



Arnold Mill Primary School

5th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

A quick update on some of things we've had going on in school recently; the summer fair raised approximately £2,500. The book bus was a great success, raising over £170 worth of books for school. The discos have been so well attended and the children loved their ice creams (thanks again to the ice cream van), this wasn't done as a fundraiser, but more as an opportunity to get the children together in a fun way. A massive thank you again for your support with all these events.

The year 2s set off on camp yesterday and returned today after a fantastic adventure. Thanks to all the staff who made this trip possible.

Reports and details of new classes will be sent out via emails on Thursday 11th July. The times will vary from class to class to prevent clogging the system. If you have not received your emails by 3.30pm on Friday 12th July, please let us know and we will resend as soon as possible.

Just a quick reminder that we have an inset day on Friday 12th July.

Have a good weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work





Calendar



July

Tues 9th - Year 3/4 Egyptian Day ([Link to letter](#))

Weds 10th - French morning with parents ([Link to letter](#))

Weds 10th - F2 Visit to White Post Farm ([Link to letter](#))

Weds 10th - Year 5 Visit to Manor Care Home ([Link to letter](#))

Thurs 11th - School reports /details of new classes sent out

Thurs 11th - Year 1 trip to Wollaton Hall ([Link to letter](#))

Thurs 11th - F2 Learning Journey Assembly ([Link to letter](#))

Fri 12th- Inset Day

Mon 15th - Transition morning - Children visit new classes

Mon 15th - F2a library visit

Mon 15th - Meet the teacher evening for parents

Tues 16th - F2b library visit

Weds 17th - F1 Learning Journey Assembly ([see letter](#))

Weds 17th & Thurs 18th - Year 6 Production ([see letter for ticket info](#))

Mon 22nd - Friends of Arnold Mill PTA Meeting 9.00-3.30pm (details to follow)

Tues 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm ([see letter](#))

Weds 24th - Year 6 Treat Day ([see letter](#))

Fri 26th - Gold Star and Handy Helpers Assembly (9.10am)

Fri 26th - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.45pm

Fri 26th - Last day of term

Latest News





SPORTSTAR

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

New Class Structure

I don't often write letters these days, but I thought it would be a good idea to offer more details around some of the plans we have for September 2024 and September 2025 before new classes are sent out on 11th July.

Over the years we have had the tricky job of organising 45 children in each year group. As you know, classes normally have 30 children in them and so 45 children need some thinking about.

In the past, we have had two straight year groups and one mixed class in each phase. However, two years ago we changed KS1 so that there are now three mixed year classes. This has been so successful as the children all get the same educational offer. They have year group specific lessons for

maths, so the lessons are much better suited to the children's needs. Planning is easier as all three teachers are doing the same lessons in other subjects and, overall, the children are mixing far better as they all have the same mixed aged groups.

As the mixed classes are working so well, we are rolling this out for Year 3 and 4 in September 2024. 2a, 2b and 2c will have an equal number of Year 3 and 4 children in them. The classes will be mixed ability and so each class will be able to offer the same lessons. The children will be split for Maths so that they can have their age-appropriate lessons, but for all other subjects the classes will do the same thing making things fairer all round.

In September 2025, we plan to do the same for Year 5 and 6- we haven't done it this year as we felt too much change in one go could be unsettling.

If you have any questions about this, please ask your child's class teacher and they will be happy to help.

Jackie Oldfield - Head Teacher

End of Year Learning Celebrations (ticket only event – BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

Children Leaving Nursery (F1) (not applicable to those children staying in nursery in September)

*To celebration those children leaving F1 in a few weeks, we would like to invite you to a celebration event on **Wednesday 17th July at 9.15am**.*

The children will perform some songs and tell you about the things they have learnt during their year with us. At the end of the presentation there will be ten minutes for you to come into the Foundation Unit to have a look at your child's work with them and then you can take it home with you at the end of the day.

There are two guest tickets (in total) available for each F1 child, to book your tickets please complete the electronic form [link here](#) by midnight on 16th July 2024.

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list for us to check on the day.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- On the day of the celebration, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.*

- *Doors open for guests at approx. 9.10am and the assembly is due to start at approximately 9.15am.*
 - *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain locked until 3.15pm.*
 - *The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am and again between 3.00pm and 3.50pm).*
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A reminder that, in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the production. We will have staff members taking pictures and videos of children which we will then share via Teams. These should not be shared any further via social media platforms. Please indicate on the form if you wish your child not to appear on Teams photos/videos.

Kind Regards

F1 Team

Children Leaving F2

*To celebrate the children's F2 Learning Journey, we would like to invite you to a celebration event on **Thursday 11th July at 2.45pm.***

The children will perform some songs, share photos and tell you about the things they have learnt during their year with us. After the assembly the children will be bringing home their Learning Journey books to share their work with you.

There are two guest tickets (in total) available for each F2 child, to book your tickets please complete the electronic form [link here](#) by midnight on Wednesday 10th July.

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list for us to check on the day.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- *On the day of the celebration, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.*

- *Doors open for guests at approx. 2.30pm and the assembly is due to start at approximately 2.45pm.*
 - *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain locked until 3.15pm. Therefore access will only be via the Cross Street entrance.*
 - *The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am and again between 3.00pm and 3.50pm).*
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Kind Regards

F2 Team

A message from Carla Rose

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING



Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

I have worked as a Teaching Assistant at Arnold Mill for 12 years and in more recent years I have gained my level 4 Diploma in Counselling and have worked as School Counsellor alongside my TA role. I have now decided to make counselling my sole career, but I will still be working very closely with Arnold Mill.

I will be available to carry out 1-1 private counselling, should you feel your child may need support and encouragement for any concerns that you, or they, may have. This could be for bereavement/loss, stress and anxiety or trauma; or you may just feel that talking to an independent Counsellor, other than a family member or friend, would benefit your child.

The sessions will be carried out in the Den where I have a dedicated counselling room which is a comfortable, safe environment, so your child can express their thoughts and feelings confidentially through creativity and talking, with no judgement.

I am very passionate about how important therapy is for children at a young age as this helps to set them up for a positive response to therapy later in life.

At present I'm available on Wednesday afternoons. Please don't hesitate to contact me at carlarosecounselling@gmail.com should you require any advice, further information or details of the costs.

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

Year 3 and 4 Ancient Egyptian Day – Tuesday 9th July 2024



In support of our curriculum topic for the summer term, 'A Trip Down the Nile', rather than taking the children on a more costly coach trip to a museum or attraction, we have arranged for a company called 'The Specialists' to come in to school to run a series of fun workshops for the children on Tuesday 9th July 2024 (during normal school hours). Children are not expected to dress up for the event.

Learning outside the classroom or in a workshop format is a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding and promoting personal and social development. We encourage educational visits/or experiences for all our pupils and hope that parents will recognise the value and importance of these visits or events and give their full support.

*The whole school cost of the day is £372.00 and includes a full day of activities. This represents excellent value for money as we won't have to pay for transport (which would be at least £450 on its own). The company provide all the resources needed for the children to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. The school is asking for a contribution of **just £4.13 per child which should be paid via your child's ParentPay account please.***

Contributions for Trips and Activities:

We believe in the value of these experiences and try to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school does not have the financial resources to pay the full cost of every trip/activity. Your child will not be excluded if you are unable to contribute. However, please note that without such contributions, trips and activities may have to be cancelled, due to a lack of funds. Please also bear in mind that the school staff run non-curriculum After School Clubs at the end of the school day, something which we could charge for but, to date, have not. We aim to give the children the best possible chances in their education whilst trying to balance the cost for both ourselves and parents. I hope that you will support us in this and that this paragraph has clarified contributions for trips and activities.

If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

The Year 3/4 Team

Year 5 French Parental Engagement event: *Wednesday 10th July*



You are invited to come into school on Wednesday 10th July to participate in an event where children will share some of their learning in French. The event will run between 9.30am and 11.00am in the school hall. A variety of activities will be led by the children, and visitors will have the opportunity to try things such as saying some tongue-twisters in French, sampling French foods, playing language games or taking part in a craft activity.

Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child. To ensure that we know how many people to expect please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Tuesday 9th July via this link [Link to form](#)

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- *Doors open for guests at 9.30am.*
 - *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain locked until 3.15pm. Therefore you will need to leave school via the Cross Street entrance.*
 - *The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am).*
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Mrs Bennett

MFL teacher

Foundation 2 visit to White Post Farm: 10th July 2024



*In support of our learning in 'Understanding the world around us' the children in F2a and F2b will be visiting White Post Farm (during normal school hours) on the above date. During the visit the children will have the opportunity to feed the animals, take part in a farm, barn and garden tour led by the farm staff. There will also be time to play in the play area. The trip includes a guided tour of the farm, garden and barn, animal feed and the return coach trip. **There is no cost for this trip** as the full cost of the trip (coach and entrance fee) is kindly being funded by a local business, Fineline Market Research. **Useful Information** As Foundation 2 children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals Mrs Burrows will be providing a packed lunch. Your child will, however, need a drink (no fizzy drinks please). If you get chance, please pop on to your child's SimsParent account (available via App and website) to check that our records in respect of any special dietary needs are correct. If you don't yet have a SimsParent login please email the office to request you sign up details. Your child will need and small rucksack to put their lunch in and they will need to carry their own rucksack on the day. The children should be in school uniform unless the weather is wet and then a pair of*

waterproof trousers and wellies or walking boots should be sent. As we are going in July, we hope for good weather so children should bring a hat and have sunscreen applied before school. As we will be outside, please send them with an extra layer, in just in case it feels chilly in the shade. Please pick your child up at normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time. If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hay fever medicine and travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication (in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it) in on the day. A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms are attached for you to complete and return. If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Year 1 visit Wollaton Hall: 11th July 2024



In support of our learning in Science and Art Year 1 children will be visiting Wollaton Hall (during normal school hours).

Useful Information

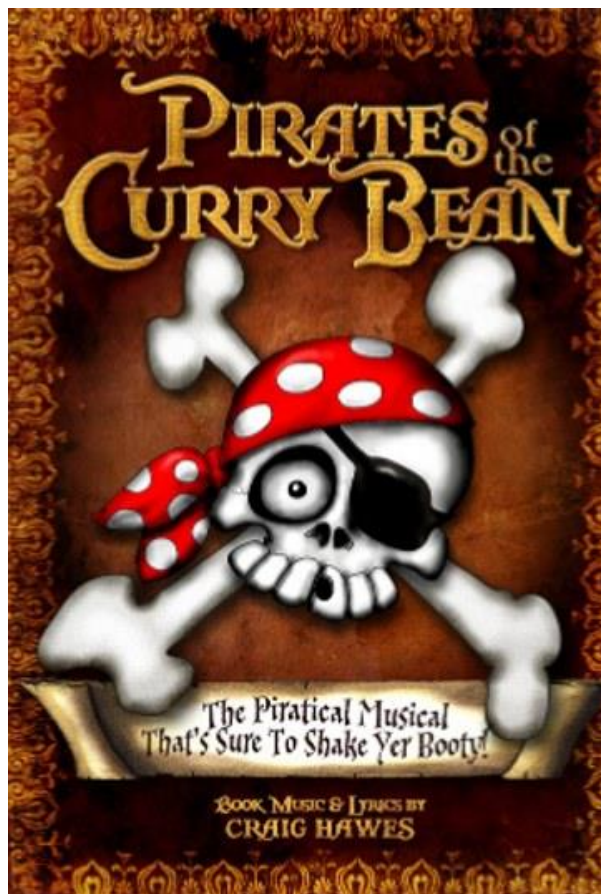
- The trip will be at no cost to you due to the fundraising efforts of Mrs Hussain's (henna tattoos and samosa sales).*
- As Key Stage 1 children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals Mrs Burrows will be providing a packed lunch. Your child will, however, need a drink (no fizzy drinks please).*
- If you get chance, please pop on to your child's SimsParent account (available via App or website) to check that our records in respect of any special dietary needs are correct. If you don't yet have a SimsParent login please email the office to request your sign up details.*
- Your child will need a small rucksack to put their lunch in please, and they will need to carry their own rucksack on the day.*
- The children should be in school uniform. As we are going in July, we hope for good weather so children should bring a hat and have sunscreen applied before school. However, if it is wet and chilly they will need an appropriate coat/layers.*

- *We will NOT be visiting the gift shop so please do not send your child with spending money.*
 - *Please pick your child up at normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time.*
 - *If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hay fever medicine or travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication (in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it) in on the day.*
 - *A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms is attached, please complete and return it to the school office.*
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If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

The Key Stage 1 team would like to thank Mrs Hussain for fundraising for the trip.

Pirates of the Curry Bean: Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July 2024 - Tickets on sale now!



Dear Parents and Carers,

*We are excited to announce that the Y6 children will be performing 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' as their end of year production, and we wanted to share with you the two dates you will be able to come into school and watch your child in the play. Both dates are evening shows **starting at 6pm**. We would like children to return to school for **5.15pm** to get prepared for the performance.*

Wednesday 17th July Evening show to parents/carers

Thursday 18th July Evening show to parents/carers

We anticipate, with an interval, the productions duration will be 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The cost of the Tickets for the Pirates of the Curry Bean

*Tickets are available for the two performances of Pirates of the Curry Bean via ParentPay at a cost of **£2.50 per ticket**. For now, only 2 tickets per household are available. We will remove this restriction from 10.00am on Monday 15th July and more tickets will be available to purchase - up to a maximum of 120 tickets per performance.*

Please ensure you go onto ParentPay before Monday 15th July to guarantee yourself at least 2 tickets.

A reminder that there should be no phones out during the production, and we will have staff members taking pictures and videos of children which we will then share via teams. We look forward to welcoming you into school to see the extravaganza that is 'Pirates of the Curry Bean!'

Kind Regards,

The Year 6 Team

Key Stage 2 Music Lesson Tasters



Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to take music lessons with one of our external music teachers.

At the moment, I would just like to get an idea of interest and numbers of next years Key Stage 2 pupils, who would like to take lessons (we can offer a taster session prior to final sign up).

Key information

- *Lessons will be ongoing throughout the school year.*
 - *Lessons will take place during the school day (your child will miss part of a regular lesson, break or lunchtime).*
 - *Fees will be paid directly to the external music provider (in advance), not to the school.*
 - *Pupils may only sign up for one music lesson during school time.*
 - *Children that signed up for guitar, drums and piano this academic year will be able to continue if they wish.*
 - *Please note that places are limited so we cannot guarantee your child will be successful should they apply for lessons*
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Flute/Clarinet lessons slots are offered to children that will be in class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. The day is yet to be agreed as it is subject to room availability and the number of children signing up.

Lessons will be priced per term as follows:

Shared lesson: £73.42 per pupil

Individual 20-minute lesson: £146.84 per pupil

Individual 30-minute lesson: £220.26 per pupil

Instrument Loan Scheme

£16 per instrument per term within an Inspire Music teaching contract

£20 per instrument, plus VAT (£24), per quarter (3-months) outside an Inspire

Music teaching contract. The option is called Direct Hire.

Piano lesson slots are fully booked, should spaces become available we will advise parents.

If your child is interested in signing up for a music please complete and submit the expression of interest form ([link here](#)) and we will pass your details to the relevant music provider.

*Don't forget, if your child already learns an instrument at school (guitar, piano, drum) please **do not** sign your child up for another instrument if they are planning to continue with those lessons.*

*At the moment, I would just like to get an idea of interest and numbers of pupils, who want to learn.
Details will be finalised in another letter later this term.*

Many thanks,

Mr Phillips - music coordinator

Dinner Menu: w/c 1st July 2024

WEEK 3
WEEK COMMENCING
29 April, 20 May, 10 June, 1 July, 22 July
12 Aug, 2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread slices, soup, fresh fruit.

MY SCHOOL MENU
SPRING/SUMMER 2024

TASTE & NATURE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Quorn dippers, veggie soup, baby roast potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh coleslaw, egg	Spaghetti Bolognese, chicken & mushroom, crusty bread, cheese, tomato, sweetcorn	Pork burger in a bun, pea & lentil, veg, cheese, tomato, jacket wedges, vegetable sticks	Roast chicken, stuffing, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg, egg, tomato, fresh broccoli & carrots	MSC battered fish, onion rings, oven chips, garden peas, or baked beans
OPTION 2		Build your own lunch! Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, veg, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise, veg, egg & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (cheese, veg, ham or tuna mayonnaise, veg, egg, vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit or fruit & yogurt, veg, or pudding of the day)	Build your own lunch! Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, veg, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise, veg, egg & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (cheese, veg, ham or tuna mayonnaise, veg, egg, vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit or fruit & yogurt, veg, or pudding of the day)
	Nightly Apple (sponsored by Nottinghamshire County Council)	Ice Cream Tri-Whirl	Chocolate crispy treat with strawberry milkshake, veg	Strawberry shortcake, veg, cream	Chocolate Muffin, cheese

Nottinghamshire County Council

Previously Published Articles

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies for next year

We are looking at ordering leavers' hoodies for the current year 5 pupils so that they are available to wear from September onwards.

Could you please complete [this form](#) as soon as possible to show how you would like your child's name to appear on the rear of the hoodie to enable the suppliers to create the design. We will send out a proof of the design before it is finalised.

If you would like to order a hoodie, please go onto ParentPay and make a payment **by Friday 19th July 2024** so that the order can be made over the summer holidays ready for September. The prices are:

- £18.00 for children's sizes - 9-11 (32") or 12-13 (34")
- £21.00 for adult sizes – XS, S, M, L

You may pay by instalment if you wish, just pay a minimum of £5 by **Friday 19th July** to secure your order. We will then require the final balance to be settled before the goods are handed over in September.

We will have some example sizes in school from w/c, so if you're unsure of what size to buy, pop into the office to have a look. We would suggest going slightly bigger to allow for growth throughout the year.

Places are still available on the Kingswood residential in September.



Please use this link to see the letter [Link to letter](#)

School Payments



Dear Parent/Carer

Just a polite reminder that School dinners, tuck, Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club should be paid in advance via your child's ParentPay Account.

TUCK - should be paid in advance. Please note that from now on children will not be able to order tuck unless their account is in credit (ie, topped up with sufficient funds to pay for the item of tuck item they wish to order.

SCHOOL DINNER - *should be paid in advance or on the day.*

ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB – *should be paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork and notified the school office)*

MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - *should be booked and paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork)*

I wanted to say a big thank you as the majority of our parents are supportive of our no debt stance and pay their bills promptly/in advance. This approach means we can effectively spend our budget on the children's education rather than paying for unnecessary debts incurred (the school has to pay for every meal/breakfast prepared by the kitchen, for staffing/oncosts for breakfast club and after school club along with admin time spent chasing payments).

It also means that we continue to have a positive working relationships our families; of course in extreme circumstances where a debt remains unpaid the school reserves the right to escalate to a debt collection service (and/or where the debt relates to school meals a parent/carer may be required to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared).

Free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- *Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).*
 - *Income Support*
 - *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)*
 - *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)*
 - *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
 - *The guarantee element of Pension Credit*
 - *Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190*
 - *Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*
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We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. For more information please visit <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk> or telephone Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80 (you will need your personal details parent/carer national insurance number and date of birth along with the child's details in full, including their date of birth and the school they attend).

All pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2 are entitled to Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), this is different to FSM so if you met the above criteria to claim for Free School Meals we would be grateful if you still apply for the funding as (a) it helps the school access additional funding streams (b) you will not automatically receive Free School Meals when your child moves to Year 3.

Kind Regards

Mrs Oldfield

Recommendation of a Children's Science Magazine



Dear Parent,

As you know, here at Arnold Mill Primary School we love helping our pupils to discover the wonders of science from an early age. I'm therefore excited to announce that we've arranged a special offer from award-winning children's science magazine, Whizz Pop Bang.

Whizz Pop Bang is renowned for its commitment to nurturing young minds through its engaging content. The magazines are perfect for girls and boys aged around 6 to 12. Please allow me to share some of the key reasons why Whizz Pop Bang might be beneficial for your child:

Science is for everyone: Lots of people believe that science is just for brainboxes, when in fact, science is for everyone. Children make excellent scientists because they're naturally curious and eager to make discoveries. Now is the perfect time to show children that they can do science, so that they progress to secondary school with confidence.

Learning from mistakes: Science isn't about learning facts or getting perfect results from experiments; it offers a whole load of benefits that enhance a child's cognitive development, as well as their reasoning abilities and their curiosity. It also teaches resilience through learning from unexpected experiment results. Whizz Pop Bang embraces a holistic approach to science, nurturing creativity, curiosity, and discovery through hands-on experiments and crafts.

Expert-led inspiration: The magazines boast a talented team of expert science writers who aim to ignite the scientific spark within children, helping them develop their skills, explore new topics, and discover their unique scientific talents.

Aligning with the curriculum: Whizz Pop Bang's content integrates with the National Curriculum, whilst also going above and beyond by introducing children to intriguing new topics that ensure science feels relevant and exciting.

FREE science for Arnold Mill Primary School *If eight or more pupils at Arnold Mill Primary School subscribe to Whizz Pop Bang using the special offer code XX2448 the School will benefit from FREE whole-school access to an amazing online library of over 1,600 teaching resources. Our teachers will be able to download top-quality science lesson plans full of classroom-friendly experiments, reading comprehensions and many other teaching resources – for free! By taking out a subscription, you'll be helping Arnold Mill Primary School to enhance their whole-school teaching.*

Arnold Mill Primary School exclusive offer

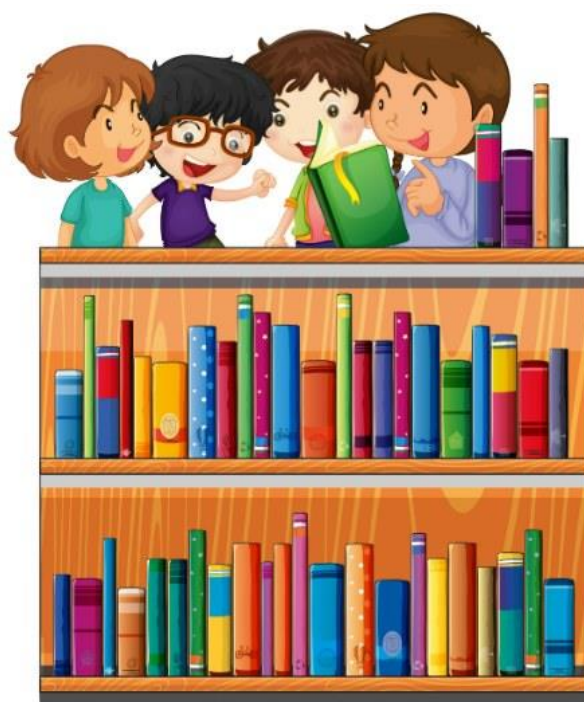
If you'd like to subscribe to Whizz Pop Bang magazine for your child, we've arranged a special discount code for the exclusive use of Arnold Mill Primary School families...

Get the first THREE issues for only £5 when you take out a new three-monthly subscription using the code XX2448 See www.whizzpopbang.com/schooloffer for more details.

Thank you for your time, and I eagerly await the scientific discoveries that lie ahead for our school and our students.

PS: Please hurry – our school's exclusive offer ends on 31.08.2024

Visits to Arnold Library



During the Summer Term Most children will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. 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 (which will need to be returned to the library please). 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.

Please find the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Thanks for all your support.

Deputy Head Teacher

Shaun Hewlett

Class	When	Time
2F	Friday 21 st June 2024	9.30-10.30am
2E	Thursday 4 th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2D	Wednesday 19 th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2C	Tuesday 18 th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2B	Tuesday 25 th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2A	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
1C	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
1B	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
1A	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
F2A	Monday 15 th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
F2B	Tuesday 16 th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
F1am	Friday 21 st June 2024	9.30-10.30am
F1pm	Friday 21 st June 2024 (invited to come on morning visit).	9.30-10.30am

Sun Safety



Sun Protection Guidelines – Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Now that the warm weather has arrived I would like to remind parents/carers of our sun protection guidance.

On hot days we will encourage children to wear a hat, drink plenty of water and sit in the shade as required.

- Please make sure your child brings a sun hat/cap and water bottle (marked with their name and class) to school
- Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes (no trainers, flip flops or open toed shoes)
- **Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended.** If your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a bottle of sun cream (marked with their name), which your child should give to their teacher. Your child will be able to apply the cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member.

If your child requires a staff member to assist with applying additional sun cream please email the class teacher to confirm that you give consent for a member of staff to assist your child to apply an additional application of the sun cream you have/will provide.

Many Thanks

Mrs Oldfield

Year 6 Treat Day: *Wednesday 24th July 2024*

It is coming to that time in the calendar where we are ready to wish our wonderful year 6 children farewell. This year we are planning a special day to help them spend time with their peers and celebrate the end of their primary school journey. On Wednesday 24th July we will be walking down to the Bonington Theatre and having a private screening of the latest Disney blockbuster, Inside Out 2. This film will be a PG certificate, so by agreeing to your child attending this trip you acknowledge this and are allowing your child to watch it. For this part of the day, if you would like to send your child with a small sweet or savoury treat you are more than welcome to.

After the cinema visit, the children will return to school and follow their usual lunchtime routine.

In the afternoon, all of Year 6 will be joining together on the field (hall if wet) and will be sharing in "party nibbles" and garden party games. Children will be able to change into their glad rags and have a party to celebrate the end of year 6 and the start of their next chapter. The total cost of these

events will be £10. To give permission for your child to attend and to make payment please do so via your child's ParentPay account by Friday 19th July.

After the party, children will be able to use their devices to take photos with each other to have some photographic memories of their friends from Arnold Mill. If you don't want your child to be included in any photos, please let the office know.

We are looking forward to spending this precious time with all of Year 6.

Many Thanks,

The Year 6 Team

Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip



We held a parents' meeting a little while ago regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides are available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.

*The cost of the trip to **Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July** is expected to be around £42.00. The final amount will depend on the cost of the Centre as well as the number of children wanting to attend.*

Some parents have already made payments on ParentPay but if you haven't, and you do want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Wednesday 27th March to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 21st June 2023. We will confirm the final amount after 27th March, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

Calendar for 2024/25 Finalised (including inset days)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25
August 2024 to July 2025

 Nottinghamshire
County Council

2024/2025

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day

Autumn Term
2 September - 18 October 7 weeks
4 November - 20 December 7 weeks

Spring Term
6 January - 14 February 6 weeks
24 February - 4 April 6 weeks

Summer Term
22 April - 23 May 4 weeks 3 days
2 June - 29 July 8 weeks 2 days

Inset Days
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Friday 4th July 2025
Monday 28th July 2025
Tuesday 29th July 2025

Parking



We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it.

*As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerably around school and would remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents unless collecting a child from Millie's After School Club **after 5pm**.*

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of **staff only** and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.
Thank you



Useful information



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 and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2B: *Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2C: *Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2D: *Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2E: *Tuesday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk
- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme - help with cost towards medication
- Headlice - how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading - Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.

WRAPAROUND CARE AT ARNOLD MILL



ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB
DAILY FROM 7.45AM

£3.25 per session - food included

No need to book - just turn up (please ensure you keep your ParentPay account up to date*)

Is included as part of our nursery 30 hour childcare provision.



MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

£12 per session - light tea provided

Must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay*. Cut off time for booking 12noon on the day.

*Payment accepted for both clubs via Government Tax Free Childcare along with other schemes (Please inform us if you wish to pay via any of these schemes)

☎ 0115 966 7930 during school hours

☎ 07*** during school hours

✉ office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk



GEDLING BOROUGH AIR NEEDS YOUR CARE



What are the health impacts

Air pollution from idling cars can lead to:

- Increased chance of developing lung cancer
- Increased risk of heart disease
- Increase in asthma, coughs and bronchitis

Children

Children are the most at risk because they:

- Have smaller lungs and breathe more rapidly
- Spend more time outdoors
- Tend to be more active and breathe more deeply

How it affects you and others

Excessive idling is a waste of fuel and money, resulting in an unnecessary negative environmental impact.

People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects.

Nottinghamshire's air pollution contributes to hundreds of premature deaths each year.



Don't sit there idle

Keeping the engine running while stuck in traffic or waiting to collect someone pollutes the air we breathe.

It's up to all of us

Drivers in Gedling Borough can make some simple changes to improve air quality in the Borough. Most pollution comes from vehicles and idling produces unnecessary air pollution and wastes fuel.

Schools, hospitals and bus stops in particular are hot spots, as:

- Idling is more likely to happen in these locations

- They have sensitive age groups, such as children and older people.



Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

You can find out more about air quality by visiting Gedling Borough's air quality webpage below:
www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/





**Greet your child
with a smile
and
not a mobile!**



1 - [Click here for information about free school meals and milk](#)



2 - [Click for important information about Strep A](#)

2023/2024

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3 - [Click here to see school policies](#)

www.parentpay.com

Pay online....
for peace of mind

Trips, School Meals,
Breakfast Club, Tuck

A convenient way to pay


Paying online gives you peace of mind that comes with knowing your money reaches school safely.

Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready, these will be sent via email


Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay](http://www.parentpay.com)



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6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet](#)



Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

1. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations - find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
2. Think about why reading is good for them - focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others - encourage them to notice preference and choice.
4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
5. Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
6. Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
7. Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts - empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
8. Invite others into the reading space - share the love of reading together in your reading community!

In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit

<https://ourfp.org/>

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Childcare Choices

We've signed up for
Tax-Free
Childcare:
Have you?





HM Government

Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website](#)



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