

Welcome to Arnold Mill Primary School



**THE WHITE HILLS
PARK TRUST**



Our Foundation Unit is made up of one Nursery class and two Reception (F2) classes. When your child joins us in September they will be in an F2 class.

There are 24 F1 children and 45 F2 children. When the children are accessing Discover and Do time they can play and learn in all the classrooms in the unit including the outdoor area.

During your child's visit on Tuesday 14th July they will meet and play with our current nursery children who will be moving into F2.

Following observations of their interactions we will decide which class the children will be in (F2a or F2b) and inform you of this before the summer holidays.

Adults in the Unit



Mrs Broniewska
Assistant Head Teacher,
Foundation Stage lead
and teacher in F2a



Mrs Humphrey
F2a teacher and EAL
Lead.



F2 teacher
Awaiting Appointment

We have a fantastic team of Teaching Assistants across the Foundation Unit



Mrs Zaky



Mrs Tan



Mrs Smith
(Language Lead)



Mrs Cook



Mrs Stones



Miss Spencer



Mrs Farag

Other adults your child will see



Mrs Oldfield
Head Teacher



Mr Hewlett
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Slater
SENCO



Miss Joynt
(F1 Teacher)



Mrs Greentree
(PE Teacher)

What does my child need to bring to school everyday?

- Book bag
- Reading folder, book and diary
- Water bottle
- Spare uniform, pants and socks
- Wellies (to stay in school)
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Weather appropriate coat

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

What does my child need to wear to school?



Arnold Mill Branded Uniform

We have recently started working with a new uniform provider, Sportstar, who have provided our leavers hoodies for many years. Our uniform will still also be available from Just Schoolwear in Arnold. However, the new uniform features a colour logo for the same price and the school receives a small commission for each item sold.

You can order using the QR code below or visiting:
<https://arnold-mill-school-shop.square.site/s/shop>



Reversible Jacket
£22.50



Fleece
£13.95



Sweatshirt
£10.95



Polo Shirt
£7.95



T-Shirt
£5.25



Book Bag
£7.95



Back Pack
£12.50



Lunch Bag



PE Kit worn on Wednesdays



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Reading Books



Your child must bring a book bag every day. This should be a rectangular bag and not a back pack, which may bend the corners of our books.

Every child will bring home a story to share every week. Once they are ready they will also bring home a reading book.



The Beginning of the School Day

The children will enter and leave via the gate on the left of the unit. We ask you to say goodbye to your child at the gate.



The Beginning of the School Day



F2b

Doors open 8.50am
Doors close 9am

F2a

The School Day

This is an example of a typical day in F2.

Discover and Do is when the children are free to play both inside and outside.

During carpet time we teach Drawing Club, Understanding the World, Music or circle time listening games.

What's going on today	
	9am Register ☐
	Movement ☐
	Number ☐
	Discover and Do ☐
	Milk ☐
	Read Write ☐
	Discover and Do ☐
	toilet ☐
	11.55am Dinner time ☐

What's going on today	
	1pm Register ☐
	Carpet time ☐
	Discover and Do ☐
	Fruit and story ☐
	Carpet time ☐
	3.30pm Home Time ☐

OPAL Lunch Time

The F2 and F1 children have their lunch together.
Lunch time starts at 11.55am.

The children can have a school dinner which is free or bring a packed lunch.

***Please apply for free school meals if you are eligible even though you don't pay for them in F2 as the school will receive additional funding.**

When the children have finished their lunch they use the foundation outdoor area.

When the children are ready they will have access to all of the school grounds and the OPAL equipment.





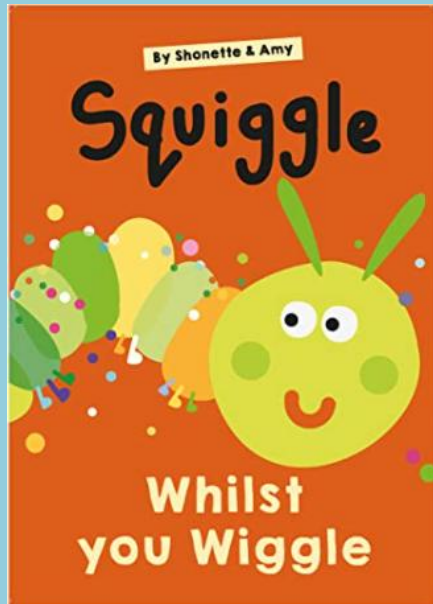
After a settling in period the children will start their daily Read! Write! lessons. This is a systematic phonics programme that teaches reading and writing. We use it throughout Foundation and Key Stage 1.



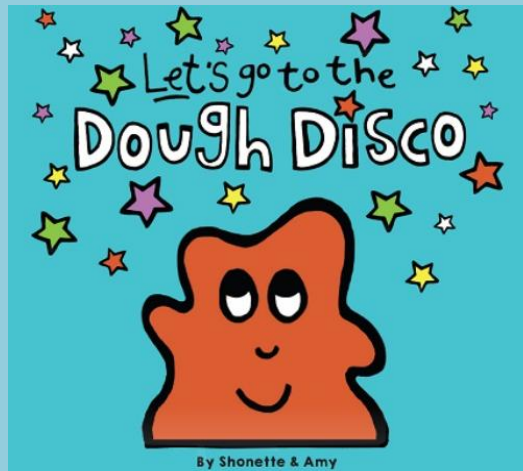
Parent Workshop

In the Autumn term there will be a parent workshop to find out more.

The children will not bring home a Read! Write! book until they are able to blend words to read.



Forming Letters



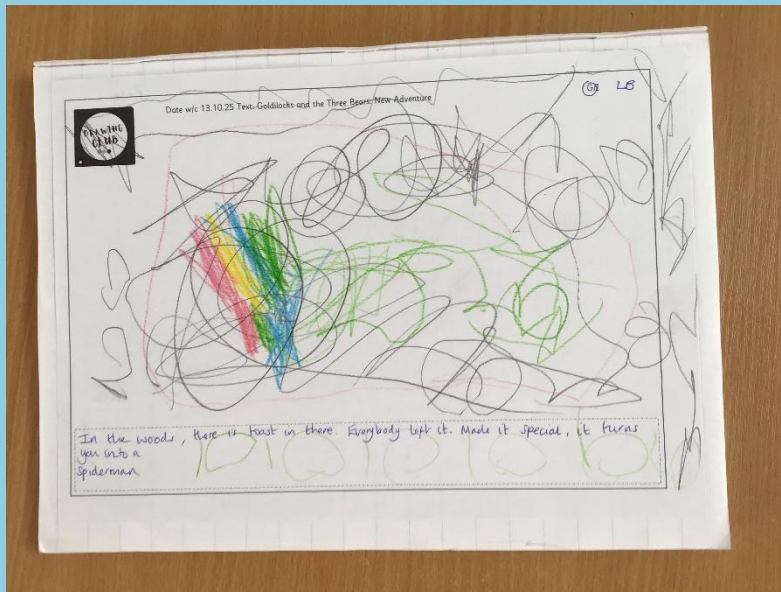
Once the children are physically ready, we teach them to form their letters using a cursive style. Practising letter formation will be part of their Read! Write! lessons. The children will learn a phrase for each letter to help them remember how to write it correctly.

 Maeie, mountain, mountain	 Round the apple, down the leaf	 Slither down the snake	 Round his bottom, up his tail neck, down to his feet	 Down the tower, across the tower
 Down the body, dot for the head	 Down Nobby, over his net	 Down the pirate's face	 Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl	 All around the orange
 Curl around the caterpillar	 Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg	 Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle	 Down the laces to the heel, round the toe	 Down the stem, and draw the leaves
 Lift off the top and scoop out the egg	 Down the long leg	 Down the head to the hooves and over his back	 Down his back, then curl over his arm	 Down his body curl and dot
 Down a wing, up a wing	 Down a horn, up a horn and under his head	 Down, up, down, up	 Zig-zag-zig	 Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair
 Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side				

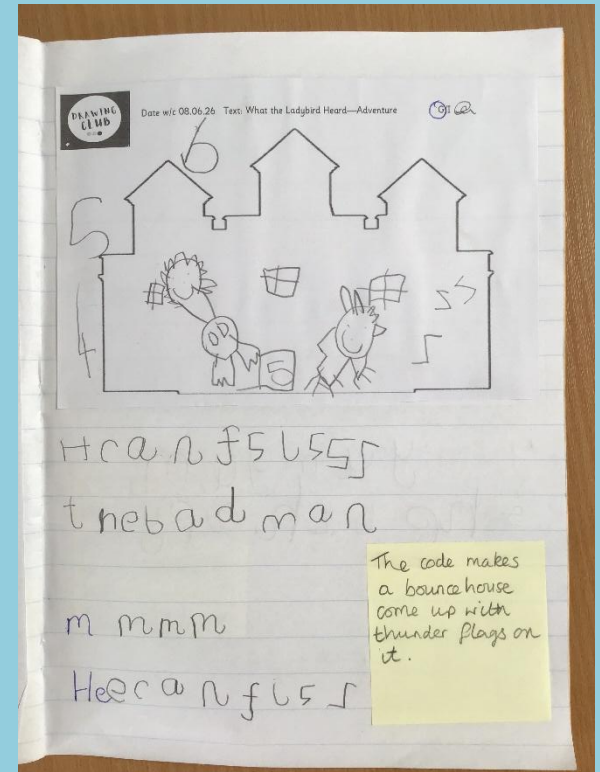


We use Drawing Club to teach writing. This allows children to use their imagination to create characters and settings and re-tell a story.

These are examples of a child's work at the start and end of F2.



October 2025



June 2026

Number Work



We use NCETM and Numberblocks to support our Maths lessons. Children will have a daily session. Most of our maths is taught in a practical way.



NCETM
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE
IN THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS

Welly Wednesday



What do they need for these sessions?

- Wellies
- Weather appropriate coat
- Gloves/hat/scarf or sunhat/suncream
- Waterproof trousers (optional)

Physical Development



We have a PE lesson once a week with Mrs Greentree. The children also do lots physical play outside everyday.



Understanding the World



Expressive Arts and Design





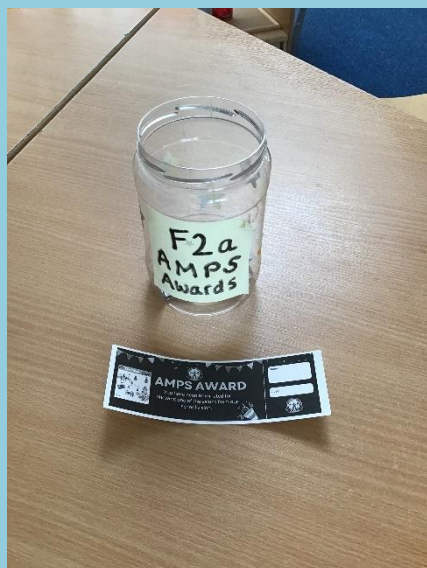
We learn
inside...





...and
outside

AMPs Awards and Shining Star



When a child displays one of our school values they are awarded an AMPs award. This ticket is put into a whole school raffle and if your child's ticket is pulled out they will receive a prize. Every week we have a Shining Star assembly.

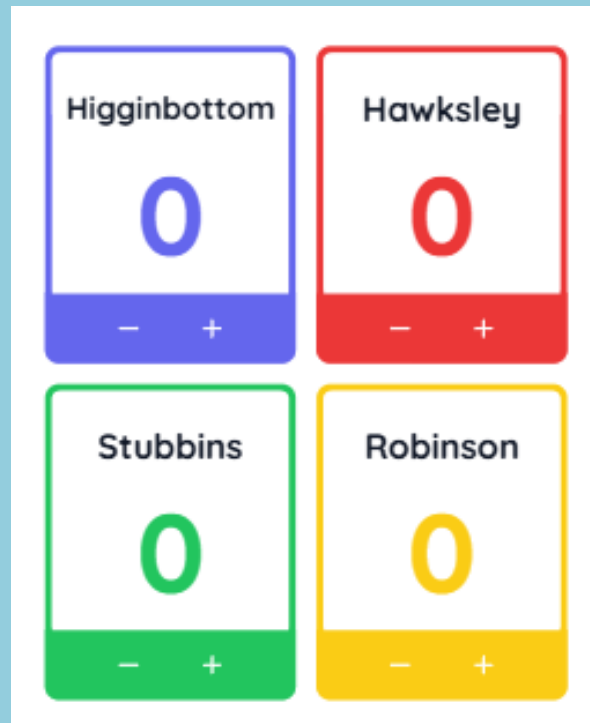
Rainbow Rewards



Each child has their own pencil pot and a star card. They are awarded a star each time they try their best when completing work or follow the classroom rules. When they have collected 20 stars on their star card, they receive a certificate. There are 7 coloured stars to collect.

House Points

Each child in school is part of a house team, these are named after local historical people. House points are awarded when the children show that they are working together as a team.





We have a no phone policy at school. Please finish any phone calls before collecting your child.

EAL (English as an additional language)



We celebrate each others differences and love to learn and share about our different cultures.

Assessment and Progress

We will keep records of your child's progress through the Foundation Stage.

Individual Learning Journey



Reception Baseline Assessment

End of year report

Writing and Phonics book

2 Parent's Evenings

Settling in days

- Tuesday 14th July - all children will visit for the morning from 9.45am-11.15am
- Thursday 3rd September - children will stay for the morning in their classes from 9.00am to 11.30am
- Friday 4th September- 9.00am to 1.00pm
- Children will stay for the morning and stay for lunch. They will go home for the afternoon.
- Monday 7th September - Children will start full-time from 8.50am - 3.30pm

Wraparound Care at Arnold Mill



ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY FROM 7.45AM

£3.50 per session - food included

Must be booked via MCAS. Payment must be made at time of booking unless paying via one of the voucher schemes.



30-MINUTE FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY FROM 8.30-9.00AM

Please pre-book on MCAS



MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

PLEASE BOOK BY 3.00PM AT THE LATEST

3.30-4.30pm - £5 per session - no food

3.30-6.00pm - £12 per session - light tea provided

Must be booked via MCAS. Payment must be made at time of booking unless paying via one of the voucher schemes.



0115 966 7930 (option 2 during school hours
and option 3 after 3.45pm)



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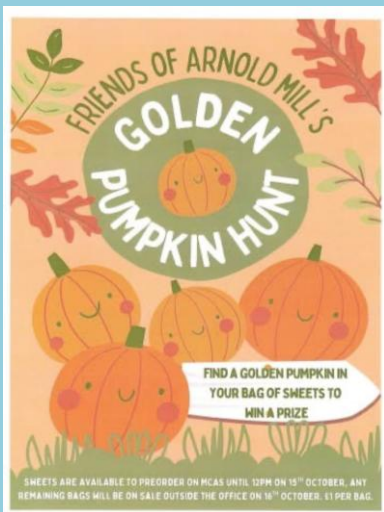
Arnold Mill FOAM

What is Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA?

Friends of Arnold Mill is a Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA).

All Parents of the school are automatically part of the PTFA and can be as involved as they like. This can be attending events, donating, volunteering or being part of the PTFA Committee.

Friends of Arnold Mill is a charity that fundraises for Arnold Mill Primary School, and also encourages a sense of community among the families that attend the school.



These are some of the events FOAM have organised this year.



We hope this has been helpful.

If you have any questions feel free
to email the school office.

office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

Or message us on ClassDojo