

10th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the local foodbank. We are still collecting until next week, if you want to drop anything off. We had a special guest at the Year 5 Harvest assembly as Helen from the local foodbank came to see what they had been doing. It was really nice to have her in school.

Next week we have bike-ability, parents evenings and the PTFA are doing their Arnold Mill Golden Pumpkin Hunt (see below for more details).

The children loved showing you their work at the book look; thank you for coming to share this with them.

We break up on Friday 17th October for half term and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



October

Mon 13th - Y3&4 Group 1 Level Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)

Mon 13th - Y3&4 Group 2 Level Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)

Tues 14th - 1B Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Tues 14th - Parents' Evening (Link to letter)

Weds 15th - Parents' Evening (Link to letter)

Thurs 16th - Friends of Arnold Mill Golden Pumpkin Hunt (details to follow) (link to poster)

Thurs 16th and Fri 17th - Y5 Group 2 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)

Fri 17th - deadline for ordering Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies (Link to letter)

Mon 20th - Fri 31st school closed for Half Term break

November

Thurs 6th - School photo's (individual and family)

Mon 10th - 2D Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Tues 11th - F2b & 2E Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Weds 19th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Fri 14th - Children in Need Day

Fri 21st - Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Fair Donations)

Tues 25th - Writing Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Tues 25th - Flu vaccinations taking place <u>Link to more information</u>

Thurs 27th - 2A Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Fri 28th - Christmas Fair

December

Tues 2nd - Talent Assembly (provisional)

Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)

Tues 9th - Foundation Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 8th - KS1 Disco (provisional)

Thurs 9th - KS2 Disco (provisional)

Weds 15th - Y5&6 National Holocaust Museum visit

Tues 16th - KS1 Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 17th - KS2 Carol Concert (provisional)

Mon 22nd - Fri 2nd Jan school closed for Christmas Break

January

Mon 5th - INSET Day

Thurs 22nd - 1A Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Thurs 29th - 2B Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

February

Tues 10th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Weds 11th - Parents' Eve (provisional)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th - School closed for Half Term Break

March

Thurs 5th - World Book Day

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - PTFA Fundraiser - Wonka Bar sales

Thurs 19th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Tues 24th - Wed 25th - Y4 Lea Green Residential (Link to letter)

Thurs 26th - Science Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 30th - Mon 10th Apr School closed for Half Term Break

April

Thurs 16th - Year 3&4 Egyptian Day

Tues 21st - Y5 DAaRT Graduation with parents (invitation only/booking essential) provisional

Thurs 30th - 1B Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

May

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th - 2c Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Mon 11th - Y6 SATS week

Thurs 21st - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Fri 22nd - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Mon 25th - Fri 29th School closed for Half Term Break

June

Thurs 11th - 1C Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Weds 10th - School photo's (class)

Fri 12th - Now Hear This! (provisional)

Fri 19th - Non-Uniform Day (Summer Fair Donations)

Fri 26th - Summer Fair

Thurs 2nd - Art Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 3rd - INSET Day

Thurs 9th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - F2 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - Fri 17th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp Residential

Thurs 23rd - Sporting Achievement Assembly (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Fri 24th - Y6 Leavers Assembly with parents/carers (booking essential) (provisional)







Dinner Menus - Week 1



Urgent Safeguarding Alert

We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.











Parents' Evenings



October Parents' Evenings (if your child has Structured Conversations/SEN Review this round of Parents' Evening appointments are not applicable and the option won't appear on MCAS)

We are inviting parents to book a ten-minute Parents' Evening appointment with the Class Teacher on the following dates:

Parents' evening appointments can now be booked on the MCAS app. If your child is due to have a structured conversation or multi agency meeting they will not need an appointment and the option won't be available on MCAS.

During the meeting you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, achievements, and attitude to learning so far during this academic year.

 Please ensure that you arrive on time at the outside doors to the classroom and wait to be greeted by the teacher. • If you book an appointment and then are unable to make it, please cancel this on MCAS to free up the slot for someone else.

Mrs Slater (SENDCO) will be available in the main lobby area if anyone wants to have a quick catch up with her about anything.

If you are unable to attend on the above dates it may be possible to arrange an alternative date/time, please contact your child's teacher direct.

There is an opportunity at 3pm on Friday 10th October to come into school to look at your child's work. Just go to your child's classroom outside door.

Class	Dates of Parents' Evenings
F1am - Miss Joynt	
F2a - Mrs Broniewska/Mrs Brumby	
F2b - Mrs Humphrey	
1a - Mr Robinson	
1b - Miss Spencer	3.40-6.00pm on Tuesday 14th October
1c - Mrs Appleyard/Miss Garrard	3.40-6.00pm on Wednesday 15th October
2a - Mrs Hylton/Mrs French	
2b - Mrs Carter	
2d - Mr Randall	
2e - Mr Phillips-Alexander	
2f - Miss Dibley	
2c - Mr Hewlett/Mrs Lloyd	3.40-6.00pm on Wednesday 8th October
	3.40-6.00pm on Thursday 9th October

Class Dojo - Register now! (don't forget to give photo consent via MCAS)



of families have registered



We're excited to let you know that we'll soon be using **ClassDojo** to share moments from your child's school day. This platform is a replacement for Microsoft Teams and allows us to post photos of classroom activities so you can get a glimpse into what your child is learning and enjoying at school. It also allows you to communicate directly with the class teacher.

We will be sending out more guidance and logins in the near future, so keep an eye out!

Sign up to ClassDojo to get updates on your child's learning journey

We're excited to let you know that from after half term we'll be using **ClassDojo** to share moments from your child's school day. We would like to get everyone registered ahead of the official launch.

This platform allows us to post photos of classroom activities so you can get a glimpse into what your child is learning and enjoying at school. This is a replacement for Microsoft Teams which was previously used for this purpose. We will continue to use MCAS as a means to communicate whole school information.

What We're Using ClassDojo For:

- Photos only to start with—no points or behaviour tracking. You will need to give
 consent to share photos on MCAS. If you do not give consent, we will not be able to
 share your child's events with you.
 - A way for parents to **message teachers** if needed.
 - An update on any trips and special events in school.
 - Link to YouTube tutorial

(4) Messaging Guidelines:

Messages will be accessed only on school iPads.

- For the sake of staff wellbeing, teachers will only check messages between 8:00am
 and 4:30pm. Please do not expect a response outside of these times.
 - Please note: Teachers may not reply immediately as they could be teaching or attending training.
 - For urgent matters or emergencies, please contact the school office directly at office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

** How to Register for Class Dojo:

You should have received a letter with a link to your child's ClassDojo. Click the link and follow these instructions:

- 1. Enter your email address, click continue.
- 2. Enter your first name, last name and create a password. Click that you agree with the Terms of Service. Click Sign up
 - 3. Start entering your child's full name and then click on the name when it appears.
 - 4. Click request to connect
 - 5. Enter what your relationship is to the child, e.g. mum, dad etc.
- 6. You will be asked to subscribe to Dojo+ you do not need to do this for what we are using the app for just click No thanks.
 - 7. You will receive an email asking you to verify your email address.
 - 8. Your registration will now be pending connection by the admin staff.
- 9. Admin staff will regularly check and approve registrations. Please allow some time for this to happen.

We would ask that you go onto the Parental Consents section of MCAS and give consent for your child's photo to appear on Class Dojo.

If you have any trouble logging in, feel free to contact the school office for support.

We look forward to sharing snapshots of your child's learning journey with you!

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Halloween Events



GOLDEN PUMPKIN TRAIL - who will find a Golden Pumpkin ticket this Halloween?

Following on from the success of the Wonka Bar Golden Ticket event the Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA are organising a Halloween Golden Pumpkin Hunt! Purchase a £1 bag of sweets and, if you find a golden pumpkin inside the bag, you are a lucky winner!

There is a limited stock of sweets available so be quick!

• **Pre-order (recommended) via MCAS.** Pre-orders (first come, first served) close at midday on 15th October. These purchases will be available for collection from the PTFA after school on 16th October – near Main Reception.

• In person (very limited availability). Any unsold bags of sweets will be on sale (cash or card) from the PTFA after school on 16th October – near Main Reception.

There are approximately 50 prizes up for grabs.

Thank you for supporting this event.



Colouring Competition



The Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA (FOAM) love Halloween and have decided to hold a themed children's colouring competition.

How To Enter

Entry forms can be downloaded <u>here</u>, or alternatively hard copies can be collected from Main Reception or classrooms. Completed entries can be posted in the collection box at Main Reception. Competition closes on the last day of term (17th October). Winners to be announced after half term!

Flu Vaccinations



Dear Parent/Carer

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

https://nhs/mms.azurewebsites.net/session/ccac0433

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 25/11/2025. The link will close on the 11/11/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Please do not hesitate to contact the flu immunisation team directly if you have any further queries.

Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support.

Kind regards

The Intrahealth Immunisation Team

Telephone: 0333 358 3397 opt 4, opt 2

Email: immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk

www.intrahealth.co.uk/Notts

www.facebook.com/Notts

Reception Look rounds (Sept 2026 start)



Visits are with Mrs Broniewska and last approximately 30 minutes.

If you would like to book a visit please contact us via phone or email to confirm:

- the date you would like to visit (16th October is fully booked)
- name(s) of the adult visitor(s) maximum of two adult visitors please
 - a daytime contact number

• name & date of birth of the child that might be joining our Reception class in September 2026 - they are welcome to attend too!

In the meantime our website has some useful information - please click on the following links for useful information and a virtual tour of the Foundation unit - virtual tour https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk/f2-virtual-visit/

Can You Help?



Do you knit or crochet? Do you have spare wool? We are looking for local crafters to volunteer to make Worry Worms to help our young people manage their emotions.

A Worry Worm lets children personify their concerns and feel more able to tackle them. It helps them to learn to manage their worries in a healthy way, rather than suppressing them, helping them to feel more in control of their emotions and less overwhelmed by them. Worry Worms have shown to be incredibly successful in other settings, and we really would like our children to have a Worry Worm if they need one.

Across School we would also welcome donations for the following Clubs and/or Activities:

Art:

 crayons/pencils
• paint brushes
• a canvas or two
Breakfast Club/After School Club:
• toy cars/trains
• toy dinosaurs/animals
• colouring books
Gardening Club:
• children's Trowels
• gardening gloves
• seeds/seedlings/bulbs
 outdoor planters/tubs
• top soil
OR, if you are feeling very generous a poly tunnel as ours was damaged in a storm!
Key Stage 1:
 empty cardboard egg boxes (the size for 6 eggs please)

	Key Stage 2 (Class 2c):	
	• a washing up bowl	
	• small tubs of Play-Doh	
• sm	all plastic beads and thread/elastic for threading (for making bracelets	
	Library:	
•	good quality new or pre-loved age-appropriate children's books	
	Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA	
	• paper plates	
•	items/tombola or raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair or Summer Fair	
	• gift bags/party bags	
	• raffle ticket books	
	• bunting	



Fundraising

- used batteries (collection box is in Main Reception)
- used printer cartridges (collection box is in Main Reception)
- pre-loved clothing/shoes etc. (clothing bank collection point is at the main entrance gate on Cross Street)
- we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/arnoldmillprimary/

Community Notices











Previously Seen Articles



Lost Property



Sadly, as a school we generate **LOTS** of lost property. To try and reduce the amount of lost property this academic year we are asking parents to:

- ensure that your child doesn't bring toys and/or valuable items or things that are not needed for school.
- please ensure that ALL items are labelled clearly with your child's name. This includes uniform, shoes, coats, lunch boxes, school bags and P.E. kit etc.

Lost Property boxes are located in each classroom and near the school office.

- If an item is found, we will check to see if it is labelled and return it to the correct person where possible. If the item is not labelled, it will be placed in our lost property box.
- Any unclaimed items of lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term, donated to charity or offered for sale as pre-loved.



1 - Sadly this was the lost property pile from the last eight weeks of the summer term. These items have now been disposed of/donated.

Unclaimed, un-named coats etc



2 - Unclaimed, un-named coats



3 - Unclaimed, un-named coats



4 - Unclaimed, un-named coats



5 - Unclaimed, un-named coats

Mobile Phone Policy - Now in force



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

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?



Did you know that free school meal applications assist in so much more than just free meals? Take a look!



Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases



School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases



Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases



Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

Important Policies



Here are a few policies which we would like to highlight:

Parental Code of Conduct

Behaviour Policy

Attendance Policy

Mobile Phone Policy

All other policies can be found here:

Link to Policies page on website

The School 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



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 (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Tuesday (please come in PE kit)

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

2C: Tuesday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2D: Monday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Thursday (please come in PE kit)

2E: Thursday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)



office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

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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