30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

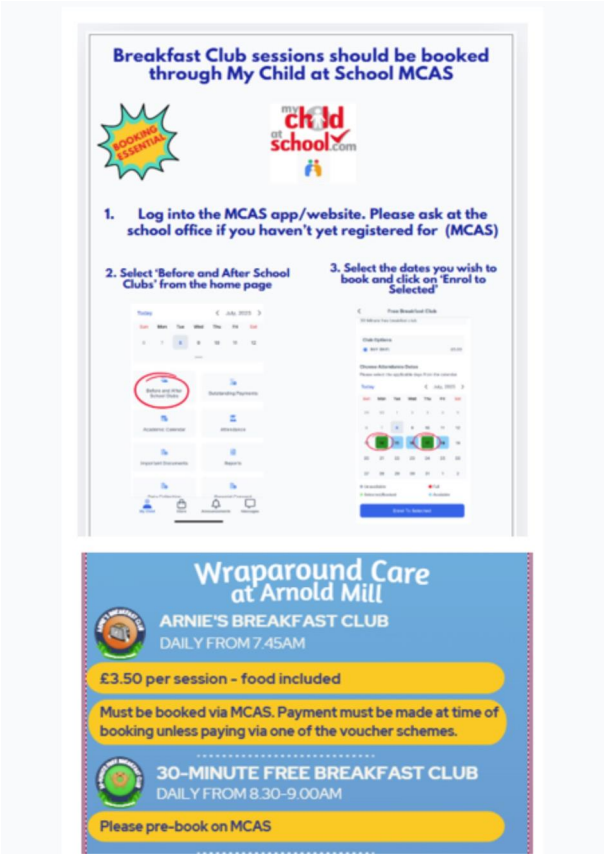
I need to mention the parking and road situation again, as we had another near miss on the crossing yesterday. That's two incidents in one week. We would advise parents to report any

incidents, including near misses, to the 101 police line. Please can you also talk to your children about how to cross the roads safely. We will also be doing this in classes.

We have seen a real dip in attendance this week. We know there are times children can't be in school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. However, medical advice is clear that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance' Is my child too ill for school? is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness. We want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. To encourage you to get your children to school on time, we will be giving out AMPS awards for all those in school by 9am. Don't forget we have our free breakfast club at 8.30am every day - everyone attending this club will get an AMPS award too (please book via MCAS).

Have a lovely weekend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



Calendar

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

Fri 6th - Parent Book Look from 3pm link to poster)

Tues 10th - Maths Assembly (invitation only)

Tues 10th - Parents' Evening (link to letter)

Weds 11th - Parents' Evening (link to letter)

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 (link to letter)

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - PTFA Fundraiser - Wonder 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 (normal uniform please)

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

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

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Disco (provisional)

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

Thurs 26th - KS2 Disco (provisional)

Fri 27th - PTFA Easter Raffle

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

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 12th - 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

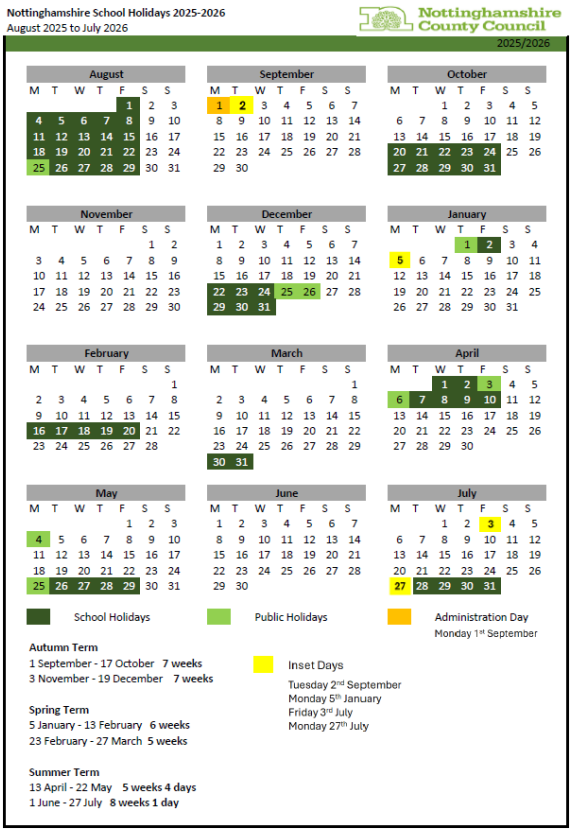
Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

2025/2026

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st 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 2nd February 2026

Winter Menu 2025-26

Week Commencing:
10th November, 1st December, 12th January, 2nd February, 23rd February, 16th March

Week 2

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Cheesy pizza Milk Gluten Soya with potato balls & salad	All day brunch Nottinghamshire Sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide & bacon with hash browns, bakes beans & scrambled eggs Egg Milk	Pork with Yorkshire Pudding Milk Egg Gluten Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & Gravy	BBQ cheesy chicken Milk with new potatoes & seasonal vegetables	Battered MSC Pollock wrap Gluten Soya Fish with coleslaw Egg & oven chips
Option 2	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of: Baked beans, Cheese Milk or Tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese Milk or Tuna Mayonnaise Fish Egg		Sandwich Gluten Soya Filled with a choice of: Cheese Milk Ham or Tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg Vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit, Frube	
Pudding	Chocolate & orange cookie Gluten	New York cheesecake Gluten Soya Milk	Sticky toffee pudding Milk Egg Gluten with custard Milk	Fairy cake Gluten Egg	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate croissant Gluten Milk

Parents' Evenings

February Parents' Evenings **(if your child has Structured Conversations/SEN Review this round of Parents' Evening appointments are not applicable)**

We are inviting parents to book a ten-minute Parents' Evening appointment with the Class Teacher on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February.

Parents' evening appointments can now be booked on the MCAS app. If your child is due to have a structured conversation or multi-agency meeting they will not need an appointment, and the option won't be available on MCAS.

During the meeting you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, achievements, and attitude to learning so far during this academic year.

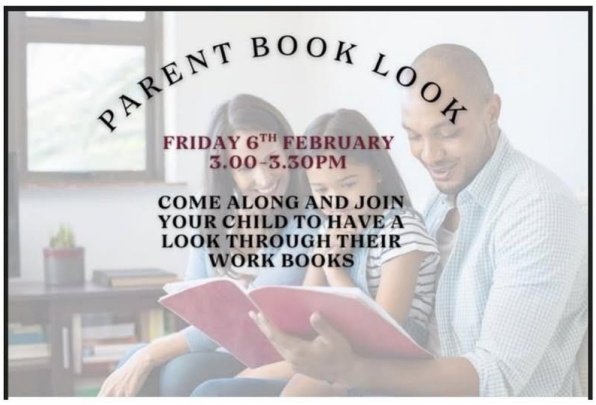
Please ensure that you arrive on time at the outside doors to the classroom and wait to be greeted by the teacher.

If you book an appointment and then are unable to make it, please cancel this on MCAS to free up the slot for someone else.

Mrs Slater (SENDCO) will be available in the main lobby area if anyone wants to have a quick catch up with her about anything.

If you are unable to attend on the above dates it may be possible to arrange an alternative date/time, please contact your child's teacher direct.

There is an opportunity at 3pm on Friday 6th February to come into school to look at your child's work. Just go to your child's classroom outside door.



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

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA

FOAM - Friends of Arnold Mill Design Competition

We need your help! We would like the children to use their best creative skills to design a fun logo using our 'FOAM' name. Because Christmas and New Year was so busy, and to make sure everyone has a chance to enter the competition the closing date has been extended to 6th February. Completed entries should be posted in the blue PTFA postbox at the school office please. Spare copies of the entry form are available at the office.

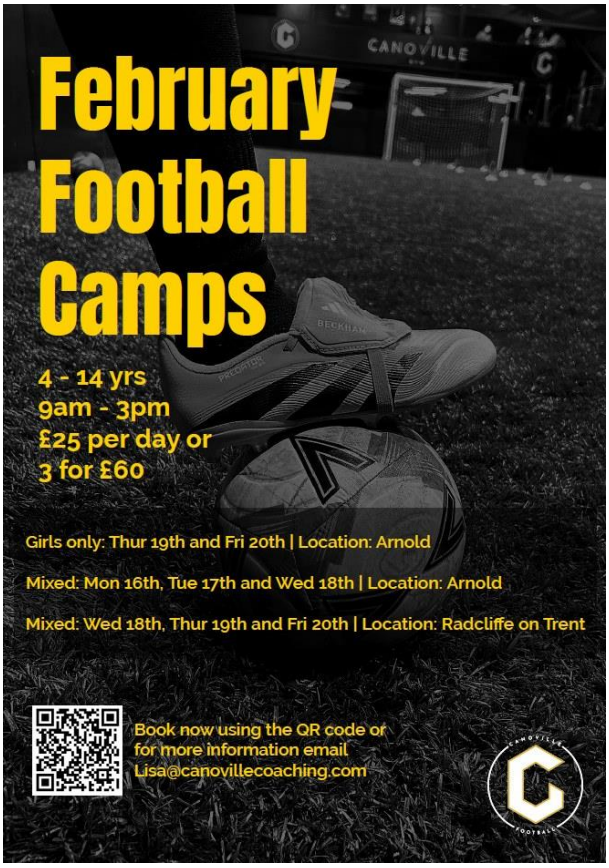
Easter Raffle and Fundraising Event

The PTFA are organising the traditional Easter raffle, there are of lovely prizes up for grabs.

- *Raffle tickets are £1 and are available to purchase via MCAS*

- *Pre-purchased raffle tickets will be available for collection from the school office*
- *The "big draw" will take place on 27th March*
- *Winning numbers will be published in the school weekly newsletter*

Community Notices



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
All coaches are experienced, fully-trained and DBS certified
League teams and beginner training running throughout the week in Arnold, Forest Fields, Hucknall and Bestwood
STAR STRIKE
FOOTBALL COACHING
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

RATTLE & ROLL PERFORMANCE
Ofsted
February Holiday Clubs
Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years
Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.
RUNNING AT:
• Banks Road Infant & Nursery School, Toton
• Hucknall Flying High Academy
• PERFORM at Jesse Gray Primary School, West Bridgford
• Millside Spencer Academy, East Leake
• Rosecliffe Spencer Academy, Edwalton
• St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary, West Bridgford
• St Peter's Academy, East Bridgford
• Westdale Junior School, Mapperley
• KPOP at Woodthorpe Infant School
HOW TO BOOK:
Scan the QR code or visit our website
rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com
07722 014301
Follow us on social media

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

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:

- **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.**

A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING:

- **We realise that there are some parents who have no alternative but to drive their children to scholl, 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.**

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**

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.

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.

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

NOTTS PARENT EVENT:

Nottinghamshire County Council

SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

Supporting your Child as they Move to Secondary School

General Outline

Is your child due to transfer from primary to secondary school in Nottinghamshire?

Do they have an additional need that may require some extra support with transition?

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 can be an exciting, but challenging time for a child and for their parent or carer. This session will help parents and carers support their child to say a positive goodbye to primary school and prepare for the secondary school environment. **We will look at practical ideas and resources to use with your child to enable a smooth September start**

Who is this event for?

This is a FREE online event for parents and carers of children with additional needs who are resident in Nottinghamshire, or whose child attends or will be attending a Nottinghamshire school

Course Details

Wednesday, 25th February 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Taking Place via Microsoft TEAMS

(Joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session taking place)

The course presenters will be **Kate Eyre** and **Laura Leedham** from the Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending

TO BOOK via Eventbrite Ctrl + Click Link below:

https://notts-parent-event-supporting-child-during-move-to-sec-school.eventbrite.co.uk

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Friday, 13th February 2026 at 12:00 noon

(half-term 16-20-Feb 26)

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

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)*

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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)

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