13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now been part of White Hills Park Trust for 2 weeks. For most of you, you won't have noticed any difference to how school ran before we joined. One change has been linked to Tax Free Child Care. As we are now classed as a new school, there has been a pause in this service, it should be up and running again in the next couple of weeks. If you need any help or advice about this, please contact the school office.

We have had class photos this week; information on how to buy one will be shared with you shortly.

It is non-uniform day on Friday 20th June, please bring some chocolate or a bottle for our summer fair instead of a monetary donation.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

June

Thurs 12th - *2b Assembly with parents* (link to form)

Thurs 12th - *2a visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Fri 13th - *Year 3 Now Hear This! theatre trip* (link here)

Fri 13th - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (link to poster)

Wed 18th June - *Year 6 & Reception weight & height checks* (link to letter)

Thurs 19th - *2c visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Fri 20th - *Non-uniform Day - donations for the Summer Fair* (link to poster)

Tues 24th - *1c visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Fri 27th - *Summer Fair and Arnold Mill Bake Off competition*

July

Tues 1st - *Year 1 Carsington Water trip* (link to letter)

Tues 1st - *F2a & 2e visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Weds 2nd - *Year 6 Transition Day to Redhill*

Thurs 3rd - *Art Assembly with parents* (invitation only) provisional

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)

Tues 8th - *F2b & 2F visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Weds 9th - *Talent Assembly with parents* (invitation only) (CANC)

Weds 9th - *2d visit to Arnold Library* (link to letter).

Thurs 10th-Fri 11th - *Year 2 Robin Hood Camp* (link to trip info booklet) *(Link to letter) (link to presentation)*

Mon 14th - *School reports sent to parents*

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) (provisional)

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

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

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)

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

Wed 23rd - *Year 6 trip to Bonington Theatre Trip* (details to follow)

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

Thurs 24th - *PTFA KS2 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow) *and Ice Cream* (link to poster)

Fri 25th - *Year 6 Leavers Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

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

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

2025/2026

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st September

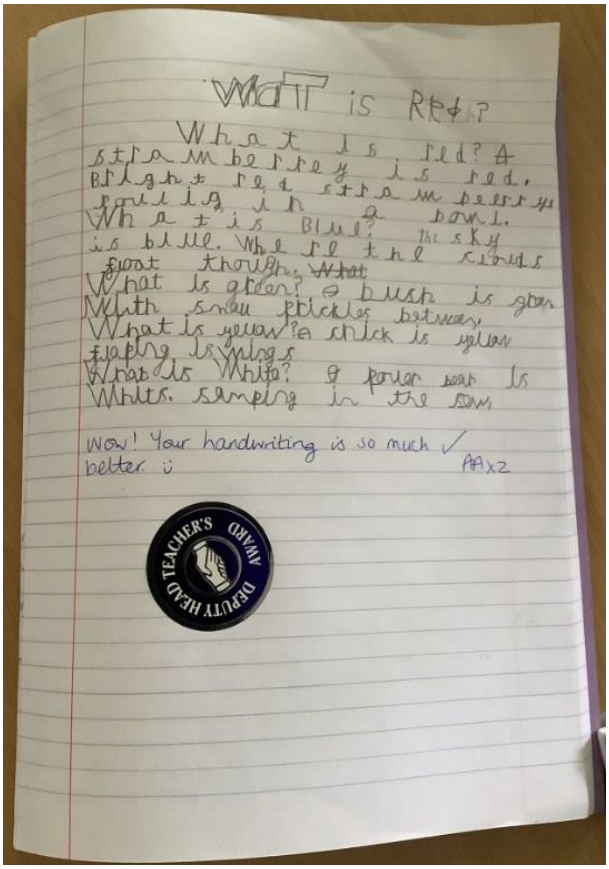
Autumn Term
1 September - 17 October **7 weeks**
3 November - 19 December **7 weeks**

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

Children's Work

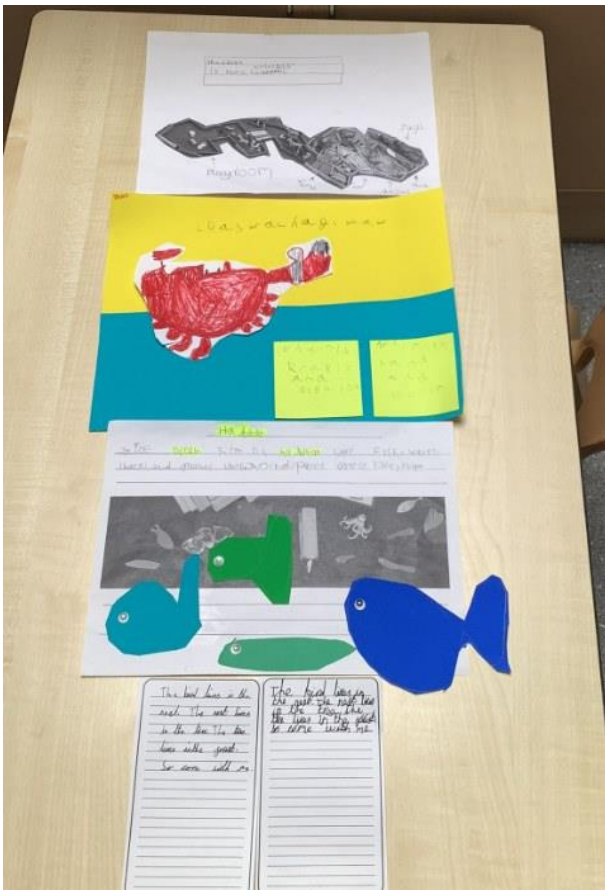


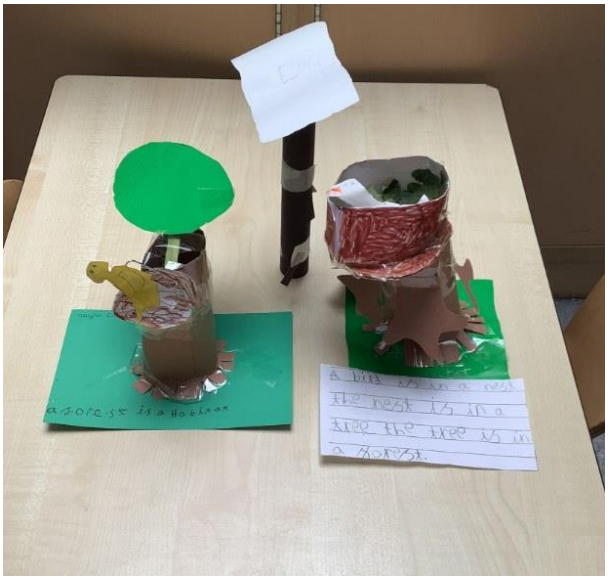
What is Red?

What is red? A strawberry is red. Bright red strawberries pouring in a bowl.
What is Blue? The sky is blue. When red the clouds first though. ~~What~~
What is green? a bush is green with small prickles between.
What is yellow? a chick is yellow flapping its wings
What is White? a polar bear is white. sleeping in the sun

Wow! Your handwriting is so much better. :) ✓ AA x2

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

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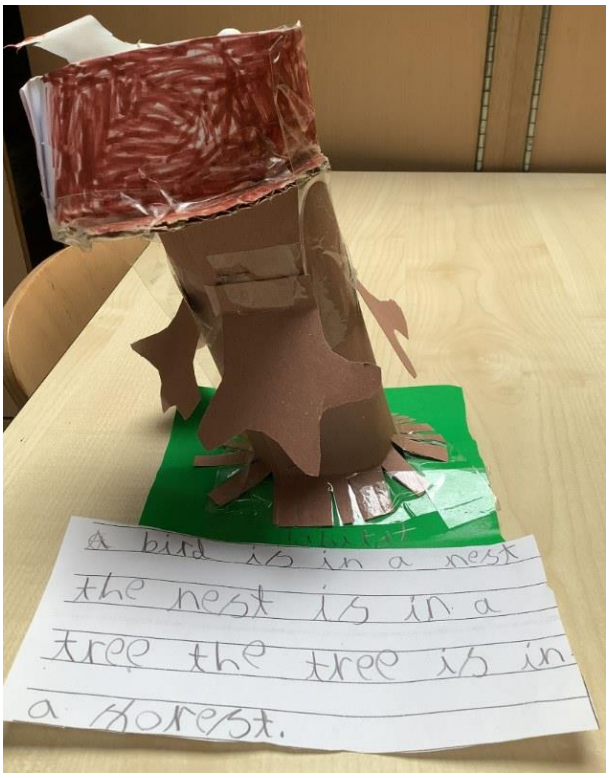
a forest is a Habitat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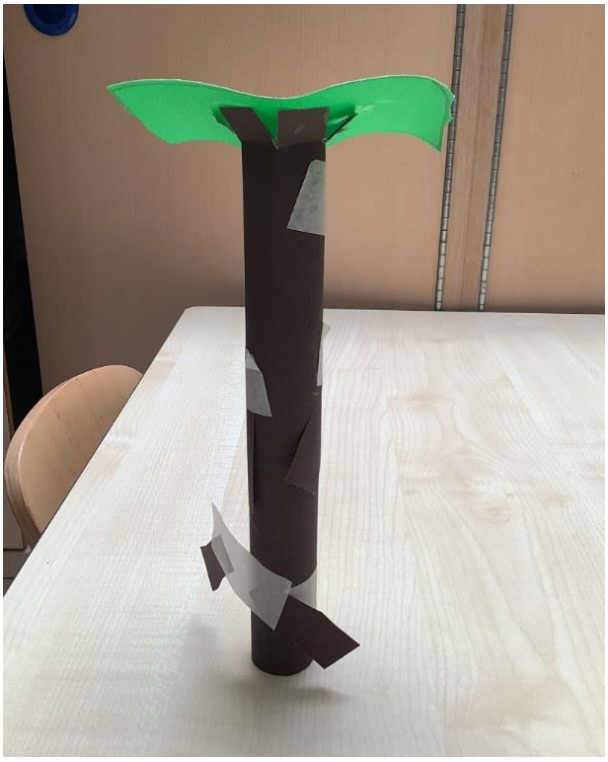

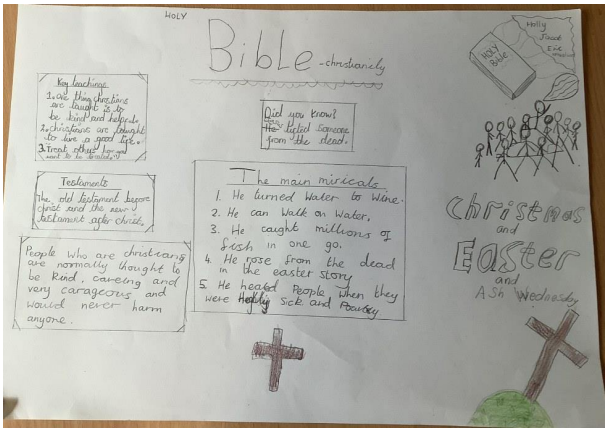
HOLY
Bible -christianity
Key teachings
1.all christians are taught to be kind and helpful.
2.christians are taught to live a good life.
3.treat other people as we want to be treated.
Did you know
they helped someone from the dead.
Holly
Jesus
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HOLY BIBLE
Testaments
The old testament before christ and the new testament after christ.
The main miricals
1. He turned Water to Wine.
2. He can Walk on Water.
3. He caught millions of fish in one go.
4. He rose from the dead in the easter story
5. He heated people when they were Holly sick and poorly.
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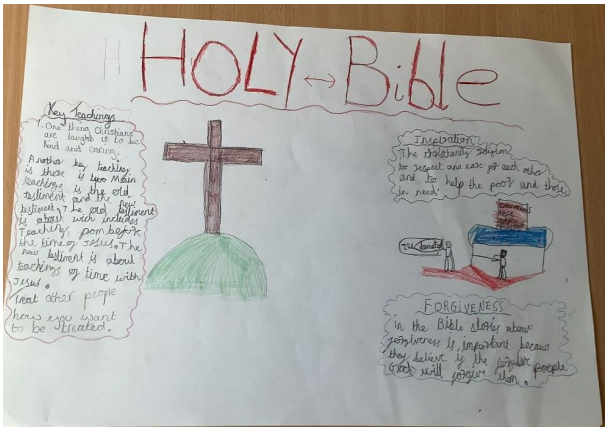
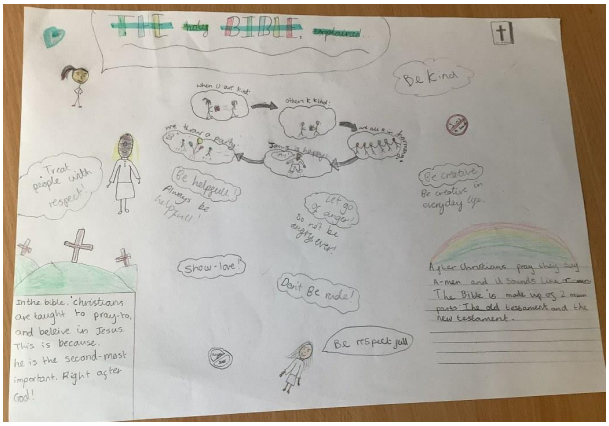
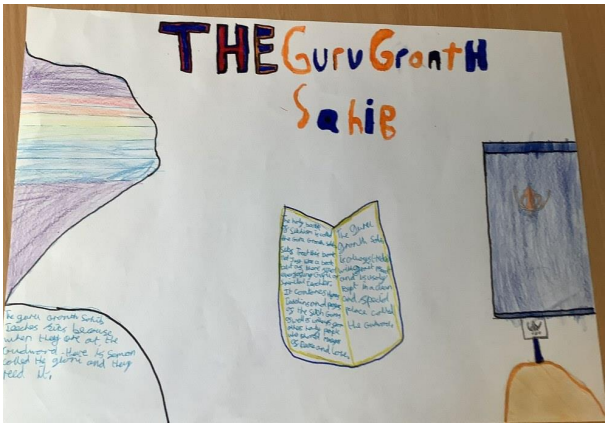
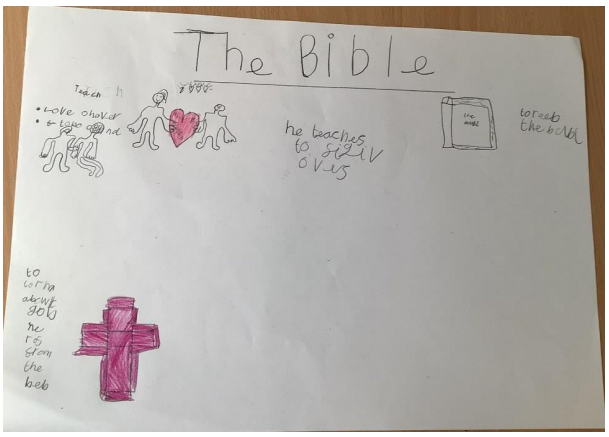

HOLY Bible
Key teachings
1. One thing christians are taught is to be kind and caring.
Another key teaching is there is two main teachings in the old testament. The old testament is about rules including Teaching from books the kings. Jesus. The new testament is about teachings of time with Jesus.
Treat other people how you want to be treated.
Inspiration
The Holy Bible inspires to respect one case for each other and to help the poor and those in need.
FORGIVENESS
In the Bible story about forgiveness is important because they believe if the forgive people God will forgive them.


THE BIBLE
Be Kind
Treat people with respect
Be helpful
Be creative
Be creative in everyday life.
Let go
show love
Don't Be rude!
Be respectful
In the bible, christians are taught to pray to and belive in Jesus. This is because he is the second-most important. Right after God!
After christians pray they say Amen and it sounds like Ameen
The Bible is made up of 2 main parts: The old testament and the new testament.


THE Guru Granth Sahib

Holly bible
Holly bookmark
Holly bible
Love all People how they want to be LOVED
GOD
God made Everything
Treat everyone Should treat People With Treat With
Holy
Although you can not see him you can still hear him
be kind and care for others


The Bible
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The Bible
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The Bible is to be treated
A Jesus Vegan we spoke gave the best (like treat others how your want to be treated.)
Trying to gather and stick together
The Bible teacher us to love one another and to treat other with kindness and care.
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The BIBLO
Love your neighbors as yourself
Key: teaches
The bible teaches children to love other and treat them with kindness and care
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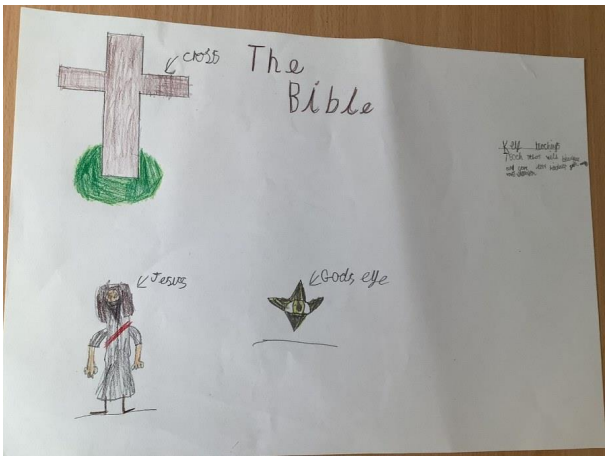
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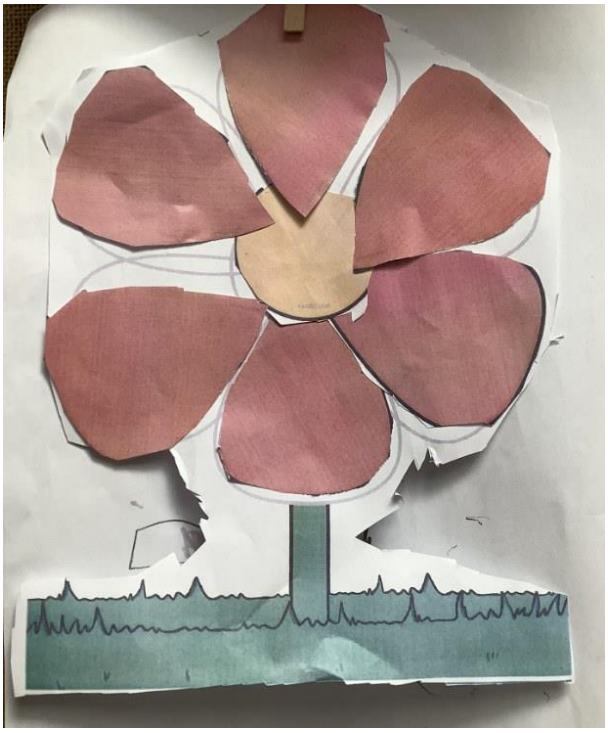
The Bible
Jesus
Gods eye

The bible teaches children to love one and other and to treat others with kind ness and care.
HOLY BIBLE!
Bible
Key Vocabulary
Love your neighbors as yourself
help those in need, including the poor, the sick and the lonely.
Christians are taught to forgive others.



Sydney
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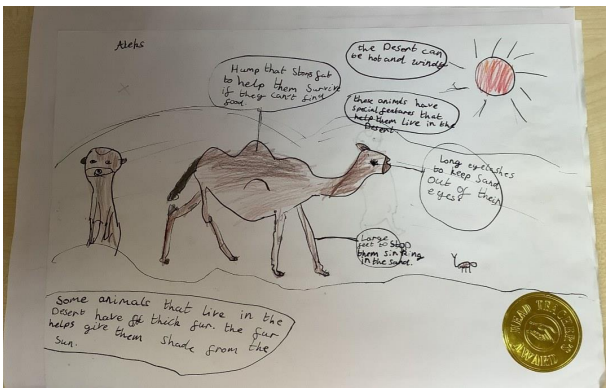
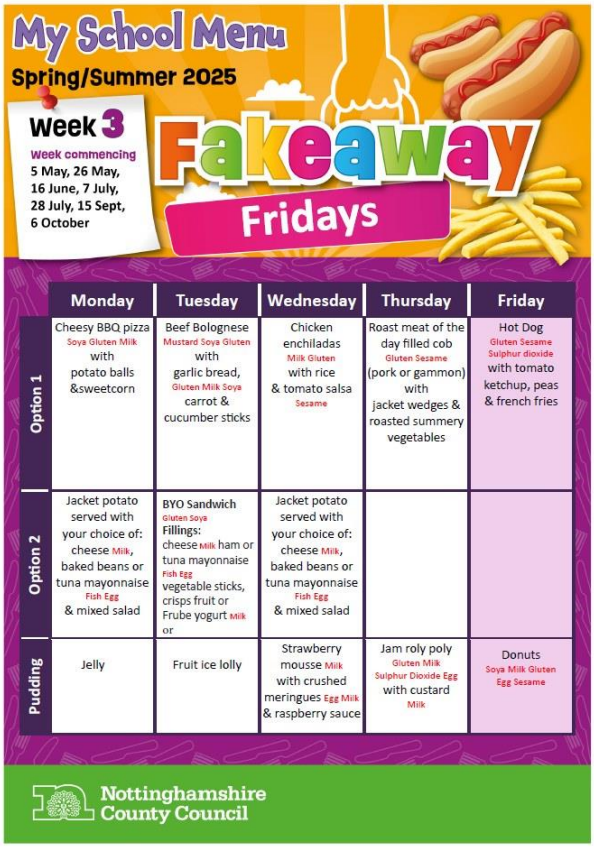

Aleks
Hump that stores fat to help them Survive if they can't find food.
the Desert can be hot and windy
these animals have special features that help them live in the desert.
long eyelashes to keep Sand out of their eyes
Large feet to stop them sinking in the sand.
Some animals that live in the Desert have fat thick fur. the fur helps give them Shade from the Sun.

Our
Seasons
Tree
Summer
Autumn
Winter
Spring

School Dinners: *w/c 16th June 2025*



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 Soya Gluten Milk with potato balls &sweetcorn	Beef Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken enchiladas Milk Gluten with rice & tomato salsa Sesame	Roast meat of the day filled cob Gluten Sesame (pork or gammon) with jacket wedges & roasted summery vegetables	Hot Dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur dioxide with tomato ketchup, peas & french fries
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	Jelly	Fruit ice lolly	Strawberry mousse Milk with crushed meringues Egg Milk & raspberry sauce	Jam roly poly Gluten Milk Sulphur Dioxide Egg with custard Milk	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame

Nottinghamshire County Council

30-Minute free breakfast club - bookings for w/c 16th June

Booking form for w/c 9th June

https://forms.office.com/e/whKtxh8NKq

Please complete by Sunday 15th June

Please note that links to these forms are also available on our website:

Arnold Mill Primary School - Wraparound Care

Message from our lovely PTFA. Summer Fair - Friday 27th June 2025 - 3.30 - 5.00pm. Free Entry, all welcome!

It's just over 2 weeks to go until our Summer Fair! We are busy preparing, wrapping, stickering and making sure that the fair will be a success. If you are able to offer any help with this, they would be very grateful.

We also have a lot of competitions and requests for donations – we know this can get expensive, so please do not worry if you are unable to contribute to this fair.

A massive thank you to the parents, carers, staff and children who are working hard to make this a fun event for everyone. You are amazing, and we couldn't do this without you. We have a lot planned, including:

- *Arnold Mill Summer Raffle – buy tickets for a chance to win a fabulous prize. This will be drawn at the end of the fair!*
- *Tombola – Take your chance and win a prize on the alcohol bottle, chocolate or bottleand beauty tombola!*

- *Lots of games ran by our amazing Year 5 and 6 pupils*
- *Refreshment Stalls – Treat yourself to a summertime Pimm's or a glass of prosecco.*
- *We also have our tea, coffee and cake stall!*
- *Will you be lucky at the 'Wine to Water' stall - pick a wrapped bottle – is it water or a winning bottle of wine?!*

How to Pay - Tokens available now on Parent Pay

- *If you have leftover tokens from previous fairs, these can be used at the Summer Fair.*
- *Blue Tokens cost 50p each and are available to pre-purchase via ParentPay or on sale on theday from the Office by debit or credit card*
- *Raffle tickets cost £1 and are available for pre-purchase via ParentPay or on sale on the dayfrom the raffle stall using tokens*
- *The stall selling Pimm's and Prosecco will be taking both tokens and card payments.*

How Can You Help?

In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents and other helpers. This year we are asking for help with the following:

- *Sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes*
- *Helping set up on the day - Friday 27th June from 1.30pm*
- *Volunteering at a stall during the fair between 3.30pm -5.00pm*
- *Decorating and fill a lucky bag for the Lucky Bag stall*
- *Taking part in the Arnold Mill Summer Bake Off*

- *Donating any wrapping paper, decorations, good condition unwanted toys, games, books, party bagitems, stationary items or (spare – ha-ha) wine!*

- *Donating a prize to our raffle – or ask friends and family if they can donate*

- *Buying raffle tickets – available now on Parent Pay!*

- *Taking part in Non-Uniform Day for a tombola donation*

- *Trying to win the Summer Cash Pot – enter now on Parent Pay*

- *Coming along to support our Summer Fair*

- *If anyone has contact or an employer who would be generous enough to donate an item for th eraffle, we would be very grateful*

NON-UNIFORM DAY Friday 20th June

We are having a non-uniform day in preparation for the Summer Fair. If your child would like to come t oschool in their non-uniform clothes, can they please bring a chocolate or bottle donation for the Fair. Wewould welcome donations of:

- *a box, grab bag or bar of chocolate*

- *new and unused bottles -bubble bath, beautyproducts, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks etc. Adults please carry the alcohol or any glass bottles into school as we do not want to put anychild at risk.*

Lucky Bags

We will be sending out empty, undecorated lucky bags next week.We would love you to decorateand fill a lucky bag that can then be sold at the Summer Fair. There will be prizes for the bestdecorated lucky bags. Can these please be returned, unsealed, to the collection box in reception bymidday on Friday 27thth June. Each lucky bag should have a slip inside with the name and class ofthe child that can be removed – this is so we can identify the winners!

Key Dates

- *Friday 20th June – Non-Uniform Day for Bottle or Chocolate Tombola donation*
- *Friday 27th June – Lucky/Goody Bag Donations by 12.00pm*
- *Friday 27th June – Bake Off Entries to the Office by 10.00am*
- *Friday 27th June – Summer Fair – 3.30-5.00pmT*

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Sent on behalf of Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA

friendsofarnoldmill@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

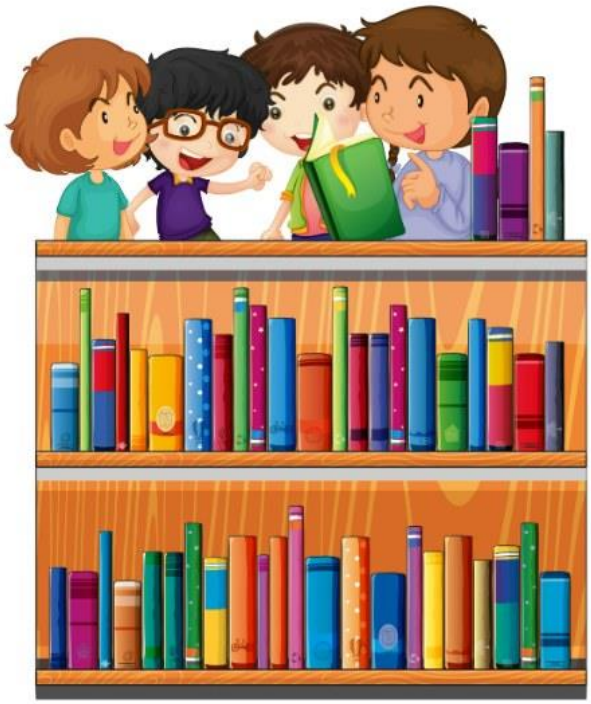
Join our Facebook Group to keep up to date on PTFA events: Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Group or search "Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Group" on Facebook

Do you or your child play an instrument outside of school?

On 26th June we are having an assembly in school to showcase different instruments. I'm looking for pupils (or parents) who could bravely show their instrument to the rest of school and play a few notes. It would not have to be a full piece of music. We already have a few staff members who have volunteered and I would love to include some children. Please email me at jphillips@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk *if you are interested.*

Mr Phillips (music coordinator)

Visits to Arnold Library



During the Summer Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. As this is your child's third visit to the library this academic year the visit will be slightly more informal and is known as a 'Book Exchange Visit'. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand.

If your child is not already a member of the library, could you please complete the attached form and return to school before the date of your child's class visit so that the library has time to process them. If your child already has a library card, could you please send it into school on the day of your child's class visit. Your child will then bring their card home along with their new book after their class has visited the library.

Please find the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Thanks for all your support.

Shaun Hewlett - Deputy Head Teacher

LEVEL 1 & 2 COMBINED BIKEABILITY - for the children who will be in Year 5 & 6 during Academic Year 2025/26

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In the next academic year, the team from Via East Midlands' Bikeability Scheme, in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council will be visiting school to run Level 1 and 2 Combined Bikeabilty sessions.

The two-hour course is devised to teach children the necessary skills to use their bike safely when starting to ride without adult supervision. The course comprises Level 1 (1 x two hours in the school grounds) ***and*** *Level 2 (3 x two hours on-road sessions) and takes place over two consecutive days.* ***All sessions must be attended*** *(maximum of 12 children per group).*

Bikeability will entirely take place outside, whatever the weather, the children must wear an appropriate clothing (school uniform will not be required).

To participate your child MUST meet the following criteria:

- *be able to ride a bike independently and with confidence.*

- *bring a bike* (which must be in good working order, complete with working brakes and lights) *and cycle helmet to school in the morning of their session (date to be confirmed). The Bikeability staff do not have time to do thorough checks on bikes, but if the bike is judged to be unsafe, your child will not be allowed to take part, and this would obviously be very upsetting for them.* Please contact the school (in writing) if your child does not have access to a bike as we may be able to assist with a loan bike for the duration of the course.

There is ***no charge*** *for the course* ***unless*** *you submit the electronic form requesting a place and* ***your child is subsequently withdraw due to one of the following*** *reasons, whereby there may be liable for a £15 surcharge:*

- *your child cannot ride independently and safely on a public road.*

- *you/your child changes their mind after the numbers have been passed to the County Council on 10th June 2024*

- *the County Council instructor indicates that your child's bicycle is unsafe/unroadworthy.*

- *your child is absent from school for an authorised/unauthorised family holiday.*

Please note, if you apply and the course is cancelled by Via, the County Council or Arnold Mill Primary School due to insufficient take up there be no charge.

To apply for the scheme we have to confirm the number of places required, ***if you would like to put your child's name down for a place please complete the electronic form (link here) by NOON ON 9th June 2025. We will not be able to accept any requests after this County Council deadline.***

We are sure you will agree that this is a valuable life skill and will encourage children to enjoy the freedom that cycling can bring, increase confidence, and lead a healthy life. We will be in touch if/when the course details are confirmed.

Level 1 Bikeability - *for children who will be in Year 3 & 4 during Academic Year 2025-26 - info for current Year 2 & 3*

In the next academic year, the team from Via East Midlands' Bikeability Scheme, in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council will be visiting school to run Level 1 Bikeabilty sessions.

The course is devised to give Year 3 and 4 children the necessary skills to use their bike safely when starting to ride without adult supervision. The two hour course is traffic free and will be held in the school grounds (minimum of 6/maximum of 15 children per group).

To participate your child ***MUST:***

- *be able to cycle independently and with confidence (without stabilizers)*
- *bring/have access to a bike* which must be in (a) good working order (b) have working brakes & lights and (c) have any stunt pegs removed/covered to avoid injury). The Bikeability team may be able to assist with a loan bike for the duration of the course (bookable in advance).

- *bring a cycle helmet to school in the morning of their session (date to be confirmed). The Bikeability staff do not have time to do thorough checks on bikes, but if the bike is judged to be unsafe, your child will not be allowed to take part, and this would obviously be very upsetting for them.* Please contact the school (in writing) if your child does not have access to a bike as we may be able to assist with a loan bike for the duration of the course.

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*There is **no charge** for the course **unless** you submit the electronic form requesting a place and **your child is subsequently withdraw due to one of the following** reasons, whereby there may be liable for a £15 surcharge :*

- *your child cannot ride independently and safely*
- *you/your child changes their mind after the numbers have been passed to the County Council on 10th June 2024*
- *the County Council instructor indicates that your child's bicycle is unsafe/unroadworthy.*
- *your child is absent from school for an authorised/unauthorised family holiday.*
- *your child does not have access to a suitable bicycle/helmet for the duration of the course.*

Please note, if you apply and the course is cancelled by Via, the County Council or Arnold Mill Primary School due to insufficient take up there be no charge.

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Lost Property

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

Previously Published Articles

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.*

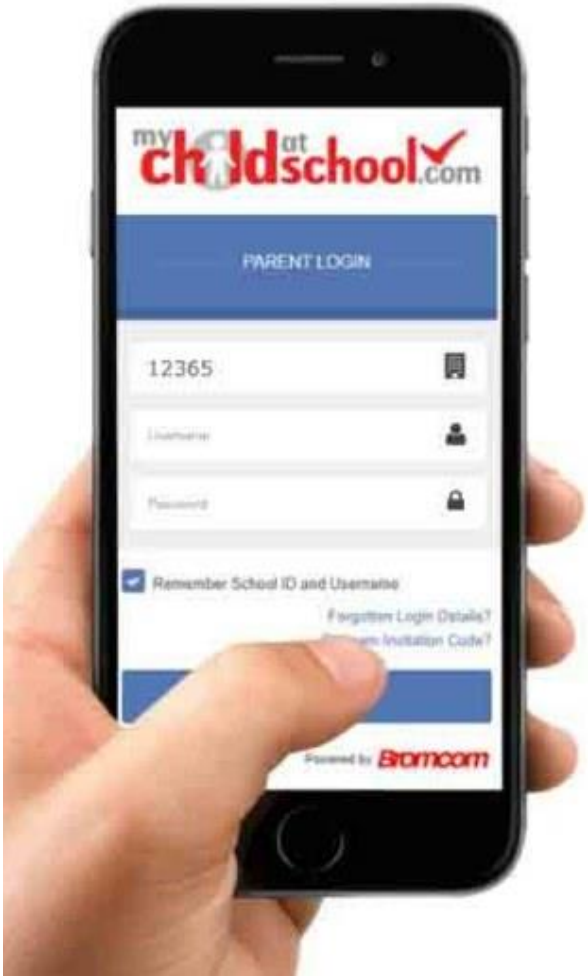
If your child requires a staff member to assist with applying additional sun cream please email the class teacher to confirm that you give consent for a member of staff to assist your child to apply an additional application of the sun cream you have/will provide.

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.

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.

Please note that we will no longer be updating SIMS Parent.

Year 2 Robin Hood Camp

We held a parents' meeting last week regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides can be found here (link to presentation) *and is also available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.*

The cost of the trip to ***Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July*** *is expected to be around £45.00. The final amount will depend on the number of children wanting to attend.*

If you want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Friday 28th February to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 20th June. We will confirm the final amount after 28th February, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

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.*

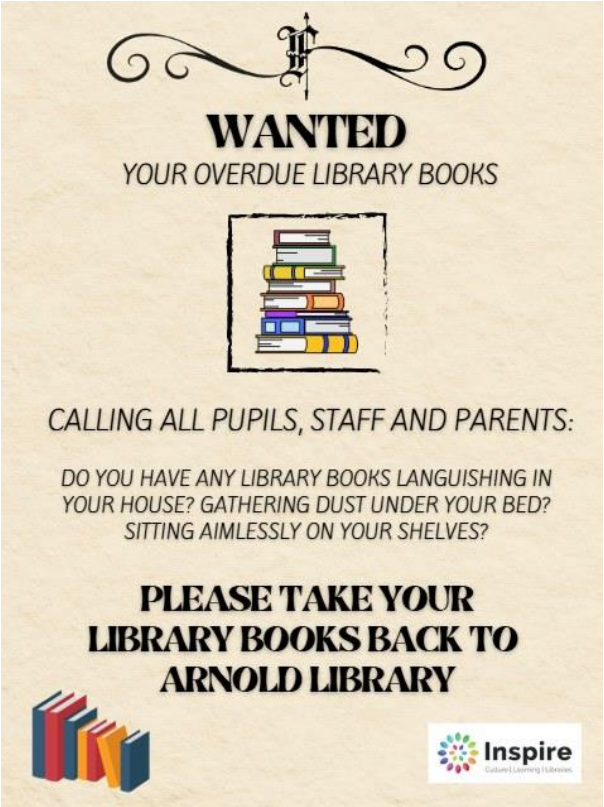
We are confident that this change will enhance the learning experience and lead to a greater understanding and enjoyment of spelling. If you have any questions or would like more information about the new scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

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

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)*

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.

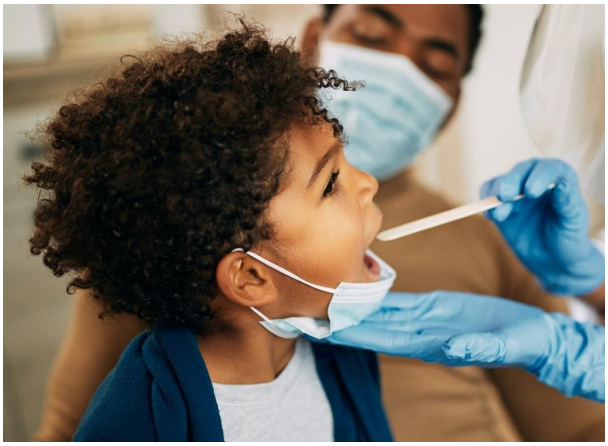
Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

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

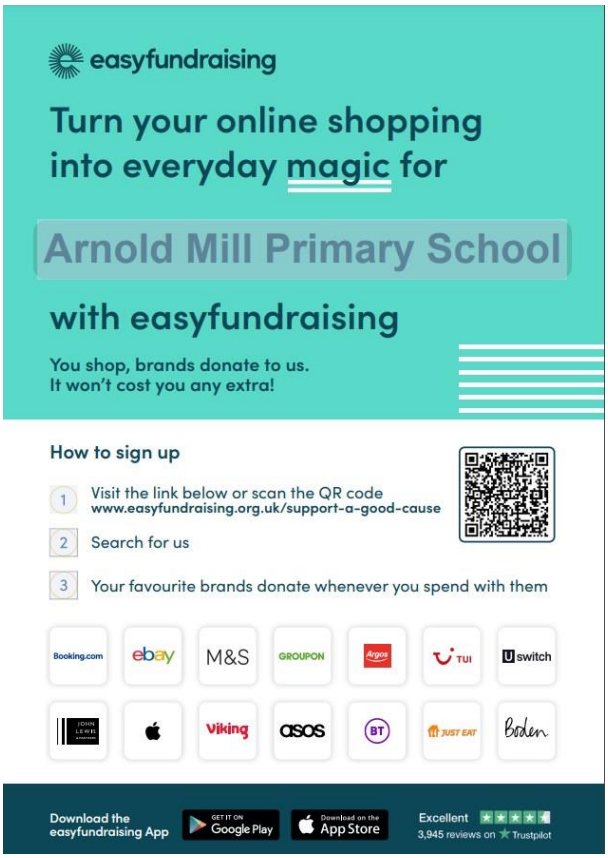
Friday 4th July 2025

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)

https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk

https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial