



**12th September 2025**



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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*This week has flown by. We've seen all types of weather, and pick up times have been very wet. As we head in to cooler times, please remember to send your children in with coats, wellies and other appropriate clothing (with their names in please).*

*We have our Year 5/6 residential to Kingswood's next week, so we're hoping its sunny all week.*

*Thank you for bearing with us whilst Bromcom has been glitching, hopefully its fixed now. This should also help MCAS work more smoothly too.*

*We're looking forward to a calmer week ahead.*

*Have a great weekend!*

## Calendar



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### September

Mon 15th-Fri 19th - Year 5/6 Kingswood residential (please ensure payment is complete via MCAS) ([Link to information booklet](#))

Thurs 18th - Maths Parent Workshop (year 1) ([Link to letter](#))

Mon 22nd - Y5/6 Evacuaton Day ([Link to letter](#))

Tues 23rd - Maths Rockstar and Number Day for year 1-6 (non uniform) ([Link to letter](#))

Weds 24th - Maths Parent Workshop Day (year 2) ([Link to letter](#))

Fri 26th - OPAL Parent Play Session ([Link to letter](#))

Mon 29th - 2B Visit to Arnold Library

### October

Weds 1st - Phonics meeting for Foundation parents ([Link to letter](#))

*Wed 1st - 2A Visit to Arnold Library*

*Tue 7th - 1A Visit to Arnold Library*

*Wed 8th - 2C Visit to Arnold Library*

*Thurs 9th - Y5 Harvest Assembly ([Link to poster](#))*

*Tues 14th - 1B Visit to Arnold Library*

### ***November***

*Mon 10th - 2D Visit to Arnold Library*

*Tue 11th - F2b & 2E Visit to Arnold Library*

*Wed 19th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library*

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 School Holidays	 Public Holidays	 Administration Day Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
<b>Autumn Term</b> 1 September - 17 October 7 weeks 3 November - 19 December 7 weeks	 Inset Days Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>Spring Term</b> 5 January - 13 February 6 weeks 23 February - 27 March 5 weeks		
<b>Summer Term</b> 13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days 1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day		

Dinner Menus - Week 3

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025


Week 3

Week commencing  
5 May, 26 May,  
16 June, 7 July,  
28 July, 15 Sept,  
6 October

Fakeaway

Fridays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheesy BBQ pizza <small>Soya Gluten Milk</small> with potato balls & sweetcorn	Beef Bolognese <small>Mustard Soya Gluten</small> with garlic bread, <small>Gluten Milk Soya</small> carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken enchiladas <small>Milk Gluten</small> with rice & tomato salsa <small>Sesame</small>	Roast meat of the day filled cob <small>Gluten Sesame</small> (pork or gammon) with jacket wedges & roasted summery vegetables	Hot Dog <small>Gluten Sesame</small> <small>Sulphur dioxide</small> with tomato ketchup, peas & french fries
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad	BYO Sandwich <small>Gluten Soya</small> Fillings: cheese <small>Milk</small> ham or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> vegetable sticks, crisps fruit or Frube yogurt <small>Milk</small> or	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad		
Pudding	Jelly	Fruit ice lolly	Strawberry mousse <small>Milk</small> with crushed meringues <small>Egg Milk</small> & raspberry sauce	Jam roly poly <small>Gluten Milk</small> <small>Sulphur Dioxide Egg</small> with custard <small>Milk</small>	Donuts <small>Soya Milk Gluten</small> <small>Egg Sesame</small>

 Nottinghamshire  
County Council

Primrose is raising money for The Little Princess Trust



Primrose, a pupil at our school, will be having the majority of her hair cut off to donate to The Little Princess Trust.

*The Little Princess Trust provides wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity.*

*All costs, including the making, fitting, and styling of the wig, are met by the charity, and this free service is available to any young person up to the age of 24 with hair loss.*

*As part of its 'Hair and Hope' mission, The Little Princess Trust also funds childhood cancer research aiming to find kinder and more effective treatments.*

[Link to fundraising page](#)

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## Harvest Festival Plea for Donations



# Harvest appeal



## Help support your food bank this Harvest

Arnold Foodbank is currently providing over 250 food parcels a month for local individuals and families facing hardships, including homelessness and debt.

### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish  
 Tinned veg/fruit (not pulses)  
 Tomatoes/pasta sauce  
 Coffee (100g)/teabags (40s)  
 Milk (UHT or powdered)  
 Soup – tinned or packet  
 Squash/Fruit juice  
 Tinned pudding  
 Jam/spreads  
 Tinned/mashed potato  
 Rice/Noodles  
 Treats eg Chocolate/snacks

[arnold.foodbank.org.uk](http://arnold.foodbank.org.uk)  
 07854 690694

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1170229)

## Mobile Phone Policy - Now in force



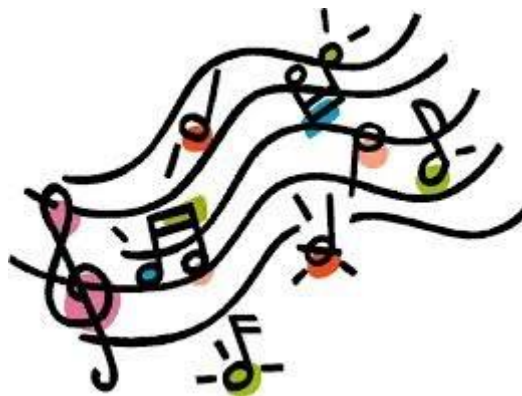
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Use the link below to see the new mobile phone policy which will be in force from September 2025. This states that **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING MOBILE PHONES INTO SCHOOL**. The reasons for this are set out within the policy.

[Link to Mobile Phone Policy](#)

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## Key Stage 2 Music Lessons



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*Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to take music lessons (piano and guitar).*

*Piano lesson slots are currently fully booked but should spaces become available we will advise parents.*

*There are, however, a limited number of guitar lesson slots) that are being offered to children in class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e.*

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- Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year.
  - Lessons take place during the school day (your child will miss part of a regular lesson, break or lunchtime).
  - Fees are be paid directly to the external music provider (in advance), not to the school.
  - Pupils may only sign up for one music lesson during school time.



- *Children that signed up for guitar or piano in the last academic year will be able to continue if they wish.*
  - *Please note that places are limited so we cannot guarantee your child will be successful should they apply for lessons*
  - *Each weekly lesson will be 30 minutes long (guitar is on a Tuesday).*
    - *Guitar Lessons are £22.95 per calendar month .*
    - *Students may borrow a guitar.*
  - *If you have any questions about guitar lessons please email [admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)*
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***If your child is interested in signing up for a guitar lessons taster please ask the school office for a sign up flyer (we will pass all completed forms to the relevant music provider).***

*Don't forget, if your child already learns an instrument at school please **do not** sign your child up for another instrument .*

*Many thanks,*

*Mr Phillips-Alexander - music coordinator*

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## Lost Property

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

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- *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. 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.*
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## Previously Seen Articles



### Smartphone Free Childhood



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*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](#)

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## What's New with MCAS

**Move from ParentPay to MCAS for all school payments and bookings**



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*Please ensure you read the document below carefully, as there have been a lot of changes with the way parents pay and order things.*

[Link to School Payments Update \(PDF document\)](#)

*The key points are:*

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- **NEW** Parents need to order tuck in advance using MCAS and toast is now the only option for tuck. **Children will not be given tuck unless it has been ordered on MCAS.**
  - **NEW** You now need to book into Arnie's Breakfast Club (the paid club) using MCAS
    - **NEW** Please book into Millie's After School Clubs using MCAS
    - Please book into the 30-minute free breakfast club using MCAS
    - School meal balances should now be paid onto MCAS.
      - All trips will now be payable via MCAS.
      - ParentPay is no longer being used for anything.
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**Have you booked your  
wraparound care for this week?**



**If you are wishing your child to stay for the  
following wraparound care, this needs to be  
booked and paid for via MCAS:**

- 30-minute free breakfast club
- Arnie's paid breakfast club (7.45-9.00am  
(£3.50 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 4.30pm  
(£5.00 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 6.00pm  
(£12.00 per session - includes light tea)

### **Parental Consent for Local Educational Visits**



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*As we are about to start a new school year, we need parents to give consent to their child(ren) to take part in local educational visits. These are visits where the children can walk from school, e.g. to the library, local park etc. We will request separate consent for all other trips. You can easily give consent to this via the MCAS app by selecting Parental Consent.*

*Whilst on the app, please check that you have given consent to all the other categories listed.*





*Please let us know if you require any consent to be withdrawn for anything, e.g. photo consent, as this has to be carried out by the school office.*

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## Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

**IT'S MORE THAN A FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION**

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

 <b>Free School Meals</b> Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases	 <b>Extra School Funding</b> School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases
 <b>Free School Milk</b> Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases	 <b>Access to HAF</b> Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

## Important Policies



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*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](#)

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## The School Car Park



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*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*

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## PE

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**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)*


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

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

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

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

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