



25th July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! It has been a very long, hot half term, but we have made it to the end. We've been so busy in school, the time has flown by.

There has been so much to celebrate about the year including lots of lovely PTA organised events, residential visits and fabulous end of year results. We are already planning for the next academic year and hope its even better than this one.

*Everything we do in school is only made possible with the support we get from parents, carers and the hard working staff. As the year draws to an end I want to say a massive
THANK YOU to you all.*

We have amazing children in school who make Arnold Mill a wonderful place to be. Visitors always comment on their outstanding behaviour and super manners. They have worked really hard this year and now deserve a well earned rest.

As we say goodbye to some of our lovely staff and all of our fabulous Year 6 children, I just want to say good luck to them all. I am really going to miss having them around, but know they will all go on to do wonderful things.

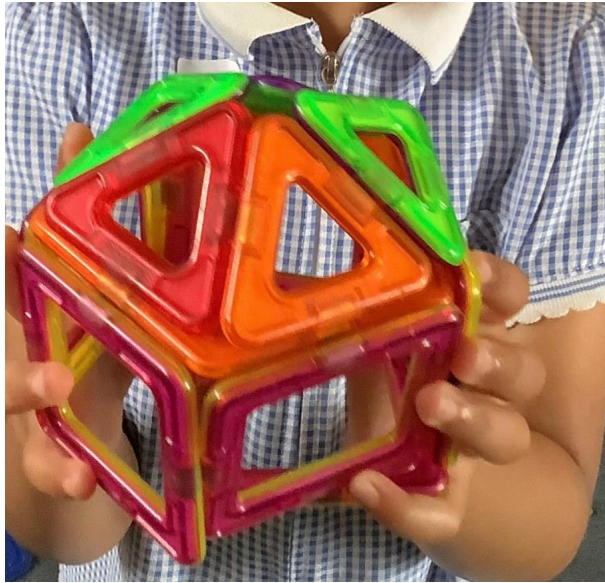
I hope you all have a super summer!

See you on September 3rd.

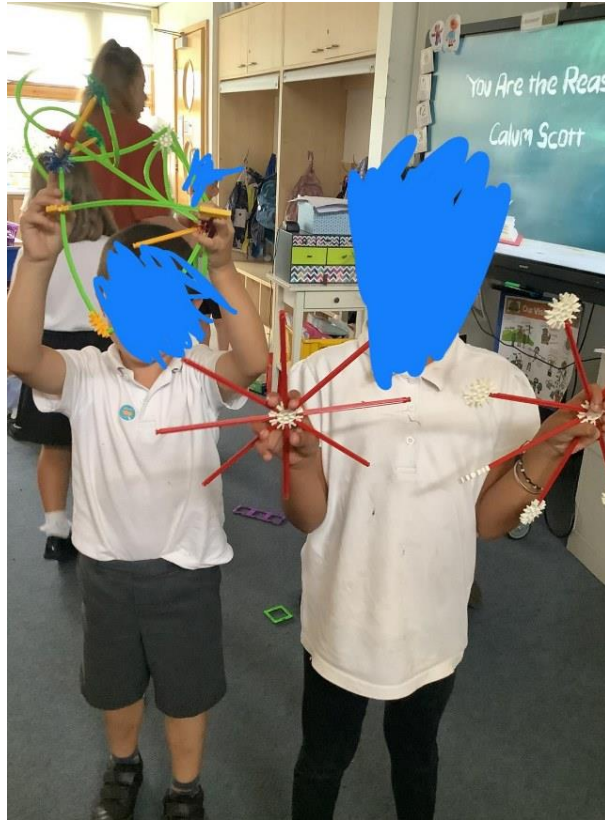
Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar









URGENT – TRANSFER FROM PARENTPAY TO MCAS



From the end of term all payments will be moving from ParentPay to My Child at School (MCAS). Please note the points below to make this transition as smooth as possible:

Things we will be doing over the summer holidays:

- *Closing all payment items on ParentPay at the end of Friday 26th July 2025.*
 - *Transfer all positive and negative balances over to MCAS over the summer holidays (this may take some time to appear on your account).*
 - *If your child is leaving, we will arrange a refund of any balances.*
 - *Send out an update once everything is running on MCAS. Please do not pay anything onto MCAS until you are given the go ahead from us (apart from for the Kingswood Residential and nursery lunchtime supervision fees, as these are already up and running).*
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Please allow us some time to complete these tasks, as there's a lot of work involved.

THINGS WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO:

- *Cancel any direct debits you have set up.*

- If your child is leaving, please ensure you have settled any debts you currently owe on ParentPay – we will leave year 6 payments open on ParentPay until all debts have been settled.
 - Contact office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk if you need an account set up on MCAS.
 - If you currently hold money in your 'Parent Account Credit' on ParentPay, please withdraw this back to your bank account.
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An update from the PTA



Mobile Phone Policy - in force from September 2025



*Use the link below to see the new mobile phone policy which will be in force from September 2025. This states that **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING MOBILE PHONES INTO SCHOOL**. The reasons for this are set out within the policy.*

[Link to Mobile Phone Policy](#)

Smartphone Free Childhood



We have been asked to share a document to encourage a Smartphone Free Childhood. This can be read by using the link below:

[Link to document](#)

Inspire Library Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with libraries across the country. The Challenge, aimed at children aged 4 to 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers to collect and a medal and certificate when a child completes the Challenge.

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge is Story Garden. Story Garden celebrates nature and the great outdoors, exploring adventure, fantasy and the magical world of storytelling. The Challenge features artwork from illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose illustrations bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

Internet and Digital Safety



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides engage and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and internet usage. Regularly followed by thousands of children, these guides have addressed online safety and internet usage. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a paid premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a chat. Children can also be charged for them as a premium subscription and receive features and benefits.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going as far as to state that even the developers (in-house team) cannot view chats. However, a security report in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted, leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids encourages to allow children the most of things in their lives and while offering parents to not restrict JustTalk Kids, it's important to note that children can use the app to bypass parental controls. Parents can use parental controls to restrict JustTalk Kids, but children can use the app to bypass parental controls. Parents can use parental controls to restrict JustTalk Kids, but children can use the app to bypass parental controls.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say to people. Combined with the speed of messages, it's easy to see how cyberbullying can happen. With the risk of bullying, it's important to be aware of the risks of cyberbullying and the importance of reporting it to the appropriate authorities.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a parental passcode which must enter to use the app. The parental passcode is used to manage which content can be shared and what children can use on a device. This then allows children to chat with others in a supervised environment. However, parental controls don't have to be used to restrict access to the app. In theory, someone could type in a random number and then add them as a friend.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted in 2021 that 20% of children spent more than 2 hours a day on screens. As well as finding that 20% of children used their smartphones to be connected with others, screen addiction, including children to social networking apps which they're too young to use, has led to digital health and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. While some of the risks are not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's parental risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children should be taught to use the app. However, it's important to note that most of the app's features, especially those involving messages, aren't as easy to get through as in a group chat. It's important to note to ensure parents need not put any inappropriate behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contact to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online, but when guidelines around what it's safe to share are clear, it's important, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can stay on computers forever, even if they delete it themselves. It can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lead to children to bullying behaviour. Parents should consider what their child is sending and receiving, discuss with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings about people with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings about people with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings about people with them regularly.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Barlow is an online safety researcher, educator and author who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety projects for schools. She has written numerous research papers and created and research for the Australian government comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/justtalk-kids>

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We have been asked by Nottinghamshire Police to share the following information with parents:

[Link to Online Security Checklist for parents](#)

[Link to Cyber Choices programme for parents](#)

Community News



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Free 25 minute session to assess your child's swimming ability and water skills

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