21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a massive push on reducing the number of children arriving late in the mornings. It's been going really well, maybe a bit too well. We now have a number of older children arriving around 8.30am (even when there is no booster club). Please don't allow

them to come to school too early as they are not supervised. After Easter we will have our free breakfast club which they can be signed up for, but until then, if children arrive around 8.30am we will put them in breakfast club and you may be charged. Ideally, we'd love everyone to arrive between 8.50 and 8.55 so that they are here, ready for the register.

Thank you to Jodie Baugh, the parent of an ex-pupil, who came into school last Friday with a group of her colleagues to help out as part of their community action work. They did an amazing job generally tidying up the school site, including the allotment (see before and after photos below) and the boundary hedges. If your workplace offers similar community action projects, we would be enormously grateful of any help.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

March

Thurs 27th - *Science Celebration Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Thurs 27th - *F2 walk to Arnot Hill Park* (link to letter)

Fri 28th - *Non-uniform Day - donations for the Easter Raffle* (*Link to poster*)

Tues 25th - Weds 26th - *Year 4 Residential Lea Green Activity Centre* *(Information booklet)*

Fri 28th - *Year 5 visit to the Methodist Church* *(link to letter)*

April

Weds 2nd - *Year 5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly with parents* (invitation only) *(link to letter)*

Weds 2nd - *Festival of Faiths Fair and Raffle - blue tokens and raffles tickets on sale via ParentPay* (*link to letter*)

Thurs 3rd - *F2 Easter Craft Morning with Parents* (Link to letter).

Fri 4th - *Arnold Mill Annual Easter Competition* *(link to letter)*

Fri 4th - *PTFA Easter Raffle - raffle tickets on sale via ParentPay* *(link to information here)*

Mon 7th - Mon 21st April - Easter Holidays

May

Thurs 1st - *1b Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Mon 5th - *May Day Bank holiday* (school closed)

Thurs 8th - *2c Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Thurs 8th - *F2a White Post Farm trip* (link to letter)

Fri 16th May - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (provisional)

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

Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd - *Sponsored Sports Event with parents*

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May - Half Term Holidays

June

Weds 11th - *Class Photos*

Thurs 12th - *2b Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Fri 13th - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* (provisional)

Fri 20th - *Non-uniform Day - donations for the Summer Fair*

Fri 27th - *Summer Fair*

July

Tues 1st - *Year 1 Carsington Water trip*

Weds 2nd - *Transition Day*

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

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)

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

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

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* (provisional)

Weds 23rd - *PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

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

Thurs 24th - *PTFA KS2 Disco* (Provisional - details to follow)

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)

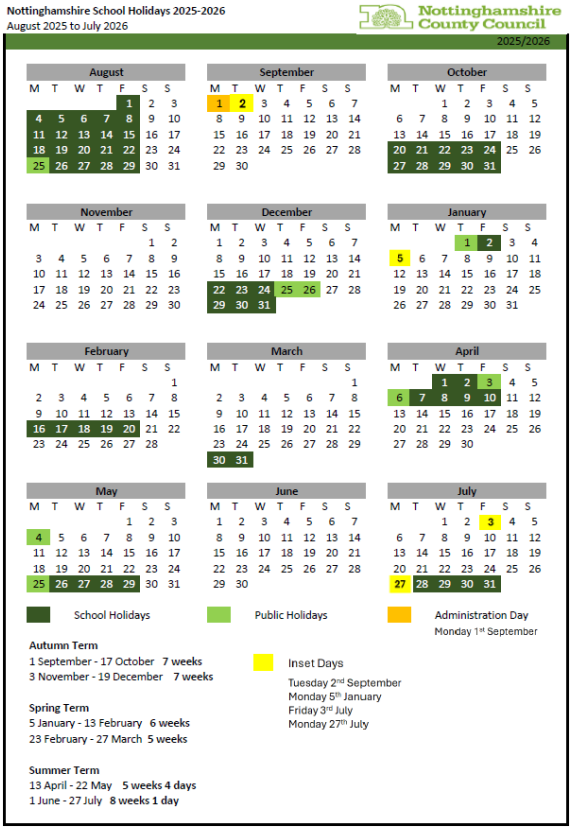
September

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)*



Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2025-2026
August 2025 to July 2026

Nottinghamshire County Council

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st September

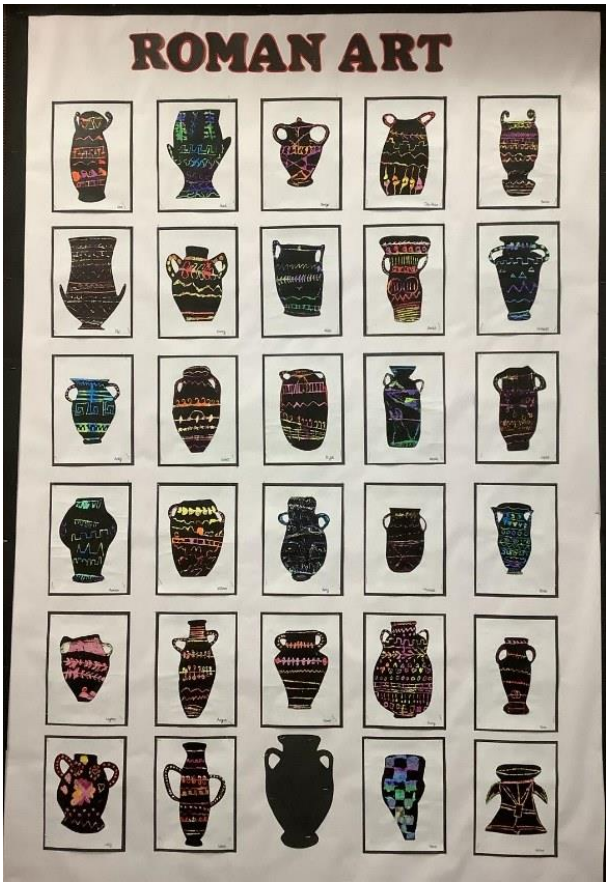
Autumn Term
1 September - 17 October **7 weeks**
3 November - 19 December **7 weeks**

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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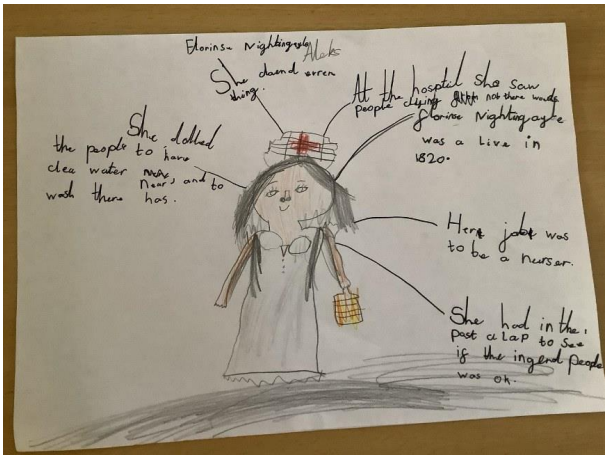
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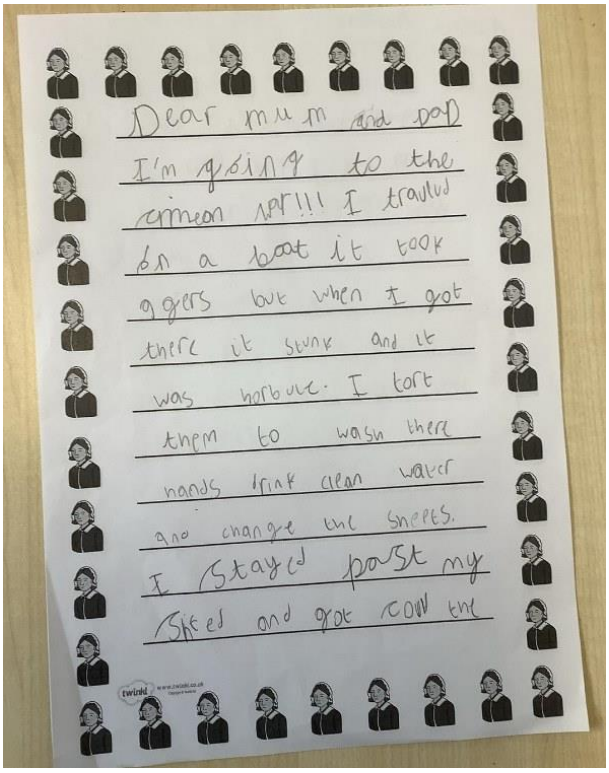

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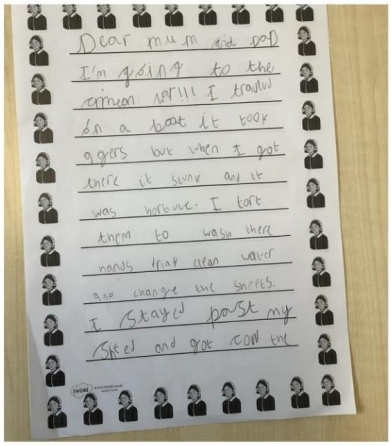

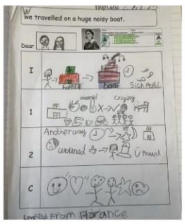

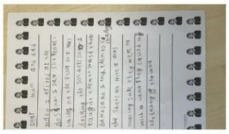

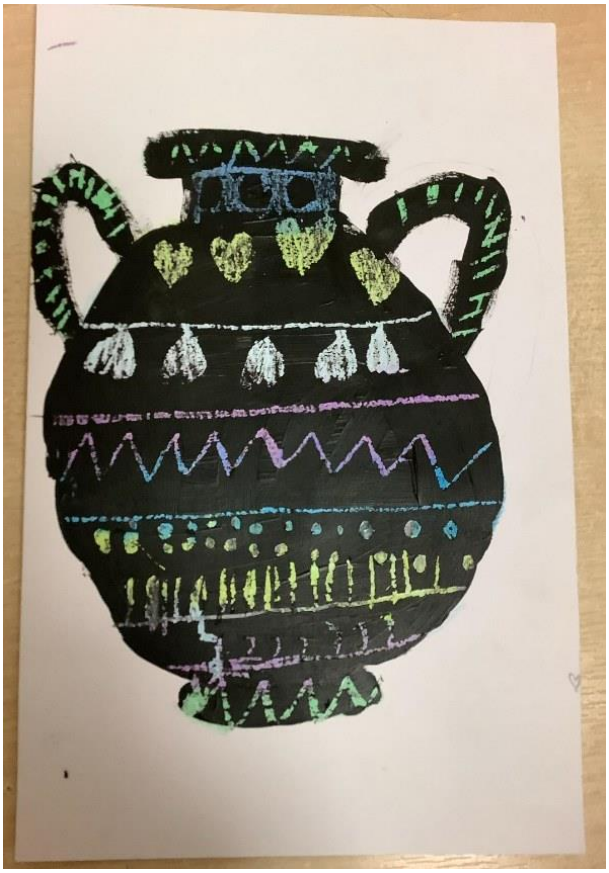

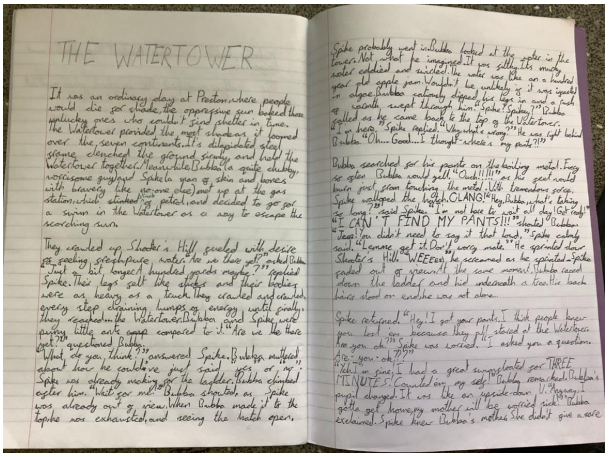

THE WATERTOWER

It was an ordinary play at Preston, where people would die for shade, the oppressive sun baked them unlucky ones who couldn't find shelter in time. The Watertower provided the most shadows it loomed over the seven continents. It's dilapidated steel stoney, cleached the ground, scrubby and built the Watertower together. Maurice Bubba's a quite chubby, worrisome grey-eyed Spike's, pale skin and leaves with wavery like (worse else) and sip at the gas station, which stinked of petrol, and decided to go for a swim in the Watertower as a way to escape the scorching sun.

They crawled up Shasta's Hill, crawled with desire for cooling, crystal-pure water. "So we have got?" asked Bubba. "Just a bit longer, hundred yards maybe?" replied Spike. Their legs felt like stumps and their bodies were as heavy as a truck. They crawled and crawled, every step agonizing, lumpy, my energy, until finally they reached the Watertower. Bubba and Spike, with pretty little arms compared to it. "So we do have got, questioned Bubba. "What do you think?" answered Spike. Bubba muttered, almost like he could've just said "yes" or "no". Spike was already making for the ladder. Bubba climbed eager him. "Wait for me!" Bubba shouted, as Spike was already out of view. When Bubba made it to the top he was exhausted, and seeing the hatch open, Spike probably went in. Bubba looked at the ladder in the tower. Not that he imagined it was silly, it looks mucky water exhaled and swirled. The water was blue as a bluebird, your old apple pan. Maybe? Unlikely if it was inside an algae. Bubba calmly dipped his legs in and a foul smell, except through him. "Spike? Spike?" Bubba yelled as he came back to the top of the Watertower. "I'm here." Spike replied. "Why shouldn't I swim." He was right behind Bubba. "Oh... Good... I thought where's my pants?!?"

Bubba searched for his pants on the boiling metal. Every or often Bubba would yell "Ouch!!!!" as his feet would burn just from touching the metal. With tremendous pain Spike walloped the hatch. CLANG! "Hey Bubba, what's taking so long?" said Spike. "I'm not here for most all day! Get ready!" "I CAN'T FIND MY PANTS!!!" shouted Bubba. "Jeez! You don't need to say it that loud." Spike calmly said. "I'm sure got it. Don't worry mate." He sprinted down Shasta's Hill. "WEEEEE!" he screamed as he sprinted. Spike yanked out of sprint. All the same moment, Bubba raced down the ladder and hid underneath a tree. The leaves and branches stood on end. He was not alone.

Spike whispered. "Hey! I got your pants. I think people have you lost you because they all stared at the Watertower. I'm sign ok." Spike was worried. "I asked you a question. Are you ok?!?"
"Ah! I'm fine! I had a great sunbathe for THREE MINUTES! Counted every my sec!" Bubba remembered Bubba's pupil changed. It was like an upside-down U. "Regardless I gotta get home, my mother will be worried sick!" Bubba exclaimed. Spike hear Bubba's mother like didn't give a care.

miss the watertower. "Me to." "S said a sadened Spike. "Let's go back to it." S said Bubba with a ~~too~~ tone of eximent in his voice. "Yes!" exclaimed Spike. The weather had cleared up. Then they got to it and laughed themselves in. "It's a bit hotter in ~~hear~~ here then usal." Spike said. Bubba replied; "Yeah it is." All of a sudden the water turned ~~tuoid~~ green and the tower turned red. Sparks ~~st~~ started flying until BOOM the watertower had exploded! Everyone ran up to the ruble, to see the two boys bleeding out of the head. You could see one of the boys intestines. One of Spikes legs had snapped clean off. Blood poured everywhere. Bubba's ~~arm~~ was being held on by ~~a~~ ~~tind~~ ligeme Sadly that was the we saw of the two boys.

The Water Tower

It was a scorching hot day in the crooked town of Preston. There lived two boys who met at a service station. They names were Bubba and Spike. On Sundays they stood at the weathered shattered watertower. "Hey Bubba, do you want to go to the watertower?" asked Spike. "Sure, sure." replied kindly. So that was their plan for the day. As they went chasing through the town's mysterious fog each ~~my breath~~ ~~said bubba~~ "Wait!" exclaimed Bubba. "Let me catch my breath." ~~said bubba~~ "We're so ~~near~~ near it come on!" screamed Spike. Bubba was serious.

They carried on until they ~~made~~ got there at. Spike climbed up the scorching hot metal. When he made it he said, "It's hot up ~~here~~ here!" ~~Then~~ Bubba made it and said, "Yeah, it's hot up here." It was a beautiful day almost too beautiful. "Look, little that sybol." Spike said. "It's always there," Bubba said. All of a sudden,

"Gaggsh!" surprised Bubba. "Quit joking," said Spike. "I can't do that." Bubby said. "Where's my shorts?" Bubba exclaimed. "I'll go get some." said Spike. So Spike went running through the ~~town~~ nothing town to get Bubba some shorts.

Spike went through Bubba's window. Whilst Bubba closed the hatch to the shattered watertower and dove in. ~~So~~ Spike got some the shorts and ran back. Bubba started to hear some strange noises, "Spike, is other, Spikey." he shouted to no reply. Something trapped in Bubba. Nothing seemed to gaze him. He just ~~took~~ ~~up~~ that silently.

Spike steadily made it back to and said Bubba just up to the top. "What's up with you!" Spike exclaimed. "I'm not scared anymore." he replied confidently. "No, I mean your eyes!" Spike said. "Nothing."

School Dinners: *w/c 24th March 2025*

WEEK 3

WEEK COMMENCING 24 March

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

MY SCHOOL MENU AUTUMN/WINTER 2024–25

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Margherita pizza, Soya Milk Gluten diced potatoes & crunchy vegetables	Jacket potato, cheese Milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Pasta shell Bolognese, Gluten Mustard Soya Fish garlic bread Soya Milk Gluten & sweetcorn	Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur dioxide OR Plant-based sausage Soya Sulphur dioxide mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	MSC Fish fingers Gluten Fish, tomato ketchup, chips, beans or minted Garden peas
OPTION 2					
PUDDING	Strawberry Ice Cream Tub Milk	Raspberry swirl muffin Egg Gluten	Chocolate ice cream roll Soya Milk Egg Gluten & chocolate sauce Milk	Butterscotch tart Milk Gluten	Easter Crispy Cake with mini Egg Gluten

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Arnie's Wraparound Care Breakfast Club

I wanted to write to everyone to discuss the current paid Arnie's Breakfast club offer, run from 7.45am to 8.50am. For many years we have subsidised this club to allow parents time to get to work before the school rush. We know many parents rely upon this club and it's start time to access work opportunities.

The Department for Education's new '30 minutes Free breakfast club' plan does not cover the food or staffing costs incurred with our current wraparound care offer. Currently we are running at a loss and had planned to increase this club from £3.50 to £4.00 a session to ensure we could continue to offer these places.

As we don't want to stop offering care from 7.45am and don't want parents to feel like they are not benefiting from the 'free breakfast club' we have decided to cap the current cost at £3.50, scrapping the planned increase. We are protecting the current price so that everyone benefits from the free breakfast club in some way. The food and activities on offer at Arnie's paid breakfast club are more extensive in comparison to the free club offer and as the earlier start time allows people to get to work on time, we feel we are doing the best we can for everyone.

In comparison to other schools in the local area, our costs are still very low, and the care provided by our team is of a very high standard. For those of you who currently use this care, things will not be changing. Continue to bring your child to school via the library, where they will get their breakfast and quality care.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office in the first instance.

New books courtesy of the Book Bus

We would just like to thank parents/carers for supporting the recent visit by the Book Bus. Due to the amount spent on the day, the Book Bus donated £170 worth of books to school.

Thank you again!!!

School Clubs for the Summer Term

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

- ***Half Term 1: 4 weeks from w/c 28th April – w/c 19th May***

- ***Half Term 2: 4 weeks from w/c 9th June – w/c 30th June***

Please register your child's interest by completing the form (Link to application form) by ***Sunday 30th March at the very latest****. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.*

We will inform you by Thursday 3rd April whether your child has been successful.

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

School Clubs – Summer Term 2024/25

Dates: Half Term 1: 4 weeks from w/c 28th April – w/c 19th May
Half Term 2: 4 weeks from w/c 9th June – w/c 30th June

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places/ ways to take part:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Craft Club	Mrs Slater	3.30-4.15pm	F2	15	The Den
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield	3.30-4.15pm	F2-Y6	30	Class 2C
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y4-6	30	Reception
Tuesday	Year 6 Maths Booster (in 2F)	Miss Dibley	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome - just turn up	N/A
	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Rathore	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	15	Class 2B
	Girls' Football	Mr Robinson/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	30	Class 2F
	Gardening Club	Mrs Hopewell/ Mrs Humphrey/Mrs Carter	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	Same group as Spring term – no need to reapply (starts 22nd April)	Foundation
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	Same group as Spring term – no need to reapply	Reception
Wednesday	Boccia	Mrs Greentree/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	Same group as Spring term – no need to reapply	Main Reception
Thursday	Year 6 English Booster (in 2E)	Mr Phillips-Alexander	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome - just turn up	N/A
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3.30-3.30pm	Y3/4	Same group as Spring term – no need to reapply	Reception
	Boys' Football (starts after February half term)	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	Same group as Spring term – no need to reapply	Class 2C
	Book Club	Mrs Stones/Mrs Gibbs	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-3	15	Class 2F
	Quilling Craft	Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	Year 4	8	Class 2D
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

Football

Girls' Football v Willow Farm

This week saw our first Girls' Football match of the year. The team consists of 3 players with some experience and 6 that have zero experience but want to play.

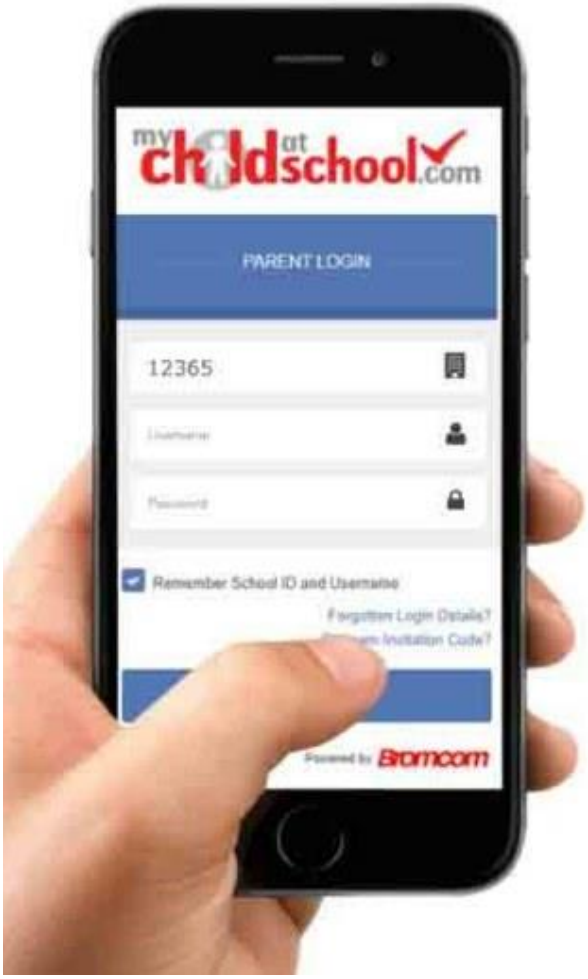
Those that watched the game can honestly say you wouldn't have realised they've never played together before. We lost 3-2 against Willow Farm but the performance and dedication to represent the school was excellent. A great game of football to watch and they made us incredibly proud.

Player of the match: *Layla F. The fearless goalkeeper made sure we only lost by 1. Every adult on that field came away knowing they watched something special. Watch out Mary Earps, Layla is coming for the England goalie shirt!*

Boys' Football v St John the Baptist School

This week saw our first Boys' Football match of the year. They were absolutely brilliant and we won a tightly contested match 2-1 against a very good St Johns Baptist side. The teams attitude was fantastic and well done to Lewis W for a fantastic brace. We would like to thank all the support from the parent/carers and can't wait for our next fixture next week which is at home to St Wilfrids on Tuesday and away to Richard Bonington on Thursday. Well done Team Arnold Mill!

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.

REGISTER NOW!

My Child at School

Please email
office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk
to request a registration email for our new parent app, 'My Child at School (MCAS)' if you haven't already registered
(Please check your junk folder for the registration email)

SIMS Parent is no longer being used by us.

Festival of Faiths Mini Fair: *Wednesday 2nd April 2025 (3.15 – 4.30pm) - free entry, all welcome!*

Foundation 2 Fundraising event, all proceeds are in aid of a school trip and/or outdoor resources for F2. Raffle Tickets (yellow) and blue tokens can be purchased via ParentPay. Join us for:

- *Food from around the world (2+ tokens depending on your purchase choice)*
- *Henna tattoos (2 tokens)*
- *Face painting (3 tokens)*
- *Cakes, soft drinks and treats (no nuts please) (2+ tokens depending on your purchase choice)*
- *Toys (2+ tokens depending on your purchase choice)*

- *Plants (2 tokens)*
- *Games (2 tokens)*
- *Raffle (£1 per ticket – small prize/gift every time)*
- *and more….*

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*As at previous fairs this one will be cashless - **blue tokens** are available to pre-purchase via ParentPay and will also be on sale at the Fair on the day (purchase by debit or credit card). Tokens are 50p each.*

*We have some lovely prizes up for grabs (donations of additional Raffle prizes or items for the Festival would also be greatly appreciated). **Raffle tickets** are £1 and can be purchased via ParentPay.*

Pre-purchase blue tokens and yellow raffle tickets will be available for collection at the school office from noon on Tuesday 25th March. The "draw" will take place at the end of the Festival of Faiths Fair. Winning numbers will be published on the school Facebook Page and in the school weekly newsletter.

If you are able to help with/at the Festival please contact Mrs Hussain via the school office.

Thank you for supporting this event.

ARNOLD MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Festival of Faiths

stalls include

*food from around the world
*henna *face painting * raffle
*cakes, soft drinks & treats
*toys *plants *games

2 April 2025
3.15 - 4.30PM

Free Entry

RAFFLE TICKETS AND BLUE FAIR TOKENS AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY

WE WOULD WELCOME ANY DONATIONS FOR PRIZES ETC

Easter Raffle

The PTFA are organising the traditional Easter raffle, there are lots of lovely prizes up for grabs.

- *Raffle tickets are £1 and are available to purchase via ParentPay*
- *Pre-purchase raffle tickets will be available for collection from the school office from noon on 25th March*
- *Donations of additional raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office*
- *The "big draw" will take place on 4th April*
- *Winning numbers will be published on the PTFA Facebook Page and in the school weekly newsletter.*

***There will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY** on Friday 28th March we are having a non-uniform day in support of the Easter raffle. If your child would like to come to school in their ordinary clothes they will need to bring a chocolate or bottle donation for the Fair.*

They would welcome donations of:

- new and unused bottle - bubble bath, cordial, pop, alcohol etc Adults please carry the alcohol (or any glass bottles) into school as we do not want to put any child at risk.

- a box, grab bag , Easter egg or bar of chocolate

Internet and Digital Safety

Community News

Emmanuel Church Arnold
BRICK BY BRICK
A LEGO EVENT, FREE, FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY TOGETHER
LEGO SETS
REFRESHMENTS
DUPLO CORNER
10:30AM-12PM
2 FURLONG AVENUE, ARNOLD NG5 7AP
DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR
15TH MARCH
19TH APRIL
17TH MAY
20TH JUNE
26TH JULY
BOOK YOUR SPACE HERE!
18TH OCTOBER
19TH SEPTEMBER
15TH NOVEMBER
20TH DECEMBER
CONTACT J EMMA
JEMMABALDRY@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK

YOU ARE INVITED
Family Easter Trail
18 April Good Friday
10am-12pm
Free
Follow the clues to find an egg
Crafts, games and refreshments
The Easter story
St Paul's, Daybrook
Church Drive
Daybrook NG5 6JD
SPD KIDS & YOUTH
spd.church
ST PAUL'S & ST TIMOTHY'S DAYBROOK

Previously Published Articles

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.*

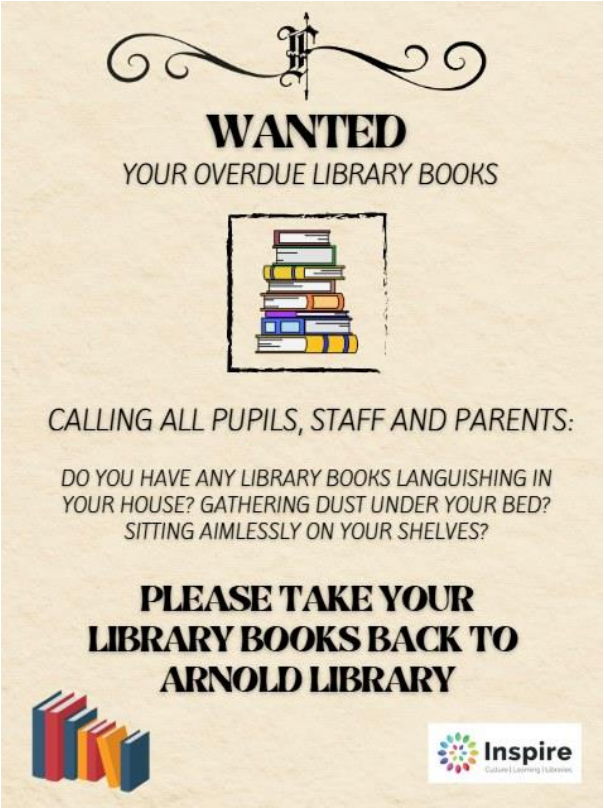
We are confident that this change will enhance the learning experience and lead to a greater understanding and enjoyment of spelling. If you have any questions or would like more information about the new scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

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).

PTFA Fundraising Update

We wanted to give you an update on the well-attended Christmas Fair that took place on Friday 29th November. We raised a fabulous ***£1,993.86*** *which will be money that will be used to benefit the children of Arnold Mill Primary School. We wanted to thank everyone for their contributions towards making the fair a success. This includes the School staff and PTFA members who volunteered time to run a stall at the fair, and all the PTFA and School volunteers who helped in the lead up and organisation. It also includes the whole school community for your generous donations with the bottle and chocolate non-uniform day, the rainbow-coloured class hampers, baking donations and attending the fair on the day.*

We have included some pictures of the amazing hampers that were raffled off as prizes with our rainbow-coloured class donations, as well as the pictures of our fabulous bake-off entries. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners and bake-off winners – we hope you enjoyed your prizes 😊

We always appreciate any help you can give, so if you want to get involved, email us on friendsofarnoldmill@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk *or contact us on* Facebook*. Keep an eye out to see what else we're planning and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fair on Friday 27th June!*

Sent on behalf of Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA

Arnold Mill
Bake Off
Entries

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

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.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Year 5 & 6 Team.

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

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

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Helping your child with maths

Hello all,

After Parents Evening it has become apparent that there are a number of adults that would like to support their children further at home. For this reason we are exploring how we can best equip you with the resources and skills and would like to gather the thoughts of the school community. We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete this quick questionnaire (it will take no longer than 2 minutes).

Link to form

Thank you,

Mr Robinson and Miss Dibley - Team Maths

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would like to express a big thank you for your ongoing support with the introduction of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunchtime at our school. We are delighted with the positive impact it is having so far and your support has been instrumental with this.

As we continue to expand OPAL, we are in need of more equipment to further enrich the play experience. Please see our new OPAL Bingo Card with examples of equipment that would support us going forward. As well as the below equipment we are always looking for scooters, helmets, material and skipping ropes.

The first class to complete their bingo card will receive an extra playtime. Please give any equipment to your child's class teacher or, if unsure, speak to the office.

Many Thanks,

Mr Hewlett, Mr Phillips-Alexander, Mrs Bullen, Mrs Tomlinson (The OPAL Play Team).

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

Car Park

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

Many thanks

A message from Carla Rose

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING

Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

I have worked as a Teaching Assistant at Arnold Mill for 12 years and in more recent years I have gained my level 4 Diploma in Counselling and have worked as School Counsellor alongside my TA role. I have now decided to make counselling my sole career, but I will still be working very closely with Arnold Mill.

I will be available to carry out 1-1 private counselling, should you feel your child may need support and encouragement for any concerns that you, or they, may have. This could be for bereavement/loss, stress and anxiety or trauma; or you may just feel that talking to an independent Counsellor, other than a family member or friend, would benefit your child.

The sessions will be carried out in the Den where I have a dedicated counselling room which is a comfortable, safe environment, so your child can express their thoughts and feelings confidentially through creativity and talking, with no judgement.

I am very passionate about how important therapy is for children at a young age as this helps to set them up for a positive response to therapy later in life.

At present I'm available on Wednesday afternoons. Please don't hesitate to contact me at carlarosecounselling@gmail.com should you require any advice, further information or details of the costs.

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

Useful information

Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk
- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme - help with cost towards medication
- Headlice - how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading - Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.

PE Timetable

Here are the PE slots for each class:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WRAPAROUND CARE AT ARNOLD MILL

ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY FROM 7.45AM

- £3.25 per session - food included
- No need to book - just turn up (please ensure you keep your ParentPay account up to date*)
- Is included as part of our nursery 30 hour childcare provision.

MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

- £12 per session - light tea provided
- Must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay*. Cut off time for booking 12noon on the day.

*Payment accepted for both clubs via Government Tax Free Childcare along with other schemes

(Please inform us if you wish to pay via any of these schemes)

0115 966 7930 during school hours

07*** ****** during school hours

office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

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.

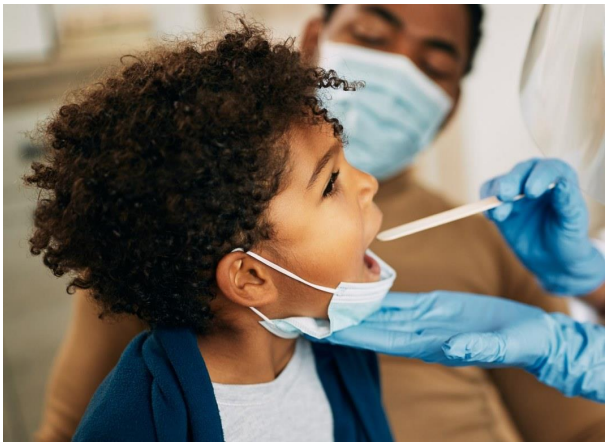
Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

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

2024/2025

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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

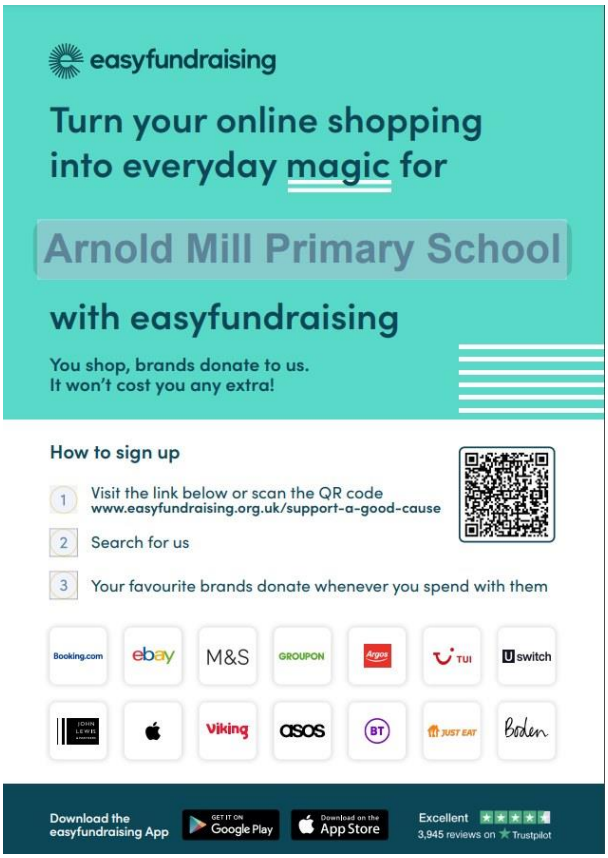
Friday 4th July 2025

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