



# Arnold Mill Primary School

*10th November 2023*



---

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome back! This term is always such a busy one, but its always exciting too. The children have started to learn their songs for our Christmas nativities and KS2 sing-along. We have the book fair and Christmas fair only a few weeks away. Plus don't forget the cinema night next week- if you want your children to go, you must book them a place.*

*I am so looking forward to seeing you at our special events, please keep an eye on the newsletters so you don't miss out on anything.*

*Have a great weekend!*

**Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher**

---

## **Children's Work:**











What?	To describe a setting.	Why?	So my writing can engage the reader.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use previous knowledge. ✓</li> <li>I can use ambitious vocabulary for impact. ✓</li> <li>I can use figurative language. ✓</li> </ul>		<div> <div>SP</div> <div>I G P</div> </div>



Within the sky, the planes were so angry they looked like they were tangoing. Boom! Crash! Splash! The <sup>clear</sup> blue lake turned into magma coming out of a volcano. As they hit the water, the water squealed although someone stood on its goats. The lifeless town below had an eerie feel to it though it was halloween. The planes crashed into one another whilst spinning <sup>round</sup> ~~round~~ and round like a synchronised swimming dance gone wrong. The smoke waved goodbye as it came out the planes as the spooky planes petrified the town folk below. The engines engines roared although it was a lion.

Great description TC → Now edit and improve

Wednesday 8th November 2023

What?	To describe a setting.	Why?	So my writing can engage the reader.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use previous knowledge. ✓</li> <li>I can use ambitious vocabulary for impact. ✓</li> <li>I can use figurative language. ✓</li> </ul>		SH
		I	G P



Within the sky, <sup>t</sup>he loud planes chased each other like cat and dog. Vapour trails were twirling like a ballerina dancing. The two planes crashed together like thunder as the mountains rumbled like a hungry cat. BOOM! BANG!. The smoky sky faded like a rainbow. Quickly, <sup>ch</sup> the birds ran off as fast as a roller coaster. The plane spun around as if they were on a racing track. The used to be blue sky fogged up like a oven burning.

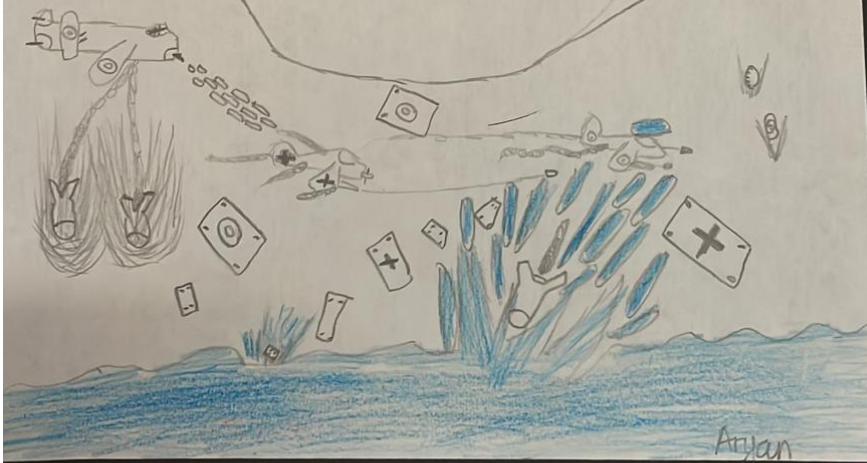
Great effort! LG

→ Now edit and improve.





The fighter planes chased each other as they thought their leg came off. Bombs shooting down like a rocket with no control. Quietly, the bullets raced each other till they touched debris. BOOM! CRASH! SPLASH! fighter planes are dancing and crashing thinking they ~~are~~ are the powerful. Water spitting chunks of water that splash on the filthy planes. Planes crashed into each other blindly. Millions to billions to trillions of debris falling like a meteor showering above. RAOR! PEW! PEW! KA! BOOM! engines running as fast as possible roaring and roaring as the planes picked up speed. The bombs are exploding terror. Bullets shooting like glies soaring through the air.

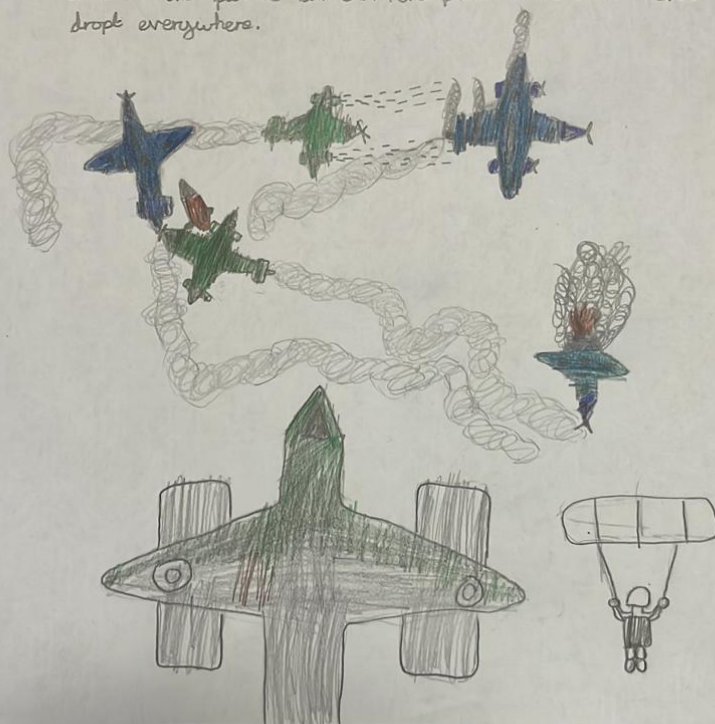


# BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Battle of Britain



Within the sky, planes twisted and twirled. Vapour trails drew pictures in the sky. Bombs dropt! SPLASH! They all smack the water like crazy. Smoke spread so fast. Millions of missiles chase! after planes like animals. CRASH! The planes dropt like flies. Before they dived into the water. Engines roard making pld's goere with gear. BOOM! more bombs dropt. Punching the cold hearted soil below. More planes came. More planes crashed. Debris dropt everywhere.



C. Noe

Rose ran to the concentration camp. Back at village, Rose's mother couldn't find her only child. She asked everyone she knew if they had seen her but everyone said "She's probably with grinds." "She'll be fine."

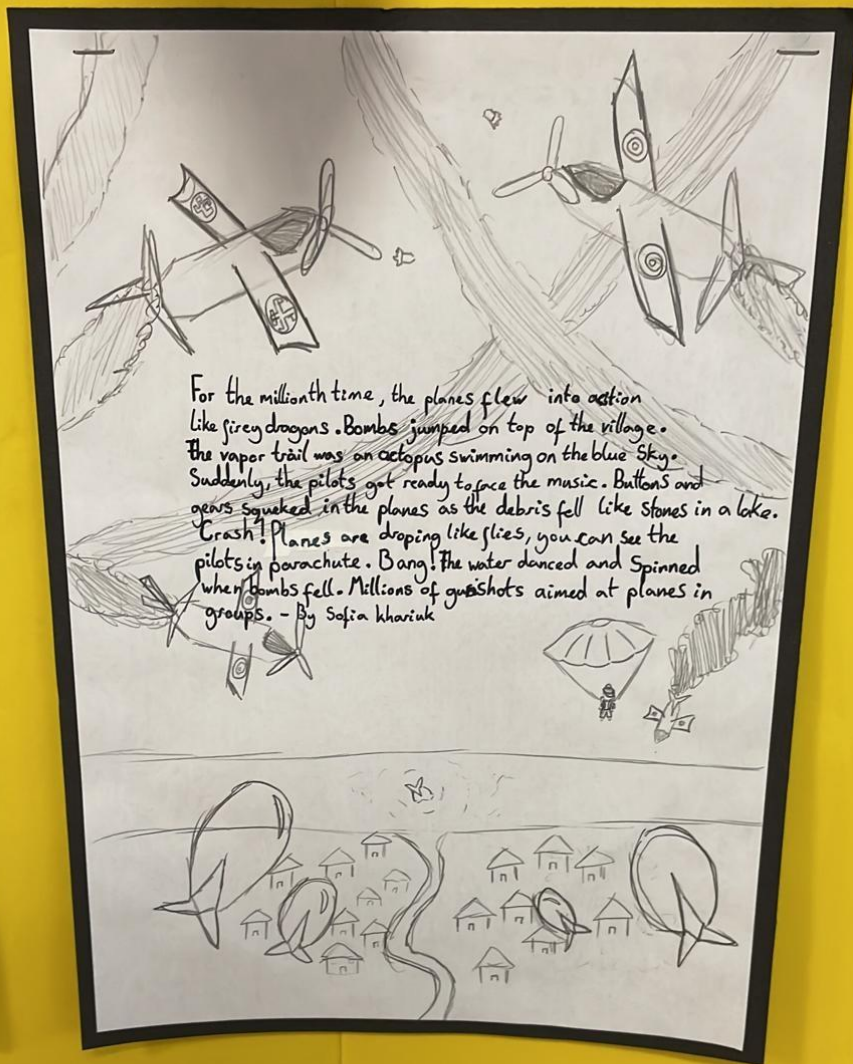
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

What?	To describe a setting.	Why?	So my writing can engage the reader.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use previous knowledge.</li> <li>I can use ambitious vocabulary for impact.</li> <li>I can use figurative language.</li> </ul>		<div>SN</div> <div>I G P</div>



Planes started to rise up higher and higher then started chasing one and other like a cat and dog. Onto each others tail, they kept on chasing and chasing with a cloud of smoke waving goodbye as it left the back of their planes. Suddenly... BANG! SPLASH BOOM! Planes had crashed against the clear blue ocean water. Dark black clouds rose up eliminating the ~~peaceful~~ peaceful white ones. In the background of the chaotic ~~fight~~ fight, as red as lava mountains watched the once grass green field had now turned into a graveyard for all the planes that had been taken down by their enemy. Bombs fell to ground peacefully but then roared into a loud, terrible, ear aking BANG! The war was full of crashes shot down vehicles and innocent ~~dead~~ <sup>dead</sup> people ~~body~~.

→ Now edit and improve



For the millionth time, the planes flew into action like fiery dragons. Bombs jumped on top of the village. The vapor trail was an octopus swimming on the blue sky. Suddenly, the pilots got ready to face the music. Buttons and gears squeaked in the planes as the debris fell like stones in a lake. Crash! Planes are dropping like flies, you can see the pilots in parachute. Bang! The water danced and Spinned when bombs fell. Millions of gunshots aimed at planes in groups. - By Sofia khariuk





needed food, so Rose started to  
extra food with her to school  
today. A few days later, the  
were anxious and rushed. Rose's  
for her little girl, but gave up

Rose got to the barbed  
wire in ruins of metal  
happy feeling of a  
terrible

German village, Rose Blanche came  
near than Rose but the boy got  
Major and, the major got  
went into the major's  
boy was running  
boy got into the  
but the soldier  
really and  
ran out

Rose Blanche felt so bad  
concentration camp but Rose  
good any ways got the  
up the creepy stair of  
cardboard to get some  
children at the concentrat  
next day Rose went st  
and kindly given them  
so pleased about getting

Rose's mother was shocked  
But the town decided  
clinging Rose was now  
Rose was at the concentrat



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

What?	To describe a setting.	Why?	So my writing can engage the reader.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use previous knowledge. ✓</li> <li>I can use ambitious vocabulary for impact. ✓</li> <li>I can use figurative language. ✓</li> </ul>		SH
		I	G P

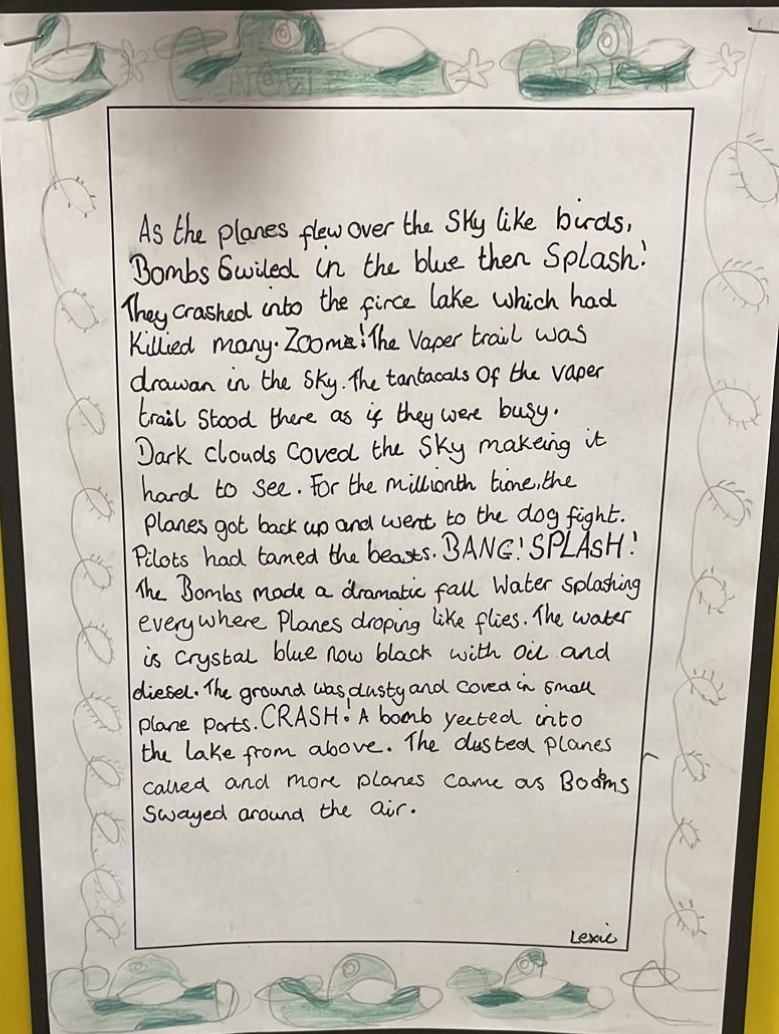


Within the sky, the old, rusty planes chased one another like cats and dogs. Bombs smoke filled the air with ghostly white trails. The crumbling mountains surrounded the colour drained fields & they were trapped up in a cage, the bright, blue river rippled through the fields like a sneaky snake. BANG CRASH BOOM. The broken planes dived into the water with a SPLASH. The exhausted planes made a haunting sounds which shook the ground with horror.

Fantastic description  
RSC.

→ Can you add a simile below?





As the planes flew over the sky like birds,  
Bombs swirled in the blue then splash!  
They crashed into the fierce lake which had  
killed many. Zoom! The vapor trail was  
drawn in the sky. The tentacles of the vapor  
trail stood there as if they were busy.  
Dark clouds covered the sky making it  
hard to see. For the millionth time, the  
planes got back up and went to the dog fight.  
Pilots had tamed the beasts. BANG! SPLASH!  
The bombs made a dramatic fall. Water splashing  
everywhere. Planes dropping like flies. The water  
is crystal blue now black with oil and  
diesel. The ground was dusty and covered in small  
plane parts. CRASH. A bomb yanked into  
the lake from above. The dusted planes  
called and more planes came as bombs  
swayed around the air.

Lexie



## Parent Governor Election

Closing date for nominations is Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 10.00am



---

*To the parents of pupils*

*at: Arnold Mill Primary School*

*8th November 2023*

*Dear Parents*

### ***Nominations for parent governors***

*The governing body of your school has 1 vacancy for a parent governor and is looking for parents who have children at the school. The term 'parent' relates to any person who has 'parental responsibility' as defined by the Section 576 of the Education Act 1996. If you have any queries about your eligibility as a parent, please contact the Headteacher for further advice.*

*We are looking for parents who have the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. Your skills may include personal attributes, qualities and capabilities, such as the ability and willingness to learn and develop new skills as well as skills you may have obtained through your work.*

*Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters which come under three main headings:*

***Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;***

***Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and***

***Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.***

*Governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.*

*The governing body of Arnold Mill Primary School would specifically welcome nominations from parents with finance skills and/or knowledge of GDPR.*

*As an effective governing body, we seek to secure or develop within our membership as a whole, expertise and experience in*

- 
- analysing performance data,*
  - budgeting and driving financial efficiency,*
  - performance management and employment issues, including grievances. We seek to recruit and/or develop governors with the skills to work constructively in committees, chair meetings and to lead the governing body.*
- 

*Our parent governors serve a four-year term of office (even if your child leaves the school during this time). We meet 3 times per year as a whole governing body and have two committees (Finance & Resources and Strategic & Pastoral) who usually meet once per term. There is an expectation within our code of conduct (copy attached) that each governor will become a member of a committee and will take on additional responsibilities as a link governor. All governors are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by the governing body.*

*We offer a full induction package, a mentoring system and availability of in-house, central and on-line training packages. We also offer the opportunity for prospective governors to meet (virtually) the chair/vice-chair/other governors to discuss the role/attend a governing body meeting as an observer before completing a nomination form.*

*Parents/carers from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, and with disabilities, are usually under-represented on governing bodies and in the County. The school would like to encourage nominations from under-represented groups in our community.*

***All new and re-appointed school governors are required to complete a declaration of eligibility form.***

*If you wish to complete a nomination form to become a parent governor, you need to:*

---

- 
1. Check that you are eligible by reading the enclosed qualifications and disqualifications criteria.
  2. Complete the nomination form (once you are satisfied that you are eligible to become a governor). The form can be found using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/YFVS3gDrie> Alternatively, if you would like a paper version, please ask at the office.
  3. Include a statement, **up to 80 words**, about yourself, the skills and commitment you can bring to the governing body and why you would like to become a governor. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. All words over 80 will be deleted and not used in the election process. Please note that your words will be included on the ballot paper that goes out to all parents.
  4. Each nomination must be submitted to the school by **10.00am on Wednesday 15th November 2023**. Your nomination should be acknowledged by the Headteacher within two working days of the closing date. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact the school. In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, an elected member of the Local Authority (LA) or school staff who are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve-month period are **not** eligible for election or appointment as parent governors. However, they can vote in parent governor elections if they are parents of children attending the school and can be governors at another school. An election will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. For the purpose of the election, ballot papers will be sent to all parents or carers with children at the school, together with any details that you and other nominees have provided. This procedure will be explained to you by the Headteacher should an election be necessary.
- 

If you have any further queries about the role of parent governor, please contact the Headteacher of the school, other members of the school governing body or Nottinghamshire County Council Governor Services on telephone number **0115 804 4666**

Yours faithfully

Jackie Oldfield, Headteacher

[Link to eligibility criteria](#)

---



## A Message from the King

---

*This week we have received a thank you card from The King himself. This is in response to online messages which classes 1b and 1c sent ahead of the King's Coronation earlier this year.*

---





**Class 1C Arnold  
Mill Primary  
School,  
Nottingham**

4 May 2023

*" We hope that you have a long and brilliant reign. We wish you a happy life with Queen Camilla and that you enjoy being King. I wonder, what will you promise to do to make our world a better place? Good luck on Saturday. Love and best wishes Class 1C Arnold Mill Primary school "*

**Class 1B,  
Arnold Mill  
Primary  
School,  
Nottingham.**

4 May 2023

*" Your Highness, we hope that you have the best coronation and we wish that you have a long and happy reign with Queen Camilla. We wonder if you are going to do something special with your family after the coronation. We wonder what promises you will make to your people. Are you going to help the poor people? We hope you have a wonderful coronation day. Yours sincerely, Class 1B "*

## Times Tables Rock Stars - Funky Parent & Carer Webpage



---

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

### What's included?

---

- Importance of times tables
    - TTRS intro video
    - Parent guide PDF
    - FAQs answered
  - Free downloadables
- 

*Children in KS2 will be using Times Table Rock Stars to develop their skills alongside learning their multiplication tables in school. This supports children in developing their confidence by demonstrating their ability to answer questions efficiently. Please familiarise yourselves with the parent/carer page on how best to support your children at home. Year 4 will also be taking part in a multiplication check in summer 2024. The more they practise the more fluent they will become in knowing their multiplication tables. Fluency supports the children's ability to answer challenging maths questions in a variety of contexts and is something we focus on to develop strong mathematicians.*

---

**Talent Assembly - Tuesday 5th December (nominations to be made by Friday 24th November)**



---

*As a school, we value nurturing the whole child, not just those who excel in school based activities and therefore, we would like to know about your children's achievements outside of school.*

*We are holding an Arnold Mill Talent Assembly as we want to celebrate some of the amazing talents, achievements or contributions to society that your children have accomplished away from school.*

*If you feel that your child does something outside of school that is worth celebrating, we would like you to nominate them for a mention during this assembly.*

*In the past we have celebrated musical talents, dancers, community volunteers and children who take part in dramatic productions. We don't mind what their talent is, we just like to celebrate what they have been doing.*

*If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by **Friday 24th November 2023** to [joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk) We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date.*

*There will be additional talent assemblies during the year, so if you can't nominate this time, there will be other opportunities.*

*Looking forward to celebrating with you!*

---

## Christmas



---

*We have so much happening in the run up to Christmas, we have created a separate newsletter to cover everything. Please use [this link](#) to take a look.*

---



## Residential Visit to Kingswood: September 2024



---

*We recently held a hugely successful residential trip to Kingswood Dearne Valley. We have decided to run the same trip again next year. It will be from Monday 16th - Friday 20th September 2024.*

*The 4 night/5 day experience includes the following:*

---

- *Coach travel to and from the venue.*
  - *4 nights accommodation.*
  - *Cooked breakfast, lunch and evening meal every day*
  - *A range of adventure and water activities supervised by trained instructors*
  - *An experience to never forget.*
- 

---

*The cost of this trip works out at £358.50 + £16.25 for the bus (this may vary, depending on spaces booked) per child.*

*If you would like your child to go on the trip, please pay a minimum of £10 deposit by Friday 17th November and this will confirm your child's place.*

*The remaining balance can be paid either in full or by instalment as long as the full balance is paid by July 2024.*

*I really hope that you feel able to allow your child to take part in this opportunity and I look forward to going into more detail about the itinerary as soon as we confirm the booking.*

*Please also be aware that we will be working as a group to try and fundraise so we can reduce the total cost. This could change the final balance due but we will keep you informed as much as possible.*

***Also, due to the rising cost, this may be the final time that we can expect parents to pay for this trip, so could be the final time that we run this trip in this format.***

## Project Playground



---

*We all know that playtimes can be tricky for children, especially if they have nothing to play with. With this in mind, we have joined the OPAL Primary Programme. Their vision can be seen using this link <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/about-us/our-vision/>*

*As part of this, we have started our own 'Project Playground' fundraising campaign. We need to develop the equipment and storage solutions in our school grounds. We want to develop different areas for children to use independently, for example, construction zones, quiet areas to read and draw and role play spaces where children can use their imagination.*

### ***How can you help?***

*We have set aside some of our school budget to make these changes but are asking for a little help from you so that we can improve lunchtimes as soon as possible. Some things can be donated, but we will need to purchase quality storage and equipment which will last.*

#### **Donations of equipment:**

*We are looking for physical donations such as outdoor games, dressing up clothes, pushchairs and any construction materials. If you have anything you think might be suitable, please speak to the office.*

#### **Fundraising:**

*Alongside any physical donations, we also need monetary donations for sheds, storage boxes and sturdy play equipment. We will be focusing our fundraising efforts on this throughout the year, with money from school fairs, performances etc going towards this. We have also set up a Justgiving page for donations, just click on [this link](#).*

*Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your donations will go directly to benefit the children at Arnold Mill Primary School and will be gratefully received.*

---

## **KS1 White Post Farm Roadshow: Thursday 16th November 2023**



---

*We have been lucky enough to be able to arrange for White Post Farm to bring their fantastic roadshow to school on Thursday 16th November 2023. They will be bringing with them a variety of animals from the farm ranging from reptiles to mammals; some bigger, some smaller and lots in between! They will be providing two animal experts for the day who will be able to teach the children all they know about the animals to support our KS1 science curriculum on animal classification, lifecycles and animals & offspring. There will be opportunities for the children to get up close to the animals, ask questions and handle them – if they want to! It is a brilliant learning opportunity not available even on a physical visit to the farm.*

*To help with the cost of this full-day roadshow we are asking for a contribution of £4.72 per child. Please make payment via ParentPay as soon as possible and no later than Friday 10th November.*

*If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.*

*Kind regards,*

*The KS1 Team*

---

## Film Night: Thursday 16th November 2023



We are holding a film night on Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm for children in F2 to Year 6. The films are due to start straight after school, so the children will be taken directly from their class to the 'cinema screen' by the teachers (they are welcome to bring a small cushion to sit on). The finish time and collection point will vary as shown in the table below. We have chosen shorter films for the younger children, as their attention span is shorter, and they get distracted easily.

Admission is £3.00 payable via ParentPay. Children will be provided with a drink and snack with the remaining money will go to raise funds for our 'Project Playground' appeal (see [here](#) for details). The deadline to sign up will be 3.00pm on Thursday 16th November, after which time the finalised attendance list will be printed and passed to staff (for this reason we will NOT be able to accommodate late requests - sorry).

Children in years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home on their own if parental consent is received via [this form](#). ALL other children must be collected by a responsible adult, unless they are booked to go to Millie's After School Club, in which case they will be escorted there by a member of staff.

To keep costs down, we will NOT be issuing tickets. ParentPay will give us an attendance list which allows us to keep a track of numbers for fire regulations and for the staff to know which children to escort to the 'cinema screen'.



*We ask that the children observe 'cinema etiquette' at all times during the film, therefore no mobile phones will be allowed.*

---

## **Children in Need: *Friday 17th November 2023***



---

*To donate, please use the [Link to donation page](#)*

*Children in Need wristbands are available from the office for 50p each (discounted as they are old stock).*

---

## Lantern Parade Workshop: Saturday 18th November



---

*A message from St Paul's Daybrook:*

*As the nights draw in and our thoughts begin to turn towards Christmas, we would like to invite your school community to join us for a lantern-making workshop on Saturday 18th November from 10am till 1pm at St Paul's church hall (see poster).*

*We are partnering with our local Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne and Gedling Play Forum to run this free Christmas event.*

*Participants will also be invited to join a lantern parade from the church to Arnold Marketplace for the switch-on of the Christmas lights on Friday 24th November.*

*The event is free to attend but tickets need to be booked so that we know how many lanterns will be required. Please book tickets for each person making a lantern using this link: Eventbrite link: <https://tinyurl.com/advent-lantern-making>*

*Thank you for supporting this exciting community event.*

---

## NHS Flu Vaccinations: 21st November



---

*As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, the NHS are offering the flu vaccine to all primary and secondary school children. This has been scheduled for 21st November for children at Arnold Mill.*

*Please use this link to read the information leaflet [Link to information leaflet](#)*

*Please use this link to fill out the consent form [Link to consent form](#)*

*Please note that children will only receive the vaccination if parental consent is given.*

---

## Year 5 & 6 - National Holocaust Museum: 22nd November



---

*The visit, **on 22nd November 2023**, will provide an engaging opportunity for the children to discover what life was like for Jewish children in Europe during World War 2 and will be an informative way of extending our classroom work in history, geography and R.E. We will have the opportunity to hear a survivor of the Holocaust speak about their experiences and the whole day is an extremely moving and thought-provoking experience.*

*The trip to The Holocaust Museum will take place during school hours, leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 3.30pm and will cost **£14.00, payable via your child's ParentPay account by 17th November please**. The cost of the trip includes transport and entrance to the museum.*

*The children will need to be provided with a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please) and a packed lunch for the trip (please confirm whether you will send a home prepared or ordering one from school)one can be ordered from school – please select the relevant option on the Trip Permission Form).*

*Please complete the enclosed Trip Permission Form and return it to the school office by 1st November.*

*On the day the children will need to wear school uniform and may also bring a small amount of money (£5 max.) to spend in the gift shop should you wish, however this will be their responsibility to look after.*

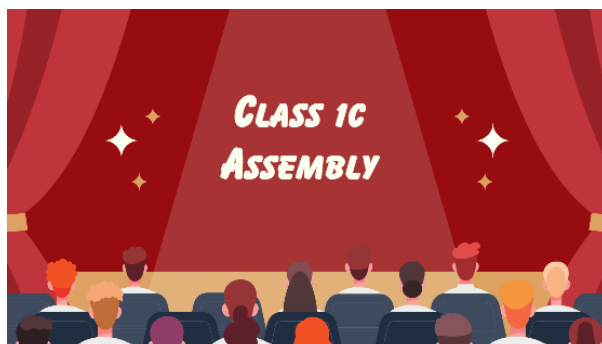
*There will be lots of other thrilling adventures so keep an eye out for more.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Miss Dibley, Mr Hewlett and Mr Phillips*

---

## **Class 1C Assembly – Thursday 23rd November 2023 (booking essential)**



---

*We would like to invite Class 1C parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.*

*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 set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Wednesday 22nd November via this link [1C Assembly](#).*

*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:*

---



- 
- *On the morning of the assembly, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.*
  - *Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am*
  - *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).*
- 

---

**REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.**

---

## **Non-Uniform Day: 24th November**



## Online Safety Assembly - Invite to parents to join remotely: **Tuesday 28th November**



---

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We would like to invite you all to join a special online assembly to celebrate Google's Be Internet Legends Day 2023!*

*As you will know, we spend a lot of time carefully selecting and using the best resources to support the teaching of online safety in school. This is an area that we know concerns many parents and carers as our children are increasingly accessing online environments.*

*In KS1, we use our SMART with a Heart rules to help the younger children in school remember how to keep safe online in an age appropriate way. In KS2, we use Google's Be Internet Legends programme to help our older children with the key areas or 'pillars' of online safety. This assembly will give you the chance to understand more about this and give you valuable support with online safety for your child/children. Whilst the assembly is aimed at those with children in KS2, we warmly invite any parent to join using the link below. The assembly will be streamed live on YouTube at 9.30am on **Tuesday 28th November**. The link will then remain available to watch later if you want to catch up at your leisure.*

**<https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvblu8pg?feature=share>**

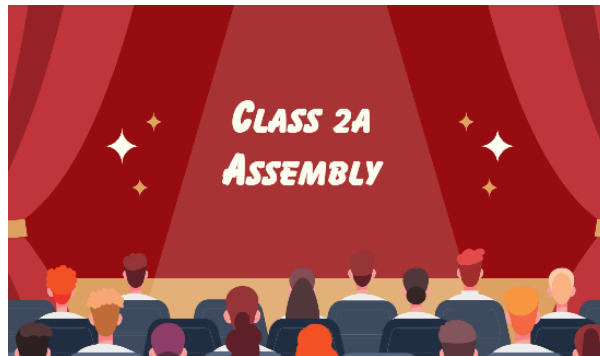
*All our KS2 pupils will be watching the assembly live in school and will then be following it up in classes with a session on Google's Interland game which has been specifically developed to support the teaching and learning of online safety at KS2. You can find this here [Play Interland - Be Internet Awesome](#)*

*We really hope you can take part.*

*If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.*

*Kind regards,*

## **Class 2a Assembly – Thursday 30th November 2023 (booking essential)**



---

*We would like to invite Class 2a parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.*

*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 set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Wednesday 29th November via this link [2A Assembly 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:*

---

- *On the morning of the assembly we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.*
  - *Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am*
  - *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remained 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).*
-

---

**REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.**

---

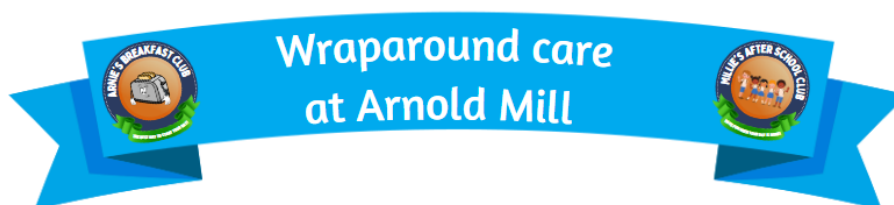
## School Clubs



School Clubs – Autumn Term 2023/24

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Recorder Club	Mr Phillips and Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	3/4 by invite	15	2d
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree and Mrs Stones	3.30pm-4.30pm	5/6	20	Reception
	Gardening (Foundation garden)	Mrs Broniewska and Miss Rose	3.30pm-4.15pm	1/2	8	Foundation
	Tag Rugby	Mr Fretwell	3.30-4.30pm	5/6		Main Reception
Tuesday	Year 6 Maths SATS Booster (2e)	Miss Dibley	8.15am	6	N/A	N/A
	Football Club	Mr Robinson/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	5/6	40	2e
	Board Games	Mrs Rathore/Mrs Nicholls	3.30pm-4.15pm	2/3	15	2c
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield	3.30pm-4.15pm	All year groups	30	2f
	Gardening	Mrs Humphry, Miss Joynt, Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.30pm	3-6	15	Foundation
Wednesday	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3.30pm-4.30pm	3/4	By Invitation	Reception
	Boccia	Mrs Greentree	3.30pm-4.15pm	KS2	By Invitation	Reception
Thursday	Year 6 Reading SATS Booster (2f)	Mr Hewlett	8.15am	6	N/A	N/A
	Book Club	Mr Hewlett/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	Y2-Y6	20	2f
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3.30pm-4.30pm	5/6	By Invitation	Reception
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

\*No need to book - just turn up




---

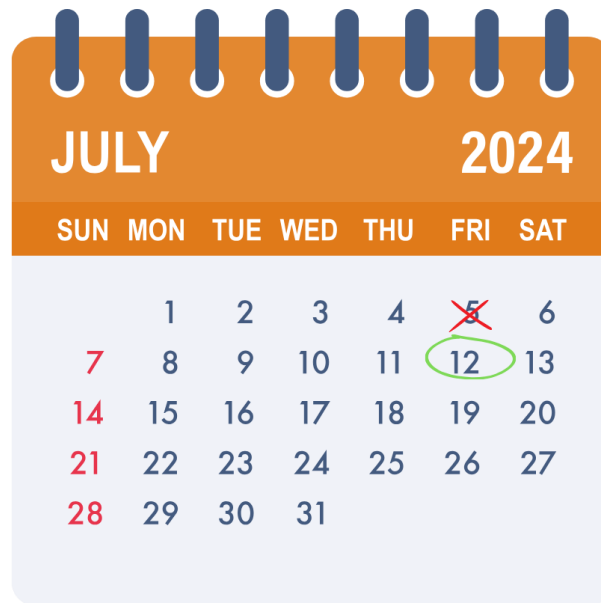
*Please use the link below for more information about the wraparound care we offer at Arnold Mill.*

[Link to Wraparound Care Information](#)

---



## Change of Inset Day to 12th July 2024



---

*Unfortunately, we are needing to reschedule the inset day from 5th July to 12th July due to problems with training bookings.*

*I attach a revised 2023-24 Academic Calendar for your information.*

*I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.*

---

2023/2024

August							September							October						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
														30	31					





November							December							January						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5						1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

February							March							April						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

May							June							July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5						1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

 School Holidays  Public Holidays  Administration Day  Inset Day

**Autumn Term**  
4 September - 20 October 7 weeks  
6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

**Spring Term**  
4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days  
19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

**Summer Term**  
15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days  
3 June - 26 July 8 weeks

## Dinner Menus w/c 13th November 2023

**AUTUMN/WINTER  
2023/24**

**WEEK COMMENCING  
13 November**

**MY SCHOOL MENU**

**TASTE of NATURE**

**Vegetarian meals are available upon request**

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
<b>MONDAY</b>	Vegan roll & gravy baby roast potatoes, garden peas, fresh carrots <small>Gluten</small>	Chocolate muffin OR Fruit <small>Gluten Egg</small>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Special Diwali Lunch - see poster	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Pasta Neapolitan garlic bread sweetcorn coblette <small>Milk Gluten Soya</small>	Honey cake & custard OR Fruit <small>Milk Egg Gluten</small>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Roast Gammon & gravy Yorkshire pudding, roasted OR mashed potatoes, carrots & broccoli <small>Milk Egg Gluten Quorn roast</small>	Butterscotch tart OR Fruit <small>Gluten Milk</small>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Special Children in Need Lunch - see poster	

**ALSO SERVED DAILY:** Best of both bread Gluten and Soya Seasonal vegetables available daily, Coleslaw Egg when served

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

**Diwali Lunch**

**TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**

**Chicken & Chickpea Curry**  
Mustard

**Tilda Rice**  
**Cucumber & Mint Raita**  
Milk

\*\*\*\*\*

**Ragi Cookie**  
Egg, Gluten, Sulphur Dioxide



## Calendar



### November

Mon 13th - Class F2a Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Tues 14th - Diwali Special Lunch ([link to poster](#))

Weds 15th - Class F2b Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Thurs 16th - Year 1/2 White Post Farm Roadshow ([Link to letter](#))

Fri 17th - Children in Need ([link to poster](#))



Mon 20th - *F1am Visit to Arnold Library 9.30-10.30am*

Tues 21st - *Flu Vaccinations (F2-Y6)* ([Link to info booklet](#)) ([Link to consent form](#))

Weds 22nd - *Year 5 & 6 Trip to the National Holocaust Centre* ([see letter](#))

Thurs 23rd - *Class 1c Assembly with parents* ([see letter](#))

Fri 24th - *Author visit for Foundatoin and KS1*

Fri 24th - *Class 1b Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm*

Fri 24th - Non uniform day - chocolatey or bottle donation for the Christmas Fair

Mon 27th - *Class F1pm Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm*

Tues 28th - *Online Safety Assembly* ([see letter](#))

Tues 28th Nov-Tues 5th Dec *Book fair*

Thurs 30th Nov - *Class 2a Assembly with parents* ([see letter](#))

### ***December***

Fri 1st - *Christmas Fair*

Weds 6th - *Christmas Dinner Day*

Tues 12th - *Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 3.00-3.30pm* ([see letter](#))

Tues 19th - *KS1 Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action!" 2.30pm* (details to follow)

Tues 19th - *Year 3/4 Christmas Party*

Weds 20th - *KS2 Performance at 2.30pm* (details to follow)

Weds 20th - *KS1 Christmas Party*

Thurs 21st - *Foundation Nativity "The Twinkly Nativity!" 9.45am or 2.25pm* (details to follow)

Fri 22nd - *Foundation Christmas Party*

Fri 22nd - *Year 5/6 Christmas Party*

**Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Christmas holidays**

***January***

Thurs 4th - *Inset day - School Closed*

Fri 5th - *Inset day - School Closed*

Mon 8th - *Children return to school*

***February***

Fri 9th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

**Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term**

***March***

Tues 26th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

Fri 29th - Good Friday - School Closed

***April***

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holiday**

***May***

Mon 6th - *May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed*

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th - *Year 4 Residential visit to Rand Farm*

Fri 24th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term**

***June***

***July***

Fri 12th - *Inset Day - School Closed (change of date)*

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

Fri 26th - Last day of term

---

## Useful information



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



### 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)

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

## 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/](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/)

**Gedling**  
Borough Council



**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

August							September							October							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3							1	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31					25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
															30	31					

November							December							January						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

February							March							April						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

May							June							July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day

Inset Day



Autumn Term  
4 September - 20 October 7 weeks  
6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term  
4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days  
19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term  
15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days  
3 June - 26 July 8 weeks



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

[www.parentpay.com](http://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](http://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)



## Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for


# Arnold Mill Primary School

## with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.  
It won't cost you any extra!

**How to sign up**

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



Download the easyfundraising App

GET IT ON Google Play
 Download on the App Store

Excellent 3,945 reviews on

5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)



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



7 - [Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme](#)



8 - [Link to information about how to deal with head lice](#)



## 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/>  
 @OpenUni\_RFP



# Childcare Choices

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






10 - The School Essentials program give away uniform and other school items to local parents. The new Essentials Cafe will be offering a free drink and light lunch as well as having uniform available for people who need things mid term. This is not a referral scheme and so is open for everyone to help with the cost of living and hoping to help ensure all children are equipped with all they need for school life.




---

 [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk)

 **0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

 <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk>

 <https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial>

---