



14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your Children in Need donations, it has been lovely looking at all the acts of kindness the children completed in aid of this charity. We will be giving out certificates and stickers to everyone who took part.

Next Friday (21st Dec) we have our 'Bring a Bottle or Chocolate' for our Christmas fair, non-uniform day. Our Christmas fair is 28th December. Tokens, cash pot and raffle tickets are

available to pre-order via MCAS. You will be able to buy them on the day, but many people find it easier to beat the queues by buying online.

As the weather is getting more and more wintry, please send your children in appropriate clothing. Bring wellies and coats in every day please.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



November

Tues 18th - Deadline for enter a child into talent assembly ([link to letter](#))

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

Mon 24th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library ([link to letter](#)) (Change of date)

Tues 25th - Writing Assembly (invitation only)

Tues 25th - Flu vaccinations taking place [Link to more information](#)

Thurs 27th - 2A Assembly with parents/carers ([link to letter](#)).

Fri 28th - Christmas Fair

December

Tues 2nd - Talent Assembly ([link to letter](#)).

Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)

Tues 9th - F2 Foundation Nativity (booking essential) ([link to letter](#))

Weds 10th - F1 Foundation Nativity (booking essential) ([link to letter](#))

Weds 10th - F2 & KS1 Disco - tickets on sale via MCAS ([link to poster](#))

Thurs 11th - KS2 Disco - tickets on sale via MCAS ([link to poster](#))

Weds 15th - Y5&6 National Holocaust Museum visit ([link to letter](#))

Tues 16th - KS1 Nativity (booking essential) ([link in letter](#))

Weds 17th - KS2 Carol Concert ([link to letter](#))

Thur 18th - Foundation Stage Christmas Party

Thur 18th - KS1 Christmas Party

Fri 19th - KS2 Christmas Party

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

January

Mon 5th - INSET Day

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

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

February

Thurs 5th - Lea Green Information Meeting for Y4 Parents

Tues 10th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Weds 11th - Parents' Eve (provisional)

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

March

Thurs 5th - World Book Day

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

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

Fri 21st - Comic Relief

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

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

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

April

Thurs 16th - Year 3&4 Egyptian Day

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

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

May

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

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

Mon 11th - Y6 SATS week

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

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

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

June

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

Weds 10th - School photo's (class)

Fri 12th - Now Hear This! (provisional)

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

Fri 26th - Summer Fair

July

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

Fri 3rd - INSET Day

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

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

Dinner Menus - w/c 17th November

Winter Menu 2025-26					
Week Commencing: 17 th November, 8 th December, 19 th January, 9 th February, 2 nd March, 23 rd March					
Week 3					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Spaghetti Bolognese <small>Gluten Mustard Soya</small> Garlic bread <small>Gluten Soya Milk</small> & salad	Chicken & vegetable fajitas <small>Gluten</small> with smoky jacket wedges & tomato salsa <small>Sesame</small>	Gammon with Yorkshire pudding <small>Milk Egg Gluten</small> Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & Gravy	Nottinghamshire sausage <small>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</small> Mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables	Chip shop style fish 'n' chips <small>Gluten Mustard Soya</small> with curry sauce <small>celery, Eggs, Milk, Mustard, Soya, Gluten</small> & peas
Option 2	Jacket Potato Served with a choice of: Baked beans, Cheese <small>Milk</small> or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small>	Sandwich <small>Gluten Soya</small> Filled with a choice of: Cheese <small>Milk</small> Ham or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> Vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit, Frube		Jacket potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese <small>Milk</small> or Tuna Mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small>	
pudding	Zesty lemon jelly with a cookie <small>Gluten</small>	Iced carrot cake <small>Gluten Egg Sulphur Dioxide</small>	Chocolate Cracknell <small>Gluten Milk</small>	Butterscotch shortcake <small>Gluten Milk Soya</small>	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate Brownie <small>Egg Milk Gluten</small>

FRIENDS OF ARNOLD MILL PTFA

Non Uniform Day - Friday 21st November

Please bring a bottle or chocolate donation for the bottle tombola or chocolate tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. For the safety of the children please can an adult hand any glass bottles/bottles containing alcohol drink to the school office.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations



Christmas Fair - 28th November







Christmas Discos

Tickets are on sale via MCAS



Talent Assembly – Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 9.10am



As a school, we value nurturing the whole child, not just those who excel in school-based activities and therefore, we would like to know about your children's achievements outside of school.

We are holding an Arnold Mill Talent Assembly as we want to celebrate some of the amazing talents, achievements or contributions to society that your children have accomplished away from school.

If you feel that your child does something outside of school that is worth celebrating, we would like you to nominate them for a mention during this assembly.

In the past we have celebrated musical talents, dancers, community volunteers and children who take part in dramatic productions. We don't mind what their talent is, we just like to celebrate what they have been doing.

If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by Tuesday 18th November to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date. There will be more opportunities to nominate next term.

Looking forward to celebrating with you!

Year 4 Residential Visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre (Places still available- book via MCAS)

Due to last year's residential being such a resounding success, in March 2026 (Tuesday 24th – Wednesday 25th), we have arranged to take Year 4 children on a residential visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre in Derbyshire.

Going on a residential to Lea Green is a fantastic experience for children as it has so many activities to offer and the staff who run it are brilliant at making sure the children have the best time possible. The children will have a full two-day learning experience with one night staying over at Lea Green.

The grounds at Lea Green are extensive and staying in such a grand house, which was built in 1761, is an experience in itself.

The activities the children will take part in are:

- Orienteering*
- Low ropes obstacle course*
- Bushcraft*
- Go-karting*
- Problem solving team challenges*
- Co-operative games.*

There will also be lots of opportunities for children to have free time and use the different facilities at the centre to enable them to wind down at the end of a busy day. The facilities include a games room (table football, pool tables, various games etc.), a sports hall, play ground and of course a shop.

The children will also take part in an ambush type game where the staff are the catchers – my favourite activity.

The cost of the trip will be £141 and includes transport to and from school to Lea Green, meals, bedding, use of all the facilities and activities led by the staff at the centre.

We hope that as many of Year 4 as possible can come (45 places have been booked as last year we took every member of Year 4).

We have set up a payment plan as follows:

**£50 non-refundable deposit Friday 31st October*

** £30 non-refundable instalment Friday 28th November*

**£30 non-refundable instalment Friday 30th January*

**£31 non-refundable final payment Friday 27th February*

Please note that all payments must be paid by the due dates at the very latest.

When you pay the £50 deposit, you secure the place and are making a commitment for your child to attend, and you are agreeing to pay the remaining balances by their due dates. If your child decides they no longer want to attend, a refund will not be issued and any remaining balance will still need to be paid, unless a replacement can be found.

There will be a parents' information meeting after school on Thursday 5th February, this will cover kit list and medical requirements etc.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can contact me by phoning school or emailing me on office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

Please have a look at the Lea Green website with your child for more information about the centre: [Lea Green link](#)





Many thanks,

Mrs French

Plea to parents to apply for Free School Meals even if your child is in F2-Y2 and in receipt of Universal Infant 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!

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

Online Safety



Trends

AI Parent Prank and Deepfakes of the Dead

What?

- *Kids are taking advantage of AI-generated images by sending their parents fake pictures of unhoused people in the family's house or car, sometimes even causing parents to call the police.*
 - *People are also using AI to create images and videos of people who are deceased, including public figures like Robin Williams and John Lennon. Sora recently banned deepfakes of Martin Luther King Jr., but it's unclear how further bans might be applied.*
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Now What?

- *Both trends invite discussions about ways AI can be useful and ways it can cause harm: Though these examples may seem relatively harmless, what are the consequences? How about future implications?*
 - *Talk about how AI is moving faster than we're regulating it: Based on what we're seeing, what regulations should be created? How can we, personally, prevent harms caused by AI?*
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Don't think that just because your child isn't creating these things doesn't mean they won't come across videos of other people who are doing it.

As always - keep talking to your children about what they are doing and seeing online. Taking an active interest in their online experiences always increases the chances of being able to support them better and keep them safe.

Previously Seen Articles



Parent access to The National College online safety resources



We're delighted to let you know that Arnold Mill Primary School has become a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

*That's why you've now got access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.*

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow this link ([Link to register](#)) and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

- [App store](#)
 - [Google Play](#)
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They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their [help centre](#) provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in [contact](#) with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

Important Policies



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

[Parental Code of Conduct](#)

[Behaviour Policy](#)

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Mobile Phone Policy](#)

All other policies can be found here:

[Link to Policies page on website](#)

The School Car Park



Just a quick reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. Parents should not use it for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not use it for breakfast club, after school clubs or boosters. The only exception to this is after 5pm from Millie's After School Club.

Many thanks



Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): *Tuesday (please come in PE kit)*

F1 (pm): *Friday (please come in PE kit)*

F2a: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

F2b: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1A: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1B: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1C: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

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

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

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


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

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

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



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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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