

20th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this term. We have managed to cram a lot in.

If you are lucky enough to have a visit from Santa and you have any toys, games, blankets, kitchen equipment etc that you don't want but we might be able to use for Opal lunch times, please can you bring them into school in the new year. Don't just throw them away, we can reuse them and recycle them into imaginative play.

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



January

Mon 6th - Pupils return to school for Spring Term

Thurs 16th - Lea Green Y4 Residential Parents' information evening (Link to letter)

Thur 23rd - 1A Assembly to parents

Fri 24th - Parents reading with their KS1 child (Link to letter)

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

February

Thur 6th - 1C Assembly to parents

Thurs 13th - Maths Assembly to parents

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

Wed 26th - PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco (Provisional - details to follow)

Thurs 27th - PTFA KS2 Disco (Provisional - details to follow)

March

Thurs 6th - World Book Day and PTFA fundraising event (details to follow)

Fri 21st - Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

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

April

Wed 2nd - Year 5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly

Fri 4th - PTFA Easter Raffle and Easter Craft Day and/or Egg Hunt (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)

Tue 20th - Parents reading with their KS1 child (Link to letter)

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

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)

Thurs 10th-Fri 11th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (details to follow)

Wed 16th - PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco (Provisional - details to follow)

Thurs 17th - PTFA KS2 Disco (Provisional - details to follow)

Fri 18th - PTFA Ice Cream Friday (provisional)

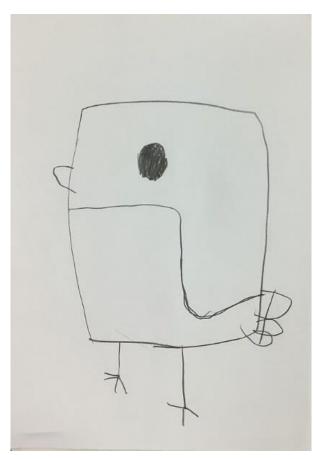
Fri 25th - Last day of term for children

Mon 28th & Tues 29th - Inset Days (School closed)

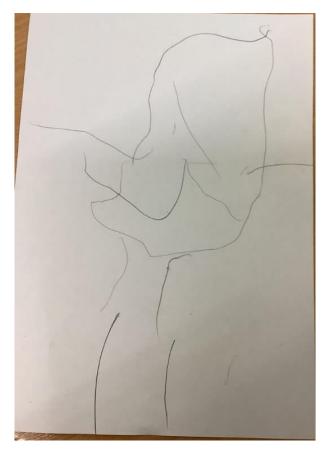
Children's Work



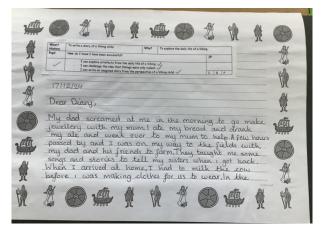


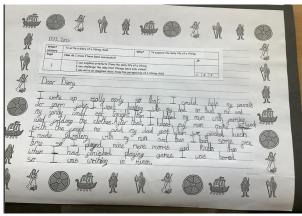






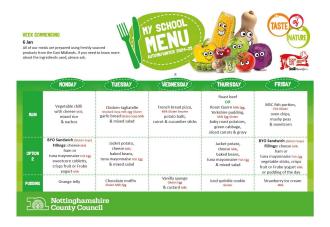








School Dinners: w/c 6th January 2025



DAaRT - Year 5



The Life Skills Primary Programme will be taking place in school during the next term. Year 5 will be involved in discussion, activities and will watch video clips during which they will meet the DAaRT Crew. These young people often get into risky situations, and the class will help them make informed decisions and keep safe and healthy.

During the programme, the children will have a workbook in school. The children will learn about responsibility, pressure, peer pressure, confident communication, bullying and cyberbullying, risks and consequences, stress, and recognising their support networks. We will also be discussing helpful and harmful drugs, including alcohol and Nicotine and the effects that these have on the body. The programme includes a discussion on knife safety and will also explore the differences between various groups in society.

This programme has been running in the East Midlands and beyond for over 25 years, has more than 400,000 graduates and has been proven to make a difference in young people's lives. For more information, please visit www.lifeskills-education.co.uk where you will also find a link to the most recent research about the course.

Year 5 will have their DAaRT graduation assembly on Wednesday 2nd April at 3:00pm. The children will be able to invite two guests to come and watch the graduation, details of how to book will be sent out closer to the time.

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

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.

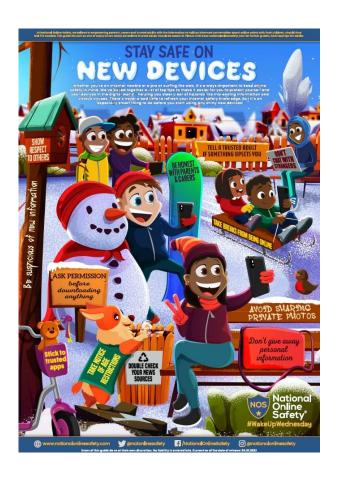
Christmas Jumpers and Pyjamas

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

Internet and Digital Safety





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:

Apply from: 4 November 2024

Closing date: 15 January 2025

National Offer Day: 16 April 2025

• Admission to reception factsheet



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. 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@amail.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)



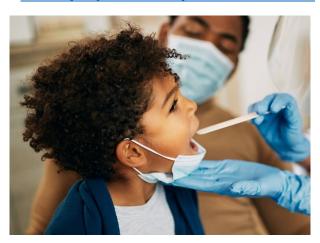




Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



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





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





Inspiring Reading



Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

- l. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
- 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.

 - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
 Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
 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





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

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - <u>Link to Tax Free Childcare website</u>



- **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