10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sorry to start the new year with a moan, but persistant lateness is having a massive impact on the children's attainment in school. It is for this reason that we are having a massive push on timekeeping this term.

The school day starts at 8.50am and this has been the case since Arnold Mill opened. It seems that a lot of people believe school starts at 9.05am because that is when registers officially close; This is not the case. Children need to be sitting on their seat in class by 9.00am at the latest in order to take part in a starter activity every day. Any child arriving after 9.00am will need to sign in at the office but this should be avoided if possible as they are missing this valuable learning time. It is also disruptive to the class and can be upsetting for the child walking into the class late.

This week alone, we have had over 100 late marks. This involves roughly 20+ children being late every day; often the same children. We have a duty of care to ensure your children get the best quality of education. However, we can't do this if they're not in school. Next week I am hopeful that I will be able to share with you a much reduced number of lates. Please can you get your child to school on time.

On a lighter note, we are happy to announce that Miss Spencer has had a baby boy, Olly. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her a congratulations.

We would like to welcome Mrs Brumby back from maternity leave. She will be teaching in F2a alongside Mrs Broniewska.

Have a good weekend. I look foward to seeing you all bright and early next week.

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

January

Thurs 16th - Old School Bangers & Mash Lunch (see poster)

Thurs 16th - *Lea Green Y4 Residential Parents' information evening* (Link to letter)

Thur 23rd - *1A Assembly to parents (Link to form)*

Fri 24th - *Parents reading with their KS1 child* (Link to letter)

Fri 31st - *PTFA Hot Chocolate Friday* (Provisional - details to follow)

February

Thur 6th - *1C Assembly to parents*

Thurs 13th - *Maths Assembly to parents (invitation only)*

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb - Half Term Holidays

Wed 26th - *PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

Thurs 27th - *PTFA KS2 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

March

Thurs 6th - *World Book Day and PTFA fundraising event (*details to follow)

Fri 21st - *Comic Relief/Red Nose Day*

Tues 25th - Weds 26th - *Year 4 Residential Lea Green Activity Centre* (see letter)

April

Wed 2nd - *Year 5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly*

Fri 4th - *PTFA Easter Raffle and Easter Craft Day and/or Egg Hunt* (Provisional)

Mon 7th - Mon 21st April - Easter Holidays

May

Mon 5th - *May Day Bank holiday* (school closed)

Fri 16th May - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (provisional)

Tue 20th - *Parents reading with their KS1 child* (Link to letter)

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May - Half Term Holidays

June

Weds 11th - *Class Photos*

Fri 13th June - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (provisional)

Fri 20th - *Non-uniform Day - donations for the Summer Fair*

Fri 27th - *Summer Fair*

July

Thurs 3rd - *Parents reading with their KS1 child* *(Link to letter)*

Fri 4th - *Inset Day* (School closed)

Mon 7th - *PTFA World Chocolate Day fundraising event* (provisional)

Thurs 10th-Fri 11th - *Year 2 Robin Hood Camp* (details to follow)

Wed 16th - *PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

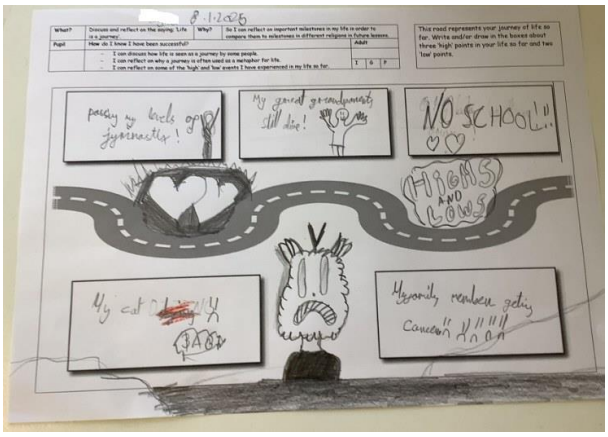
Thurs 17th - *PTFA KS2 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

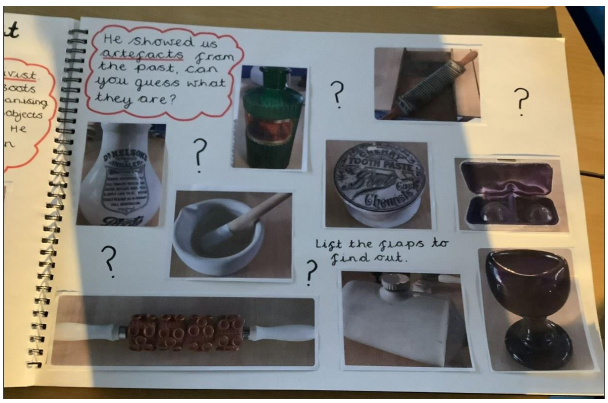
Fri 18th - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (provisional)

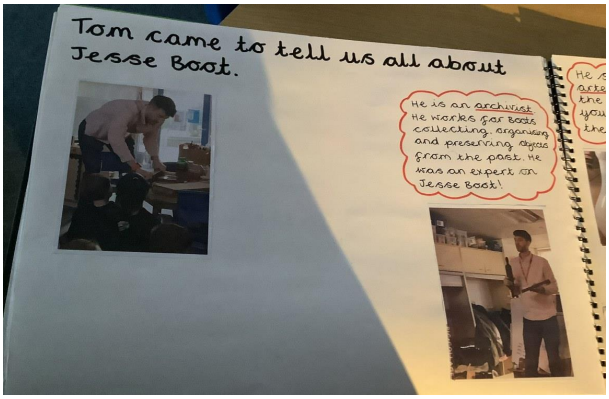
Fri 25th - *Last day of term for children*

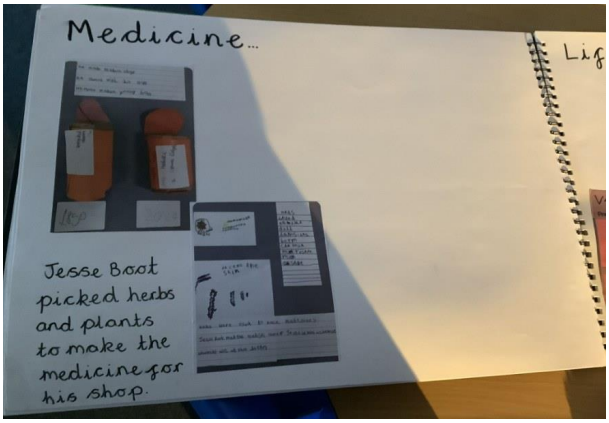
Mon 28th & Tues 29th - *Inset Days* (School closed)

Children's Work


8.1.2025
What?
Discuss and reflect on the saying: 'Life is a journey'.
Why?
So I can reflect on important milestones in my life in order to compare them to milestones in different religions in future lessons.
Pupil
How do I know I have been successful?
Adult
I can discuss how life is seen as a journey by some people.
I can reflect on why a journey is often used as a metaphor for life.
I can reflect on some of the 'high' and 'low' events I have experienced in my life so far.
This road represents your journey of life so far. Write and/or draw in the boxes about three 'high' points in your life so far and two 'low' points.
NO SCHOOL!!
HIGHS AND LOWS


He showed us artefacts from the past, can you guess what they are?
List the steps to find out.


Tom came to tell us all about Jesse Boot.
He is an archivist
He works for Boots collecting, organising and preserving things from the past. He was an expert on Jesse Boot!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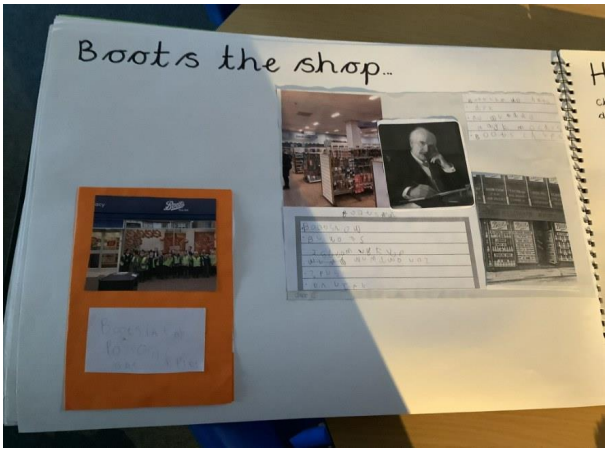
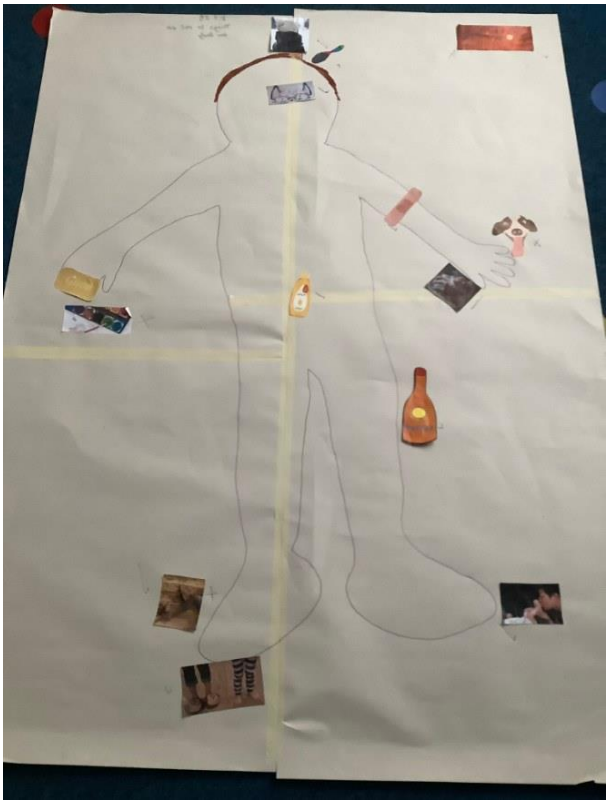
Jesse Boot picked herbs and plants to make the medicine for his shop.


Boots the shop...

Friday
We made snowmen!
Look at our fireworks drawings!



School Dinners: *w/c 13th January 2025*

WEEK COMMENCING
13 Jan

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.

MY SCHOOL MENU
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024–25

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Jacket potato, cheese Milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Spaghetti Bolognese Gluten Mustard Soya Fish Garlic Bread Gluten Vegetable Sticks	Chinese chicken & vegetables Soya Gluten mixed rice	Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur dioxide OR Plant-based sausage Soya Sulphur dioxide mashed potatoes & beans	MSC cod dog, Fish Gluten Sesame with tomato ketchup, oven chips, baked beans, or minted garden peas
OPTION 2		**BYO Sandwich** (Gluten Soya) **Fillings:** cheese Milk ham or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg vegetable sticks, crisps fruit or Frube yogurt Milk or pudding of the day		**BYO Sandwich** (Gluten Soya) **Fillings:** cheese Milk ham or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg vegetable sticks, crisps fruit or Frube yogurt Milk or pudding of the day	Jacket potato, cheese Milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
PUDDING	Chocolate sponge Gluten Egg & custard Milk	Vanilla cookie Gluten	Cornflake tart Gluten Sulphur dioxide & custard Milk	Iced cookies with sprinkles Egg Gluten Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate crispy Gluten

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Thursday 16th January

OLD SCHOOL
BANGERS, MASH & BEANS

Nottinghamshire Sausage
Gluten, sulphur dioxide
or Plant-based sausage
Soya, sulphur dioxide
With Mashed potatoes and Beans
or
BYO Sandwich:
Cheese
(Gluten)
Ham
Tuna mayo
(Fish, Egg)

Followed by:
Iced cookie with sprinkles
Soya, sulphur dioxide

Recycle with Michael

Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for Arnold Mill Primary School!

Recycle with Michael!

Facilitated by The Salvation Army's Clothing Collection service, this nationwide scheme aims to divert thousands of tonnes of unwanted items away from landfill, while educating our children about the importance of reusing and recycling.

So we're asking you to dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes.

It couldn't be easier to get involved. Simply:

1. *Fill bags with your unwanted clothes and shoes (no bric-a-brac please).*

2. *Return the bags containing your unwanted items and pop them in the black collection point located just inside the main gate (Cross Street).*

The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. ***The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise!*** *If you're having a clear out, remember Recycle with Michael, and donate to a great cause.*

We hope you'll help to support us and give your preloved clothes a new lease of life.

Christmas Jumpers and Pyjamas

Do you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers and/or pyjamas you would be willing to donate to the school? If so that would be amazing (thank you), please drop them off at the school office.

Good luck with the sorting and thank you in advance

Ink Cartridge Recycling

There's no better way to start the New Year by clearing out clutter and helping the planet! Your used ink cartridge donations can keep waste out of landfills and raise funds for our school (the donation box is located in the Reception area). Help kickstart your 2025 sustainably! Let's make this a year of positive change.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes (Christmas Fair)

There are still ? unclaimed raffle prizes, if they are still unclaimed by noon on Monday 13th January we will be holding a Silent Auction - if you are interested in buying a prize please

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Internet and Digital Safety

Previously Published Articles

KS1 Reading for Pleasure with Parents

It has been a great term and we have discovered so much about a range of different topics.

As our returning KS1 parents will know, we like to invite you to come into school and read with your child(ren). Reading is at the heart of everything we do in school and promoting a love of reading for pleasure is one of our highest priorities. After having taken on board feedback from last year, we are letting you have these dates now so that as many of you as possible will hopefully be able to join us! You are always welcome to bring books from home to share in these sessions or read one we have in class.

In all cases, please arrive outside your child's classroom and we will open the doors as soon as we can for you to sign in and join in!

Friday 24th January 9.00am – 9.30pm

Tuesday 20th May 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd July 3.00pm – 3.30pm

We hope you can join us at one or more of the sessions, but we do understand that you are all very busy so please don't worry if you can't as there are lots of staff members who will be able to read with your children.

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

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team

DAaRT - Year 5

The Life Skills Primary Programme will be taking place in school during the next term. Year 5 will be involved in discussion, activities and will watch video clips during which they will meet the DAaRT Crew. These young people often get into risky situations, and the class will help them make informed decisions and keep safe and healthy.

During the programme, the children will have a workbook in school. The children will learn about responsibility, pressure, peer pressure, confident communication, bullying and cyberbullying, risks and consequences, stress, and recognising their support networks. We will also be discussing helpful and harmful drugs, including alcohol and Nicotine and the effects that these have on the body. The programme includes a discussion on knife safety and will also explore the differences between various groups in society.

This programme has been running in the East Midlands and beyond for over 25 years, has more than 400,000 graduates and has been proven to make a difference in young people's lives. For more information, please visit www.lifeskills-education.co.uk where you will also find a link to the most recent research about the course.

Year 5 will have their DAaRT graduation assembly on Wednesday 2nd April at 3:00pm. The children will be able to invite two guests to come and watch the graduation, details of how to book will be sent out closer to the time.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Year 5 & 6 Team.

Volunteers needed - Garden

We are looking for adult volunteers who can spare some of their time to help maintain our garden/allotment. If you are willing to spare an hour or 2 please contact the school office.

Parking Safely and Considerately

We regularly receive phone calls about inconsiderate parking and/or cars parked with the engine running.

We would ask again that you please park safely and considerately on roads around school when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have had a number of complaints recently from local residents regarding parking, with some people even being aggressive when challenged. Please use the links below to see what the guidance is. Please also note that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents.

Link to Nottinghamshire County Council Parking Enforcement advice

Link to Nottinghamshire Police - Parking Outside Schools Advice

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Applying for Reception Place for September 2025

If your child lives in Nottinghamshire and requires a Reception school place for September 2025, you must apply through Nottinghamshire County Council ***(applies to children who are five years old between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025).***

The best way to apply is online at: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september

Parents sometimes think that making only one preference will ensure that a place is allocated at that school, that is not the case, and it is very important that you apply on time and identify four preferences.

If your child attends Nursery at Arnold Mill Primary you will need to apply for a school place as you do NOT automatically get offered a school place.

Below you will find information about important dates and fact sheets.

For September 2025:

- *Apply from: 4 November 2024*
- *Closing date: 15 January 2025*
- *National Offer Day: 16 April 2025*
- Admission to reception factsheet

Helping your child with maths

Hello all,

After Parents Evening it has become apparent that there are a number of adults that would like to support their children further at home. For this reason we are exploring how we can best equip you with the resources and skills and would like to gather the thoughts of the school community. We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete this quick questionnaire (it will take no longer than 2 minutes).

Link to form

Thank you,

Mr Robinson and Miss Dibley - Team Maths

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would like to express a big thank you for your ongoing support with the introduction of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunchtime at our school. We are delighted with the positive impact it is having so far and your support has been instrumental with this.

As we continue to expand OPAL, we are in need of more equipment to further enrich the play experience. Please see our new OPAL Bingo Card with examples of equipment that would

support us going forward. As well as the below equipment we are always looking for scooters, helmets, material and skipping ropes.

The first class to complete their bingo card will receive an extra playtime. Please give any equipment to your child's class teacher or, if unsure, speak to the office.

Many Thanks,

Mr Hewlett, Mr Phillips-Alexander, Mrs Bullen, Mrs Tomlinson (The OPAL Play Team).

Car Park

Just a quick reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. Parents should not use it for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not use it for breakfast club, after school clubs or boosters. The only exception to this is after 5pm from Millie's After School Club.

Many thanks

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

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.

PE Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

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.**

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.

Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

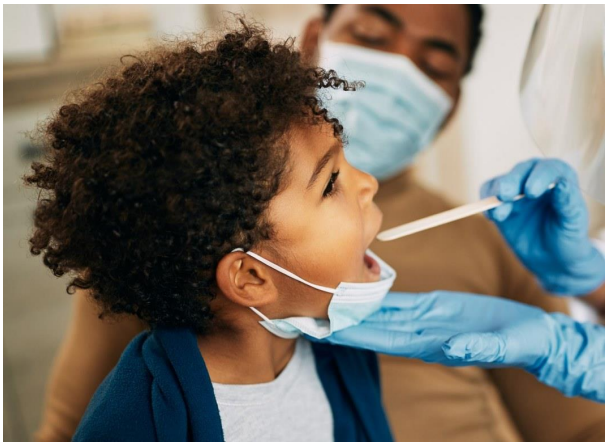
Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

You can find out more about air quality by visiting Gedling Boroughs air quality webpage below:
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

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25
August 2024 to July 2025

Nottinghamshire County Council

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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

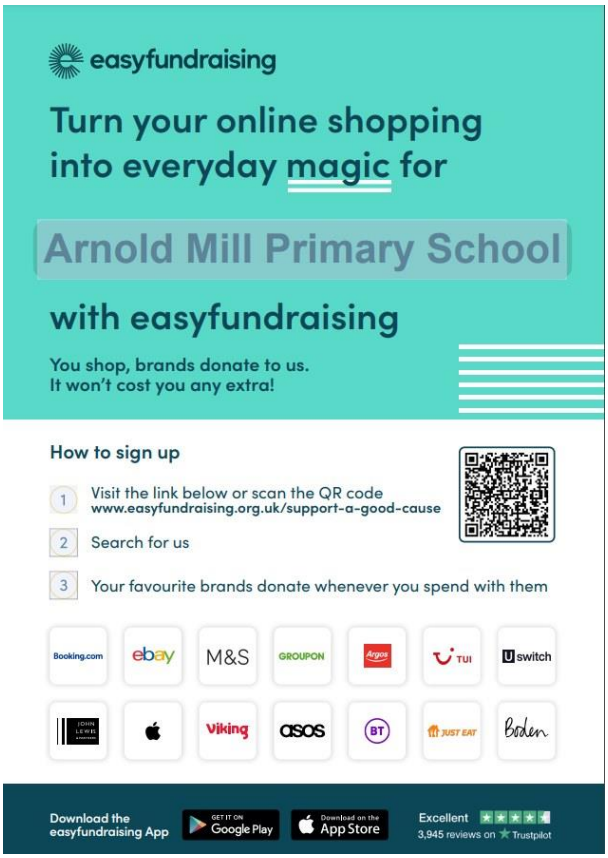
Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

3 - [Click here to see school policies]

4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay]



5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising]

6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet]

READING FOR PLEASURE

The Open University

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

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website]

☎ ***0115 9667930*** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 2 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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