17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The holidays are here again. Thank you for all your support this half term. It's been great to see so many of you supporting your children's learning over the last 7 weeks.

The PTFA Golden pumpkin hunt went really well- we will make sure the winning children get their prizes after half term.

We return to school on Monday 3rd November- looking forward to seeing you then.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

October

Mon 20th - Fri 31st school closed for Half Term break

November

Thurs 6th - School photo's (individual and family)

Mon 10th - 2D Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Mon 10th - SEN parent afternoon (by invitation) (provisional)

Tues 11th - F2b & 2E Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Weds 19th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library (link to letter)

Fri 14th - Children in Need Day (normal school uniform please)

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

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 (provisional)

Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)

Tues 9th - Foundation Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 8th - KS1 Disco (provisional)

Thurs 9th - KS2 Disco (provisional)

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

Tues 16th - KS1 Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 17th - KS2 Carol Concert (provisional)

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

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)

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)

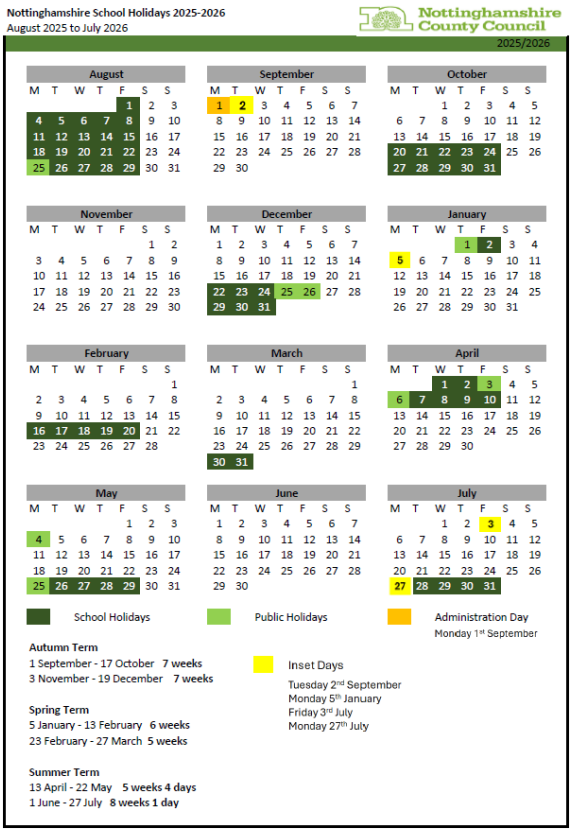
Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - F2 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Thurs 16th - Fri 17th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp Residential

Thurs 23rd - Sporting Achievement Assembly (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

Fri 24th - Y6 Leavers Assembly with parents/carers (booking essential) (provisional)



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

Team
2A
W·L·R!
We need
YOU(women)

Dinner Menus - w/c 3rd November

Winter Menu 2025-26

Week Commencing:
3rd November - Change from usual menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Vegetarian sausage roll Soya Milk Gluten Pommes Noisettes, baked beans & sweetcorn	Cheesy pasta parcels Gluten Egg Milk in a tomato and basil sauce with garlic bread Gluten Soya Milk	Special Bonfire Night Lunch: Hot Dog with Nottinghamshire Sausage Gluten, Sulphur Dioxide, Sesame French fries, baked beans, corn on the cob	Chicken Enchiladas Gluten Milk With rice & salsa Sesame	Fishcake cob Gluten Fish Sesame with lemon mayonnaise Egg Sulphur Dioxide Oven chips & peas
Option 2		Jacket Potato Served with a choice of: Baked beans, Cheese Milk or Tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg		Jacket Potato Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese Milk or Tuna Mayonnaise Fish Egg	
Pudding	Pinwheeel Cookie Gluten	Classic iced 'School Cake' Egg Gluten Milk	Ginger Cake Egg Gluten	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame	Chocolate Brownie Gluten

BONFIRE NIGHT LUNCH

Wednesday
5th November

HOT DOG WITH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAUSAGE
(VEG OPTION - PLANT BASED SAUSAGE)
GLUTEN, SULPHUR DIOXIDE, SESAME
FRENCH FRIES, BAKED BEANS, FRIED ONIONS
CORN ON THE COB, TOMATO KETCHUP

OR

JACKET POTATO WITH
CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYONNAISE

GINGER CAKE
GLUTEN EGG

Parent access to The National College online safety resources

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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*

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.

SEND Information/Newsletter

Please go to our website for the latest SEND information Link to SEND page of website

We would also like to invite any parents to a SEND information meeting on Monday 10th November at 2.30pm in the Den which is focused on autism and ADHD diagnosis. If anyone has any concerns about their child regarding this they are welcome to come. Link to register for SEN Information Meeting

The latest SEND newsletter can be found here Link to SEND newsletter

Tax Free Childcare Payments back up and running

We are pleased to say that we have finally got our Tax Free Childcare payments back up and running with all providers. We apologise again for the time this has taken to sort this out, but this has been completely out of our control.

You can pay for Arnie's Breakfast Club, Millie's Afterschool Clubs and the 30-minute extra childcare for full time nursery children (this will be billed after half term).Each time you make a payment, we would ask that you complete this form:

Link to Wraparound Care Payment Form

Important things to note:

- *Balances will only reach your MCAS account once we have received confirmation from the finance department that the funds have reached the school bank account - this is likely to take approximately a week.*

- *There is a minimum payment of £10 due to the administration involved - you can pay in advance and keep the money on the account*

- *Please ensure that you include your reference number on the form so that finance can trace your payment - they receive hundreds of payments into their bank account which would be impossible to trace without the reference number.*

Class Dojo - Register now! (don't forget to give photo consent via MCAS)

With 91% of children having at least one parent/carer registered on ClassDojo, we are looking forward to using this after half term. Don't forget that if you wish your child's photos to be included, you will need to give parental consent via the MCAS app.

If you haven't yet registered and wish to, please email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and we will send you an invite.

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Halloween Colouring Competition

The Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA (FOAM) love Halloween and have decided to hold a themed children's colouring competition.

How To Enter

Entry forms can be downloaded here , or alternatively hard copies can be collected from Main Reception or classrooms. Completed entries can be posted in the collection box at Main Reception. Competition closes on 5th November and winners will be announced w/c 10th November.

Lost Property

MAIN RECEPTION

THANK YOU
for being my
BONUS SON
DIDN'T GIVE YOU
THE GIFT OF LIFE
BUT LIFE GAVE ME
THE GIFT OF YOU
SECURITY KEY
PG

Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/ccac0433

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 25/11/2025. The link will close on the 11/11/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025,

please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Please do not hesitate to contact the flu immunisation team directly if you have any further queries.

Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support.

Kind regards

The Intrahealth Immunisation Team

Telephone: 0333 358 3397 opt 4, opt 2

Email:immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk

www.intrahealth.co.uk/Notts

www.facebook.com/Notts

Reception Look rounds (Sept 2026 start)

Visits are with Mrs Broniewska and last approximately 30 minutes.

If you would like to book a visit please contact us via phone or email to confirm:

- *the date you would like to visit (16th October is fully booked)*
- *name(s) of the adult visitor(s) - maximum of two adult visitors please*
- *a daytime contact number*
- *name & date of birth of the child that might be joining our Reception class in September 2026 - they are welcome to attend too!*

In the meantime our website has some useful information - please click on the following links for useful information and a virtual tour of the Foundation unit - virtual tour https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk/f2-virtual-visit/

Can You Help? (a big thank you to everyone that has dropped donations in)

Do you knit or crochet? *Do you have spare wool? We are looking for local crafters to volunteer to make Worry Worms to help our young people manage their emotions.*

A Worry Worm lets children personify their concerns and feel more able to tackle them. It helps them to learn to manage their worries in a healthy way, rather than suppressing them, helping them to feel more in control of their emotions and less overwhelmed by them. Worry Worms have shown to be incredibly successful in other settings, and we really would like our children to have a Worry Worm if they need one.

Across School we would also welcome donations for the following Clubs and/or Activities:

Art:

- *paper*
- *crayons/pencils*

- *paint brushes*
- *a canvas or two*

Breakfast Club/After School Club:

- *toy cars/trains*
- *toy dinosaurs/animals*
- *colouring books*

Gardening Club:

- *children's Trowels*
- *gardening gloves*
- *seeds/seedlings/bulbs*
- *outdoor planters/tubs*
- *top soil*
- *OR, if you are feeling very generous a poly tunnel as ours was damaged in a storm!*

Key Stage 1:

- *empty cardboard egg boxes (the size for 6 eggs please)*

Key Stage 2 (Class 2c):

- *a washing up bowl*
- *small tubs of Play-Doh*
- *small plastic beads and thread/elastic for threading (for making bracelets)*

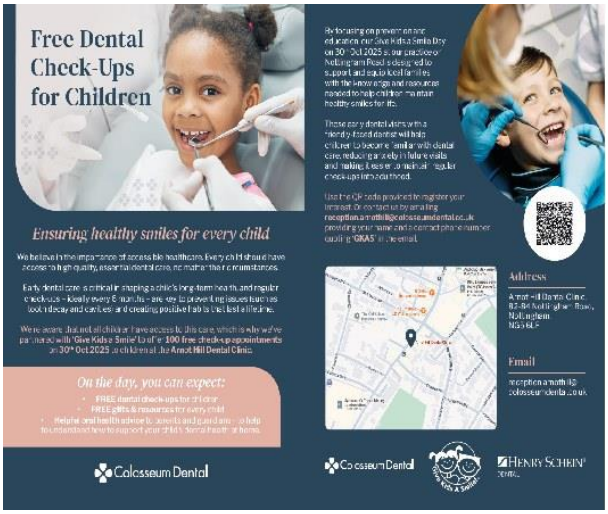
Library:

- *good quality new or pre-loved age-appropriate children's books*

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA

- *paper plates*
- *items/tombola or raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair or Summer Fair*
- *gift bags/party bags*
- *raffle ticket books*
- *bunting*
- *pre-loved Christmas jumpers and/or pyjamas*

Community Notices



[Link to register for dental appointment]

AUTUMN
KIDS CRAFT
&
ACTIVITY
CLUB
TODDLERS TO TEENS
Let your Creativity
Soar with Paper
Scissors and Glue! etc
THE SALVATION ARMY
REFRESHMENTS SHARED
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
NOTTINGHAM.ARNOLD@SALVATIONARMY.ORG.UK
TEL: 01159208800 MOB: 07920377010
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH
1-4PM
£1 PER CHILD

St Tim's SCHOOL ESSENTIALS
A community initiative connecting families with the things they need for school life.
WHAT WILL BE THERE?
SHOES
UNIFORMS
PE KITS
MATHS EQUIPMENT
STATIONERY
TIES
BLAZERS
TROUSERS & SKIRTS
BAGS
REVISION GUIDES
TRAINERS
and lots, lots more...
WHERE AND WHEN?
ST TIMOTHY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
Swinburne Way
9.30-11.30am
SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025
No charge for entry,
tea & coffee will be served
HOW DOES IT WORK?
YOU MAY HAVE SCHOOL ESSENTIALS YOU CAN DONATE! If so, bring them along on the day, or contact Jackie on 07557 123 238.
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SCHOOL ESSENTIALS? If so, come along and see if what you need is available. Items are free of charge but donations to help with the organisation of this and other initiatives will be gratefully received.
ST PAUL'S DAYBROOK
spd.church

Previously Seen Articles

Urgent Safeguarding Alert

We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

Lost Property

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

- *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.*

Lost Property boxes are located in each classroom and near the school office.

- *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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*1 - **Sadly this was the lost property pile from the last eight weeks of the summer term. These items have now been disposed of/donated.***

Unclaimed, un-named coats etc

Mobile Phone Policy - Now in force

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

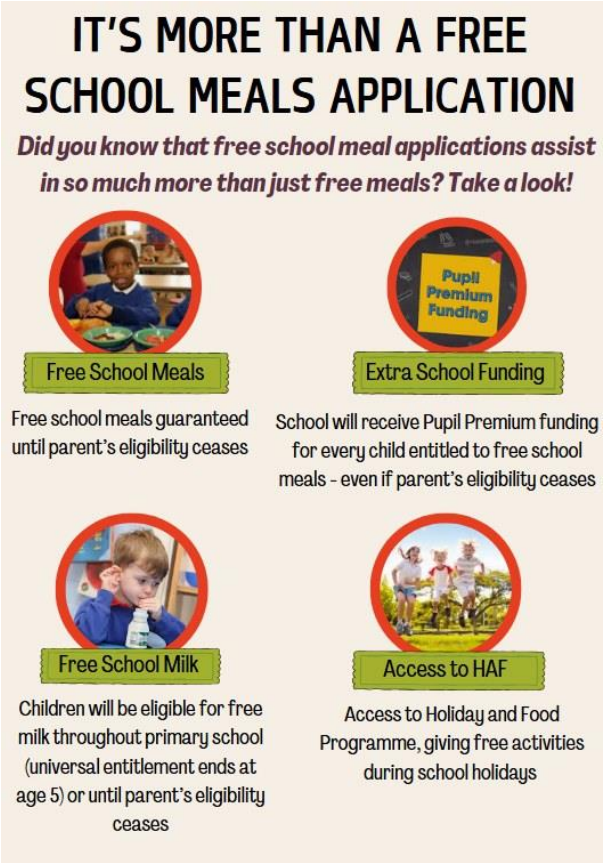
Link to Mobile Phone Policy

Smartphone Free Childhood

We have been asked to share a document to encourage a Smartphone Free Childhood. This can be read by using the link below:

Link to document

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?



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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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