to register



Friends of Arnold Mill (FOAM) PTFA



School Cross Patrol Vacancy



Via East Midlands is looking to recruit a School Crossing Patrol (Lollipop Person) to the site outside our school. If you would like to find out more information, you can use the link below, or contact Via on 0115 9774373, or by email: roadsafety@viaem.co.uk.

To find out what current patrols like about their role in the community please visit Via's YouTube – Working for Via as a School Crossing Patrol – YouTube

Lost Property

Lost Property – this un-named, unclaimed lost property will be disposed of/donated to charity after the half term break. If something belongs to your child it can be collected from the Lost Property Box at the front of school.













Parking and Traffic



Road Safety

You are probably aware of concerns which have been raised by both residents and parents/carers about parking outside the school and surrounding streets. Regularly, School has reminded parents/carers to be safe and considerate of where you park around the School but to summarise:

Parking

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- *Please ensure pavements, driveways and pedestrian access points are kept clear (parking on pavements, across residents' driveways or on private land is not acceptable).*
 - *Please keep the School Keep Clear marking (zig zags) clear .*
 - *Please adhere to local parking restrictions*
 - *Please remember that the school is in a residential area. It is an offence to wilfully obstruct the highway, which can be enforced by police.*
 - *Make sure that emergency vehicles are able to pass if needed .*
 - *Remember that there is a 20MPH speed limit restriction near to the Zebra Crossing on Cross Street during school drop off and pick up times (we have had a couple of near misses by the crossing so please be vigilant).*
 - *We appreciate that it can be very difficult to park near the school, but driving and parking in an unsafe manner is putting children at risk.*
 - *Turn off your engine when parked – engines left idling contribute to air pollution. Emissions from vehicles cause air pollution. Air pollution not only contributes to climate change but is also linked to a range of health conditions and is one of the biggest risks to public health in the UK today. Children, with their developing lungs, are especially at risk.*
 - *Do not allow children to exit vehicles as a quick drop off near the zebra crossings, the school car park entrance, on School Keep Clear 'zigzags' or in queuing traffic.*
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A different way of thinking:

- *We realise that there are some parents who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real alternative.*
- *Please allow yourself extra time and if possible park away from the school and walk round with your child.*

- *Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. In a vehicle they fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community.*
 - *Walking can improve overall levels of fitness in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. This can have a positive impact both mentally and physically.*
 - *Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision makes an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion.*
 - *Travelling more actively, even just for short journeys, can also have a really positive impact on both physical and mental wellbeing.*
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Be kind and respectful:

- *Please behave in a manner than is respectful towards others – including pedestrians and local residents.*
 - *Please adhere to our Parent Code of Conduct.*
 - *Please show the children good examples by obeying all the rules.*
 - *Let's all work together to ensure our school area is a safe place*
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Sadly the majority of the complaints we receive relate to inconsiderate and/or dangerous parking around school, including parking on pavements and causing obstructions. There have even been instances of abusive and threatening behaviour by parents and carers. This behaviour and poor standards of driving and parking are unacceptable and most importantly put children's safety at risk.

Despite the complaints, we know most of the parents walk or drive safely and responsibly to school. Thank you for your good example and being an exemplary role model to the children.

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

Contact:
Tel: 07929 604693
Email: cariarosecounselling@gmail.com

*Copies provided on request

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)



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 **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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