



13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week!

We have had the FS2 and FS1 nativities, Christmas dinner day and the book bus. Today the winning house team got extra play using our OPAL play equipment- it has been such a fun packed week.

It is such a wonderful time of the year, and even though its been very busy, the children have made us all proud. I'm sure you will agree, when you come to see your children perform, they are absolutely fabulous.

I can't wait for the KS1 nativity and KS2 carol singing next week.

Hope to see you there

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



December

Mon 17th - Fri 20th - Christmas Henna tattoo fundraiser - ([Link to letter](#))

Tues 17th - KS1 (Years 1-2) Nativity ([Link to letter](#))

Weds 18th KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert ([Link to letter](#)).

Thu 19th - Foundation Stage (Nursery & F2) Christmas Party ([Link to letter](#))

Thu 19th - KS1 (Years 1-2) Christmas Party ([Link to letter](#))

Fri 20th - KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Party ([Link to letter](#))

January

Mon 6th - *Pupils return to school for Spring Term*

Thurs 16th - *Lea Green Y4 Residential Parents' information evening*

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

February

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

March

Thurs 6th - *World Book Day and PTFA fundraising event*

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

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

April

Fri 4th - *PTFA Easter Raffle and Easter Craft Day* (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)

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

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)

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

10.12.2024

What?	What matters most to Christians?	Why?	To review what I have learnt in this unit.
Pupil	How do I know if I have been successful?		Adult JP
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can rank what matters to Christians and explain my reasoning. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can write a paragraph to say what I think matters most to Christians. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can design a diagram to show what matters most to Christians. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can discuss and say what matters most to me.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P

Write a paragraph to say what you think is most important to Christians, based on what you have learnt this term.

I think that Jesus is the most important because Jesus
is a Jesus who saves a teacher and the saviour of many.
Jesus is a man who came and people are Christians because
they believe in god and Jesus and they love up to him like a
leader.

What matters most to you?

For me family, friends, love, happiness and god because I love them for the fact they
make me happy and love family and god because they are my family and
god is my god and I love him because he is my god and I love him because he is my
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happiness

god

love

pet's (dog)

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god and when Jesus and when Jesus came
for the life of people and when Jesus came
and Jesus was born on
and Jesus was born on

What matters most to you?

My mum, dad, sis and my brother, dog and
at all bikes and god and push bike and electric
and god and push bike and electric

god

sis

brother

dog

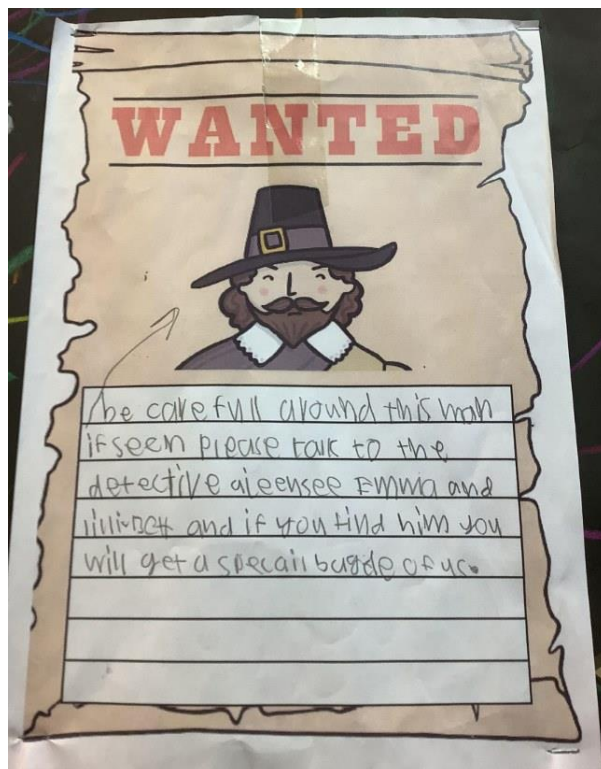
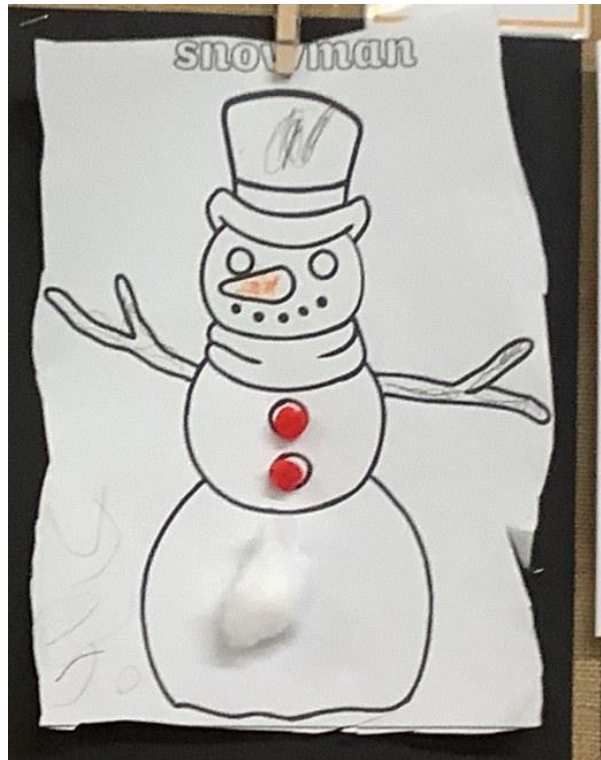
push bike

god

food

water







Wednesday 27th November 2024

What?	To write a first person recount of a fictional event.	Why?	To apply my writing skills in order to improve my writing.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can write in proper sentences that make sense. I can use capital letters and full stops correctly. I can choose adjectives carefully to describe nouns. I can use fronted adverbials. I can write in paragraphs. I can create an interesting piece of writing that describes hunting a reindeer. 	Adult	
		I	G P

SPAG Revisit: Fronted adverbials.

Add a fronted adverbial to each of these sentences to explain when they might have happened.

- When I got out of bed, I get ready to go to school.
- After a long walk, the dog went to sleep.
- After dinner, Claire cleaned her teeth.

Hunting a Reindeer

Late one night, I sat down watching the men seek when they wanted to catch a reindeer. They had to stand as still as a tree up then down. In a flash, a reindeer was charging down towards me. There's a tasty deer up here! Shouted the men.

As they crept in the bushes a reindeer did a silent signal. As they got closer to the deer, I started to hear a noise as the excited people grew there. The deer got congested and just started to run until a spear hit.



School Clubs - Spring 2025



We are asking parents to register their children for the clubs which will run in the next term. These clubs are detailed on the next page and will run in two blocks:

- *w/c 14th January – w/c 3rd February*
 - *w/c 24th February – w/c 17th March*
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*Please register your child's interest by completing the form ([Link to application form](#)) by **Tuesday 17th December at the very latest**. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.*

We will inform you by Friday 20th December whether your child has been successful.

We would emphasise that if you sign your child up to a club, they should attend every week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular non-attendance may mean we offer the place to someone else. We always have children dropping out of the clubs which is very disappointing when other children have missed out. If your child can't make it for any reason, you should let the office know. If school needs to cancel a club, e.g. for staff absence or training, we will email the relevant parents as soon as possible. We will also send a text if

the cancellation is on the actual day of the club. Please ensure that you keep us up to date with your contact details.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2024/25

Dates: w/c 14th January – w/c 3rd February
w/c 24th February – w/c 17th March

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places/ways to take part:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Running Club	Mrs Greentree/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	30	Reception
	Recorder Club	Mrs Nunley/Mrs Carter	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	15	Class 2C
Tuesday	Year 6 Maths Booster (in 2F)	Miss Dibbey	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome - just turn up	N/A
	Knitting Club <i>(run until February half term)</i>	Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.15pm	Y5/6	Same group as Autumn term - <i>no need to reapply</i>	FBC
	Gardening Club <i>(starts after February half term)</i>	Mrs Hopewell/Mrs Humphrey/Mrs Carter	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	15	Foundation
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	Same group as Autumn term - <i>no need to reapply</i>	Reception
Wednesday	Girls' Football	Mr Robinson	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	30	Class 2F
	Board Game Club	Mrs Rathore/Miss Newton	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	15	Class 2B
	Percussion club - glockenspiel and xylophone	Mr Phillips/ Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	15	Class 2E
	Boccia	Mrs Greentree/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	Same group as Autumn term - <i>no need to reapply</i>	Main Reception
Thursday	Year 6 English Booster (in 2E)	Mr Phillips-Alexander	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome - just turn up	N/A
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield	3.30-4.15pm	F2-Y6	30	Class 2C
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3.30-3.30pm	Y3/4	Same group as Autumn term - <i>no need to reapply</i>	Reception
	Boys' Football <i>(starts after February half term)</i>	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	16	Class 2C
Friday	Book Club	Mrs Stones/Mrs Gibbs	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-3	25	Class 2F
	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

Internet and Digital Safety





Fundraising

Henna Tattoos



Mrs Hussain is raising money to purchase equipment for the Foundation Unit.

Next week children are invited to have a henna tattoo on their hand. We will be using ready-made henna which can take up to 10 days to fade away. For this reason, we are asking for parents to give permission for their child to be involved.

If you are happy for your child to take part, there will be a £2 charge payable on your child's ParentPay account by noon on Thursday please.

By making the payment you confirm that:

- you give permission for your child to have a hand henna tattoo that may last a few days.*
- your child is not allergic to henna. They will receive their tattoo during the week. Children who do not receive permission will not be able to take part in this activity.*

Raffle Winning Tickets

Here is a list of all the raffle prizes which were won at the Christmas Fair. We'd like to thank everyone who donated a prize.



Unclaimed prizes

The prizes in the photos are still to be claimed. If you have one of the winning tickets, please contact the school office.



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Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to register. To date we have 96 supports and have raised an amazing £1,037.91!!!

In December you could win the school an extra £1,000 through the Advent Calendar.



Previously Published Articles

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

If dropping off or collecting your child by car, please drive and park safely:

- **Be considerate of our neighbours and leave their driveways clear**
- **Do not park or stop where parking is prohibited during school drop off or pick up - yellow zigzags, double yellow lines & some single yellow lines**
- **Follow the highway code**

Thank you for your support
#roadsafety #community #drivesafely



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 inconsiderate 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](#)

Applying for Reception Place for September 2025

**Primary School Applications open on
Monday 4th November 2024**



*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:

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- *Apply from: 4 November 2024*
 - *Closing date: 15 January 2025*
 - *National Offer Day: 16 April 2025*
 - [Admission to reception factsheet](#)
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Arnold Mill Primary School
Reception Open Days
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Applying for a School place
If your child was born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021 they will be starting reception in Primary School in Sept 2025.
The application process is managed by Nottinghamshire County Council and applications close on 15 Jan 2025. National offer day is 16 Apr 2025

9th January
9.15am – 9.35am
booking essential

to book please contact:
office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk
0115 966 7930



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).

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Cable reels 	Aprons 	Utensils 	Tyres 	Pop-up tents 
Scrubbing brushes 	Sponges 	Pushchairs 	Pots and Pans 	Rollers 
Toy figures 	Pallets 	Baking Trays 	Colanders 	Old Kettles 
Toasters 	Washing up bowls 	Balls 	Plastic Pipes 	Old Vacuum Cleaners 
Corrugated Pipes 	Cupboards 	Play Food 	Hats 	Miscellaneous Items 



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. Be aware that if you

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

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)

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



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Supporting families with childcare costs
childcarechoices.gov.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

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.



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.



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/





**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](#)

www.parentpay.com

Pay online....
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Breakfast Club, Tuck

A convenient way to pay


Paying online gives you peace of mind that comes with knowing your money reaches school safely.

Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready, these will be sent via email


Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay](#)



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6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet](#)



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/>

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Childcare Choices

We've signed up for
Tax-Free
Childcare:
Have you?





HM Government

Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website](#)



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 **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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