11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to My Child at School (MCAS) so far. If you haven't yet signed up, you will need to do so in order to receive your child's school report on Monday 14th July. Please email the school office and we will send a reset email. We are also now asking parents to register for the 30-minute free breakfast club through the MCAS.

We will be sending out letters on Monday to inform you which class your child will be in next year. Children will then have a transition morning in their new classes on Tuesday morning and parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers on Tuesday evening. All the details of this will be in the letter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

July

Mon 14th - *School reports sent to parents via MCAS*

Mon14th - *New classes for 2025/26 communicated to parents*

Tues 15th - *Transition day into new classes for children*

Tues 15th - *Parents meet the new teacher event* (after school)

Weds 16th - *F1 Learning Journey Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Weds 16th - *Transition evening for F1 children moving into F2 3.45pm*

Weds 16th - *Year 6 evening Performance* (Ticket only event)

Thurs 17th - *F2 Learning Journey Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Thurs 17th - *Year 6 evening Performance* (ticket only event)

Fri 18th - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (link to poster)

Tues 22nd - *Guitar assembly to parents* (invitation only via Create Music)

Wed 23rd - Class 2a, 2b & 2c (year 3 & 4) end of year celebration *(link to letter)*

Weds 23rd - *PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco* (link here) *and Ice Cream* (link to poster)

Wed 23rd - *Year 5 end of year celebration treat day* (link to letter)

Wed 23rd - *Year 6 trip to Bonington Theatre Trip and garden party (£10) (link to letter)*

Thurs 24th - *Sporting Achievement Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Thurs 24th - *Class F2 end of year celebration treat morning* (link to letter)

Thurs 24th - *Class F1 end of year celebration treat day (link to letter here)*

Thurs 24th - *Class 1a, 1b, 1c end of year celebration treat day afternoon*

Thurs 24th - *PTFA KS2 Disco* (link here) *and Ice Cream* (link here)

Fri 25th - *Year 6 Leavers Assembly with parents (link here)*

Fri 25th - *Last day of term for children* (in school uniform and finishing at normal time please)

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

September

Mon 1st - *School admin day* (school closed to children)

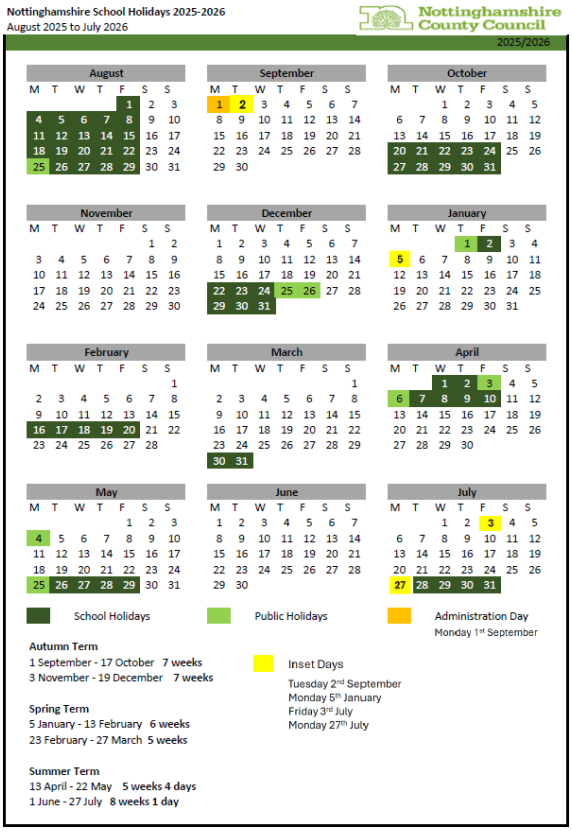
Tues 2nd - *Inset day* (school closed to children)

Weds 3rd - *First day of Autumn term for years 1-6* (F1 & F2 will receive separate information)

Mon 15th-Fri 19th - *Year 5/6 Kingswood residential (see letter)*

March 2026

Tue 24th-Wed 25th - *Year 4 Lea Green residential*



Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2025-2026
August 2025 to July 2026

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st September

Autumn Term
1 September - 17 October **7 weeks**
3 November - 19 December **7 weeks**

Spring Term
5 January - 13 February **6 weeks**
23 February - 27 March **5 weeks**

Summer Term
13 April - 22 May **5 weeks 4 days**
1 June - 27 July **8 weeks 1 day**

Inset Days
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 5th January
Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th July

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:

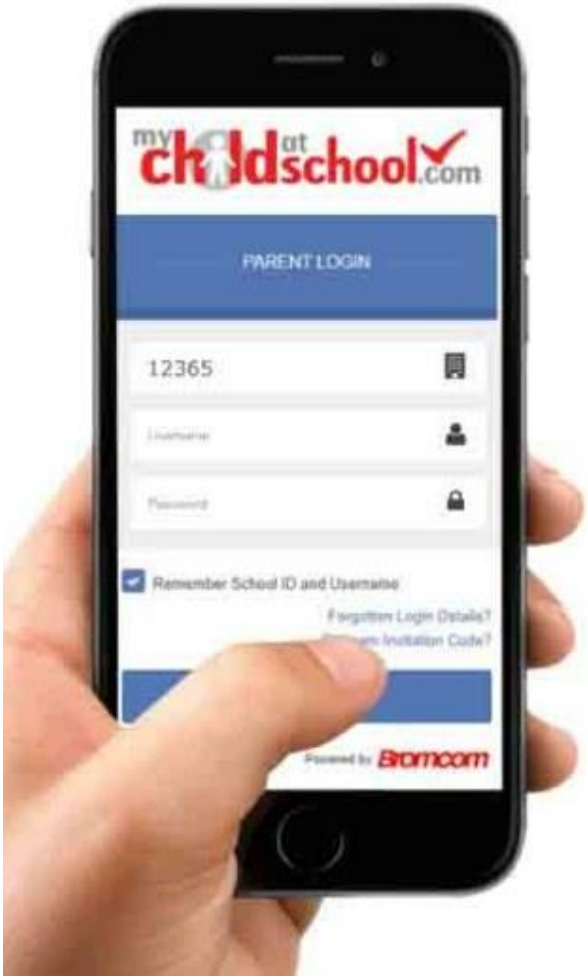
Link to document

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.

URGENT REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS) - Please sign up if you haven't already



Invitations were sent out to all parents a little while ago, but a lot of these may have gone into junk folders and will now have expired. If you haven't yet managed to register, please email the office (office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk) to request a new registration email. We will confirm when this has been sent to you so that you can keep an eye out for it.

School Dinners: *w/c 14th July 2025*

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025

Week 1

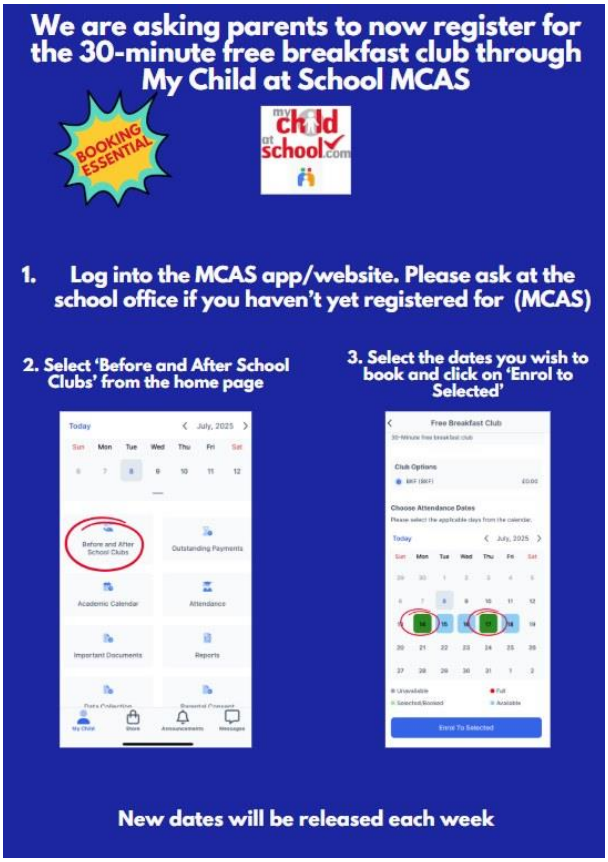
Week commencing 21 April, 12 May, 2 June, 23 June, 14 July, 1 Sept, 22 Sept, 13 October

Beef burger Wednesdays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Vegetarian roll Soya Milk Gluten with baked beans, jacket wedges & sweetcorn	BBQ cheesy chicken Milk with roasted new potatoes, broccoli & carrots	Beef burger Egg Sesame Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR Southern fried Quorn burger Milk Egg Sesame Gluten with oven chips, baked beans & peas	Yorkshire pudding wrap Milk Egg Gluten filled with roast meat of the day roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Breaded fish Fish Gluten with crushed new potatoes, sweetcorn & peas
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	BYO Sandwich Gluten Soya Fillings: cheese Milk ham or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg vegetable sticks, crisps fruit or Frube yogurt Milk or	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad		
Pudding	Honey & oat cookie Gluten	Chocolate muffin Egg Gluten	Ice cream tub Milk	Cornflake tart Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with custard Milk	Chocolate brownie Gluten

Nottinghamshire County Council

30-Minute free breakfast club - bookings for w/c 14th July



Win £1,000 for your school's library - nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win £100 National Book Token for yourself!

It's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

But did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home? And 1 in 7 primary schools in England have no library space at all, affecting more than 750,000 children. School libraries are often filled with unappealing and outdated books. Children facing poverty, who need these school libraries the most, are most likely to be missing out.

It's time to #rebuildthelibrary.

National Book Token's annual schools prize gives five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens so they can fill their library shelves with new books. Each winning school will also receive £300 in cash to make improvements to their library space, making it fun and welcoming for all.

Please ask friends and family to nominate Arnold Mill Primary (visit their website and scroll to the bottom of the page for the nomination form via this link Win £1,000 for your school's library! - nomination form), *and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop! Remember, the more entries received for your school, the higher the chance they'll win – so don't forget to spread the word.*

The Uniform Project

THE UNIFORM PROJECT
Nottingham

We are Open

Help Save the Planet this Summer Holidays by Requesting one of our Free Pre-loved Uniform Parcels

uniformproject@hotmail.com

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1.1K+ followers
The Uniform Project Nottingham

Internet and Digital Safety

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

Notts County Foundation
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
SUMMER
FOOTBALL CAMPS
EFL
Early bird offer: £7.50 per child, per day*
*Until Mon 21st July 2025
Standard: £10 per child, per day
RUNNING EVERY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
BOOK NOW
OFFICIALSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK/NOTTSCOUNTY
sportinclusion@nottscountyfoundation.org.uk
Portland Centre, Muskham Street, NG2 2HE

S4K
SPORT4KIDS
SUMMER CAMP
@ CARLTON FORUM LEISURE CENTRE
Ofsted REGISTERED
10AM-3PM
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF DATES
USE CODE S4KEARLY15 FOR 15% OFF
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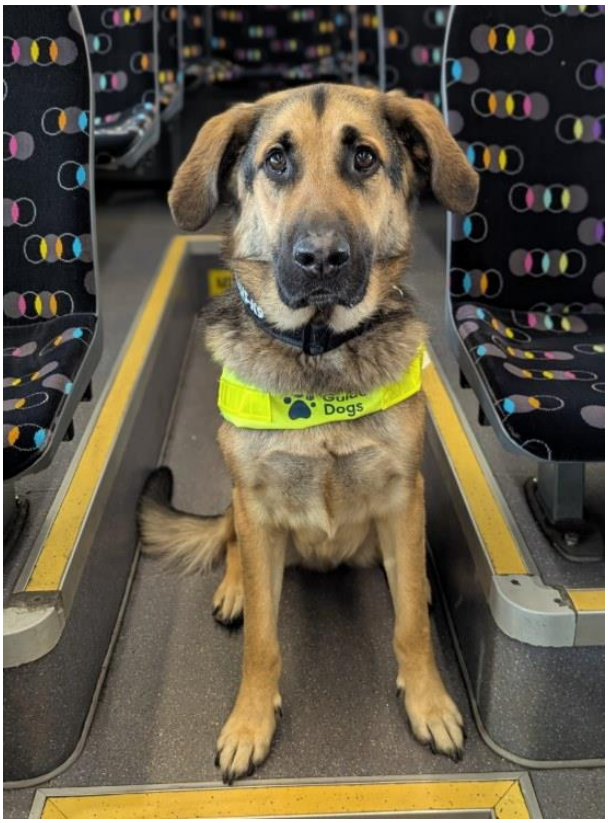
Previously Published Articles

Bertie the Guide Dog - Guidance for Parents/Carers/Children



We have been asked to forward this message from Bertie the Guide Dog who you may see around the school grounds in the near future. This is just some guidance on how to act around him.

Hello,

My name is Bertie and I'm a Guide Dog for Michael's Dad – Liam.

I'm a German Shepherd x Golden Retriever and I'm very friendly so you don't need to be scared.

When I'm wearing my White guiding harness, it means I'm working.

So Please:

- Don’t distract me by; calling my name, stroking me or offering me treats.
- Try and make space for me to guide along the pavement.
- Keep pet dogs under control and on a lead.
- Do ask Liam any questions you may have

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

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

- *Please make sure your child brings a sun hat/cap and water bottle (marked with their name and class) to school*

- *Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes (no trainers, flip flops or open toed shoes)*

- ***Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended.*** *If your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a bottle of sun cream (marked with their name), which your child should give to their teacher. Your child will be able to apply the cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member.*

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

Parking: please be considerate of our neighbours

We have received a phone call from one of our neighbours, Please can I remind everyone that we need to be considerate when parking, specifically not parking on Mill Lane as it is a private road or blocking drives/entrances around the neighbouring streets in general.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining good relationships with our community.

REGISTER NOW!

My Child at School

Please email
office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk
to request a registration email for our new parent app, 'My Child at School (MCAS)' if you haven't already registered
(Please check your junk folder for the registration email)

SIMS Parent is no longer being used by us.

Parental Code of Conduct

Please use the link below to read the Parental Code of Conduct Policy which we would ask all parents to read and abide by, as I feel it is really important that us adults set a good example to our children. Please remember when you are picking up and dropping off we do expect you to show respect to others, including staff, other parents, children and people in our local community.

We have had more reports of people parking over dropped kerbs, over driveways and being inconsiderate and aggressive towards our neighbours. Please plan your school pick-up and drop-offs carefully so that you are not late, leading to inconsiderate parking. If possible, please walk to school.

Link to policy

Spelling at Arnold Mill (years 1-6)

We are excited to inform you about an important change to our approach to spelling from Year 1 to Year 6.

After carefully considering the best ways to support your child's learning, we have decided to adopt a new spelling scheme called No Nonsense Spelling*. This program is designed to improve spelling in a more engaging and effective way, focusing on understanding spelling rules and patterns, rather than simply memorising words for tests.*

As part of this change, we will no longer be conducting traditional spelling tests. Instead, assessments will take place within the lesson itself, offering a more holistic and practical approach to spelling. This means your child will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real-time, helping them retain spelling patterns and rules more effectively.

We believe this method will not only reduce the pressure of weekly tests but also encourage deeper learning and better retention. The No Nonsense Spelling *program is structured to build on skills progressively, and our teachers will be continuously assessing your child's progress through class activities, quizzes, and practical application.*

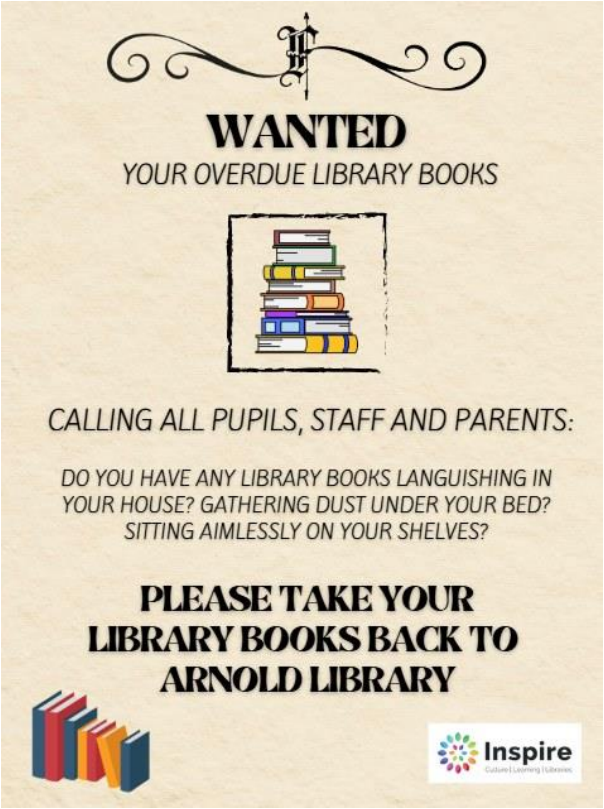
We are confident that this change will enhance the learning experience and lead to a greater understanding and enjoyment of spelling. If you have any questions or would like more information about the new scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible learning environment for your child.

Many Thanks,

Mr Shaun Hewlett and Mrs Katie Appleyard

Plea from Arnold Library



Should I keep my child off school?

There is currently a lot of illness around. Please see the guidance below for when a child should be kept off school. In order to keep levels of illness as low as possible, we would ask that you do follow this guidance.

Please note that if a child has any form of temperature, they should not be at school until it is under control naturally (not reliant on medication).

The Uniform Project Nottingham

The Uniform Project Nottingham is a not-for-profit organisation helping Parents and Schools in and around Nottingham to reduce clothing waste by recycling school uniforms. Founded by a local Nottingham mum who is passionate about environmental sustainability and building a greener future for local children.

The Uniform Nottingham collects school uniform donations all year round. All uniform donations are quality checked, cleaned and repaired whenever possible to ensure all the uniform items gifted to local families are of high quality. Any donations that cannot be reused are recycled for rags to ensure nothing is wasted.

If you have any old school uniform (for any local school) that you would be willing to donate there is a pink collection box is located in our Main Reception (we also donate approximately twelve black bags of un-named, unclaimed lost property uniform per year).

*The Uniform Project shop is open to the public all year round by appointment only. To book an appointment at the shop please message them via their Facebook page (*link to Facebook page*) or email* uniformproject@hotmail.com

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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.

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

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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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

Trust • Encourage • Safe • Talk • Support • Listen •

Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

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)*

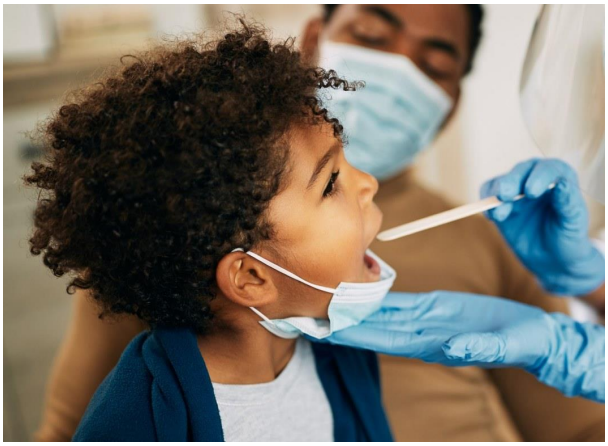
2D: *Thursday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

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

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

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

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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

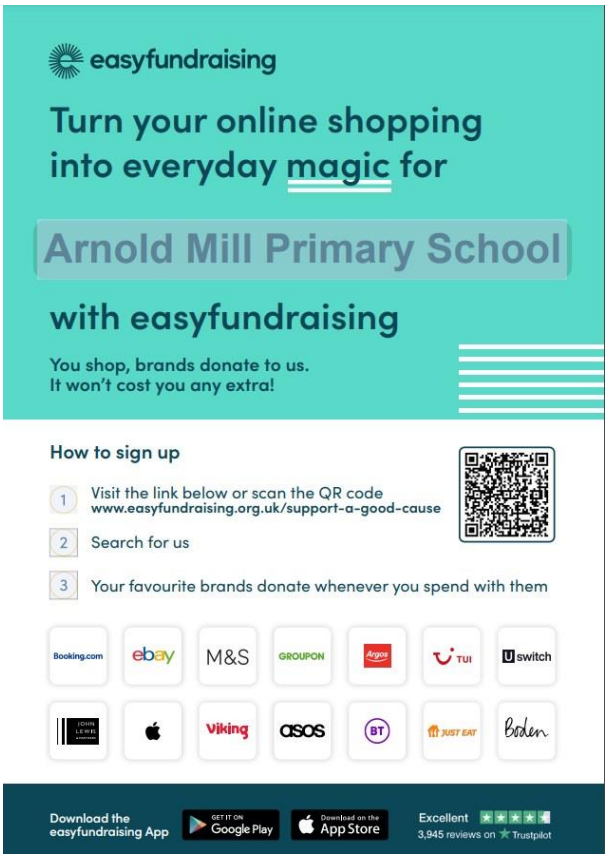
Friday 4th July 2025

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
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7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website]

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