6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a brand new website. https://arnoldmill.school/ You can still access it via the old weblink, but it is new and very easy to navigate. It even works on a mobile device. If you

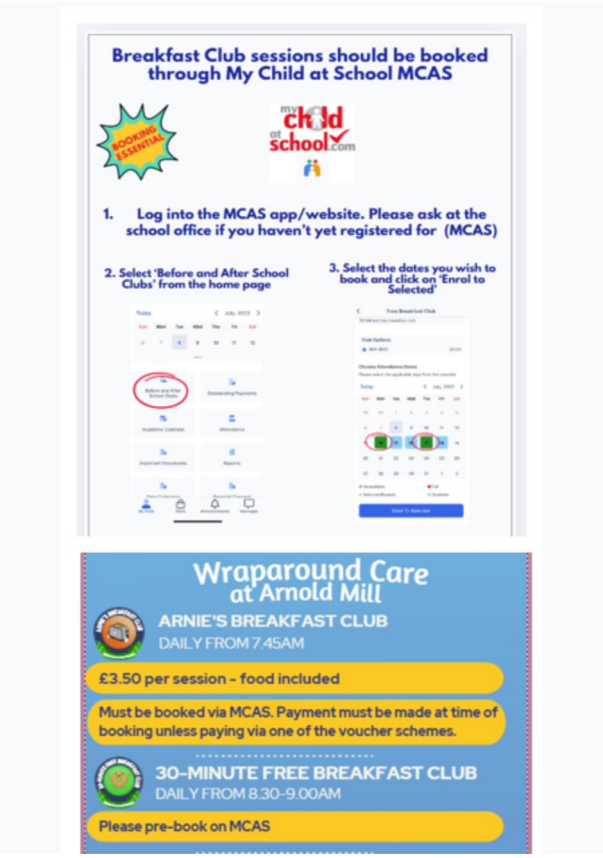
need to find out any key information, it will be shared via our website, the MCAS app, this newsletter or via class dojo. We try hard to keep you up to date with what's going on in school, and hope that these channels meet the needs of everyone.

Clubs have now finished. Its parents' evening next week- Tuesday and Wednesday. Plus if you'd like to buy an end of term doughnut, they will be sold for £1 by the PTA, outside the main office at 3.30pm on Friday.

We break up for half term holiday on Friday 13th February and return to school on Monday 23rd February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



Calendar

February

Mon 9th - Fri 13th - Friends of Arnold Mill (FOAM) PTFA Share the Love (Hearts)

Tues 10th - Maths Assembly (invitation only)

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

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

Fri 13th - PTFA Doughnut Friday

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 - Wonka Bar sales

Mon 9th - Coffee morning - 'Coffee, Cake and Curious Behaviours' Link to poster for more information

Tues 10th - Class 1b visit to Arnold library

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

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 information booklet)

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

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Disco (provisional)

Wed 25th - F2 & KS1 Glitter tattoos (provisional)

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

Thurs 26th - KS2 Disco (provisional)

Thurs 26th - KS2 Glitter tattoos (provisional)

Fri 27th - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt (provisional)

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

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 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)

10th July - Colour Run (provision)

Mon 13th - Year 1 trip to Conkers

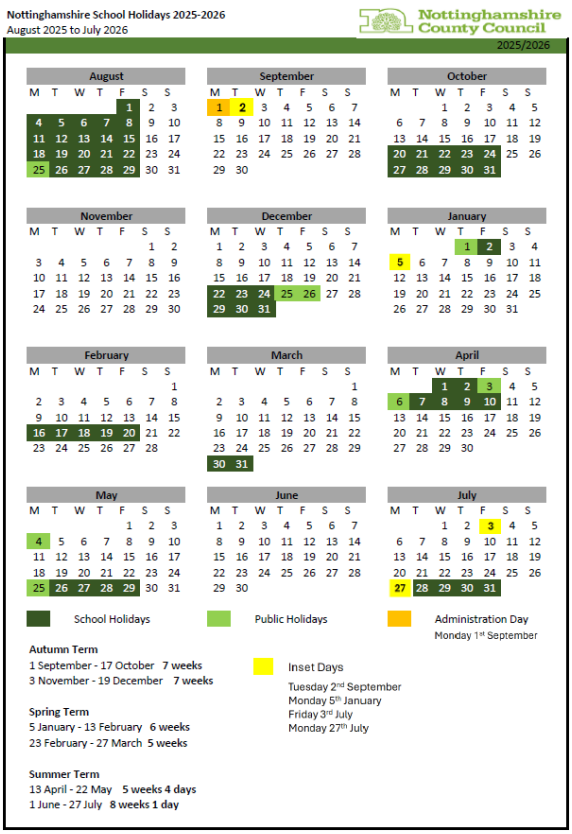
Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

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**

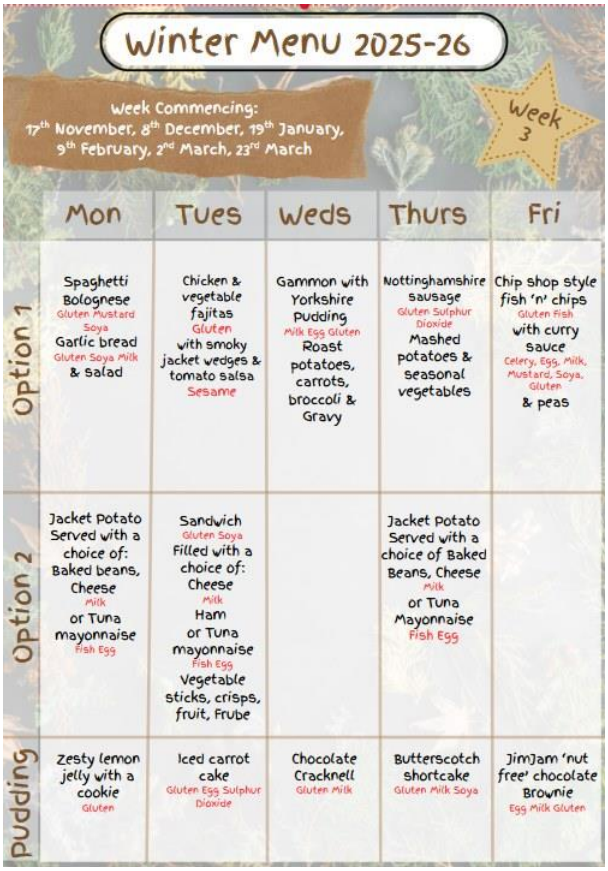
Spring Term
5 January - 13 February **6 weeks**
23 February - 27 March **5 weeks**

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 9th February 2026



Winter Menu 2025-26

Week Commencing:
17th November, 8th December, 19th January, 9th February, 2nd March, 23rd March

Week 3

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Spaghetti Bolognese Gluten Mustard Soya Garlic bread Gluten Soya Milk & salad	Chicken & vegetable fajitas Gluten with smoky jacket wedges & tomato salsa Sesame	Gammon with Yorkshire pudding Milk Egg Gluten Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & Gravy	Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide Mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables	Chip shop style fish 'n' chips Gluten Fish with curry sauce Celery, Egg, Milk, Mustard, Soya, Gluten & peas
Option 2	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		Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese Milk or Tuna Mayonnaise Fish Egg	
Pudding	Zesty lemon jelly with a cookie Gluten	Iced carrot cake Gluten Egg Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate Cracknell Gluten Milk	Butterscotch shortcake Gluten Milk Soya	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate Brownie Egg Milk Gluten

School Clubs - Spring Term 2

Clubs for next half term will run from w/c 23rd February to w/c 16th March.

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 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 and 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.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2025-26

Dates: Half Term 2: 4 weeks from w/c 23rd February to w/c 16th March

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places/ ways to take part:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Sign Language Club	Jackie Oldfield	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-6	30	2C
	Indoor athletics	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	25	Reception
Tuesday	Spring Craft Club	Abbie Slater	3.30-4.30pm	Y1/Y2	12	Den
	Gardening	Mrs Carter, Mrs Humphry, Miss Newton, Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	12	2B
	Gymnastics	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	KS1	20	Reception
Wednesday	Knitting club	Mrs Hopewell/Miss Newton	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	6	2B
Thursday	Book Club	Mrs Stones and Mrs Gibbs	3.30-4.30pm	F2/Y1	12	2F
	Football Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	20	2C
	Choir	Mr Phillips-Alexander and Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-6	30	2E
	Running	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y4-6	30	Reception
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

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.

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

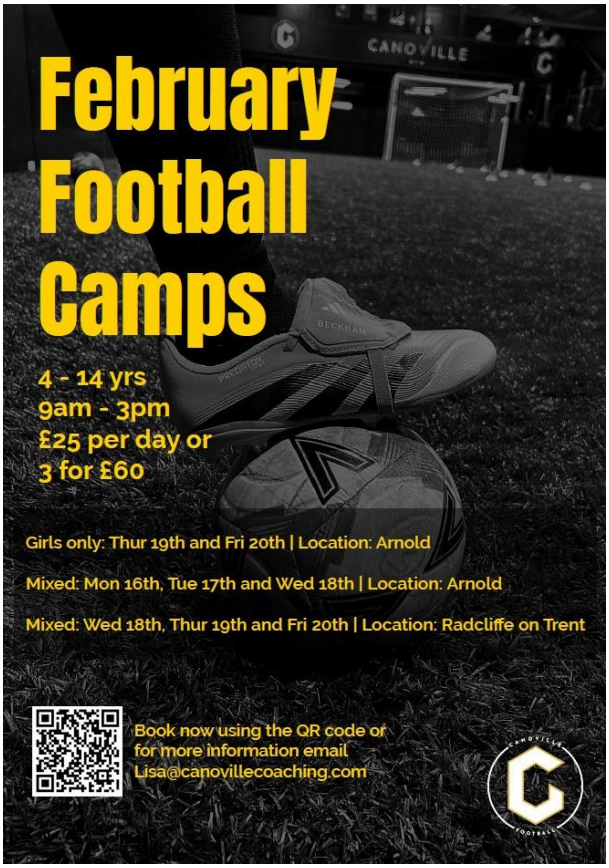
An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

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

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

Friends of Arnold Mill (FOAM) PTFA

Community Notices



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 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.*

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

Counselling with Carla

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING

Trust • Encourage • Safe • Talk • Support • Listen •

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

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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