



21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has gone in a flash and next week is set to be a busy one too: the NHS team will be visiting on Tuesday to carry out the annual children's Flu Vaccinations (for those who have opted in), we look forward to welcoming our 2A parents/carers in for the Class Assembly on Thursday. And of course it is our Christmas Fair week, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to join as for the fun and a BIG thank you for all of your donations and support.

We would like to say congratulations, and thank you, to Bravery who won the Inspire Libraries Dream Treehouse Competition, not only winning a prize for himself but £100 worth of books for the school library. Well done!

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



Calendar



November

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](#)

Weds 26 Nov - Tues 2nd Dec - Scholastic Book Fair ([Link to posters](#))

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

Fri 28th - Christmas Fair and Raffle ([Christmas Fair](#)) ([Christmas Cashpot](#)) ([colour hampers](#)) ([Elfridges](#))

Fri 28th - Arnold Mill Bake Off competition ([Bakeoff Competition](#))

December

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

Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)

Fri 5th- Year 3 visit to 'The Christmas Experience' - Arnold Methodist Church ([link to letter](#))

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](#)) ([glitter tattoo](#))

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

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 - F1 Christmas Party ([link to letter](#))

Thur 18th - F2 Christmas Party ([link to letter](#))

Thur 18th - KS1 Christmas Party ([link to letter](#))

Fri 19th - KS2 Christmas Party ([link to letter](#))

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)

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

Thurs 16th - Fri 17th - Year 2 Residential (venue to be agreed)

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

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

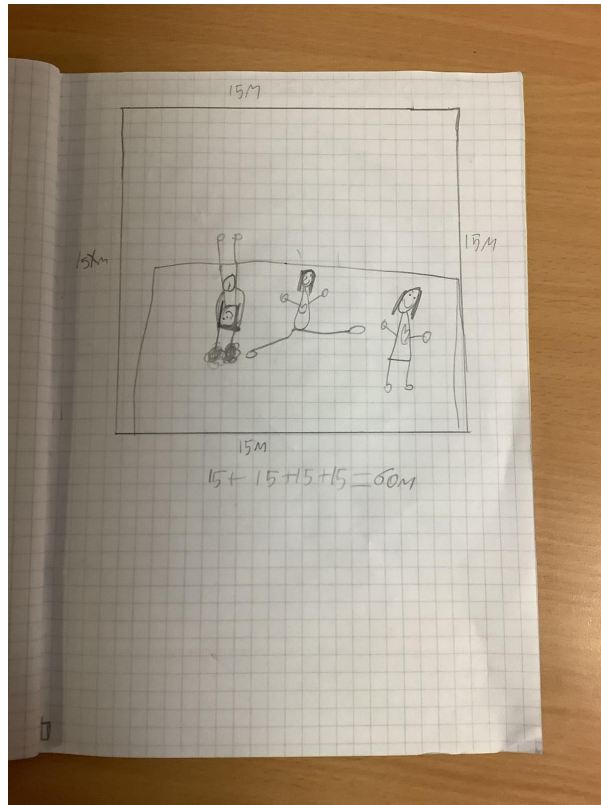
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 School Holidays	 Public Holidays	 Administration Day Monday 1 st September
Autumn Term 1 September - 17 October 7 weeks 3 November - 19 December 7 weeks	 Inset Days Tuesday 2 nd September Monday 5 th January Friday 3 rd July Monday 27 th July	
Spring 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		

Dinner Menus - w/c 24th November

Winter Menu 2025-26					
Week Commencing: 24 th November					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Cheesy pasta parcels <small>Gluten Egg Milk</small> in a tomato and basil sauce with garlic bread <small>Gluten Soya Milk</small>	Vegetarian sausage roll <small>Soya Milk Gluten</small> Jacket wedges, baked beans & sweetcorn	Chicken Enchiladas <small>Gluten Milk</small> with rice & salsa <small>Sesame</small>	Thanksgiving Special Lunch: Roast Turkey, potatoes, carrots, broccoli & gravy <small>Happy Thanksgiving</small>	Fishcake cob <small>Gluten Fish Sesame</small> with lemon mayonnaise <small>Egg Sulphur Dioxide</small> Oven chips & 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	Classic iced 'School Cake' <small>Egg Gluten Milk</small>	pinwheel Cookie <small>Gluten</small>	Donuts <small>Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame</small>	Spice Apple Crumble <small>Gluten</small> with Custard <small>Milk</small>	Chocolate Brownie <small>Gluten</small>

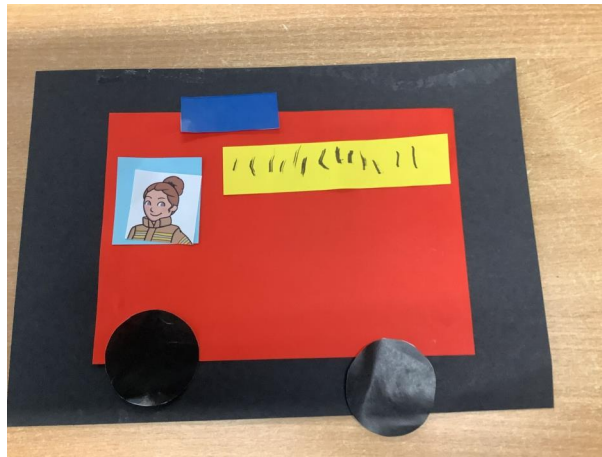
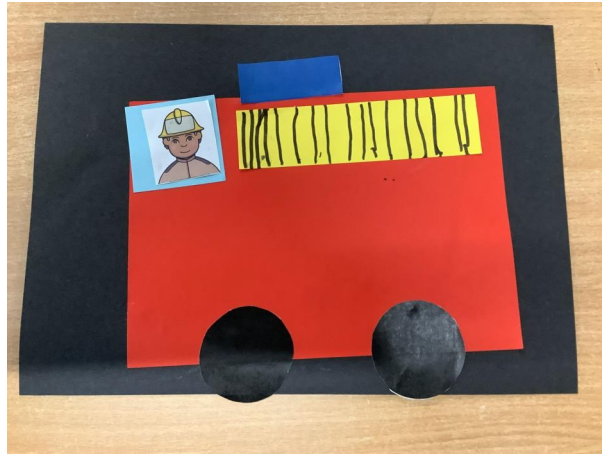
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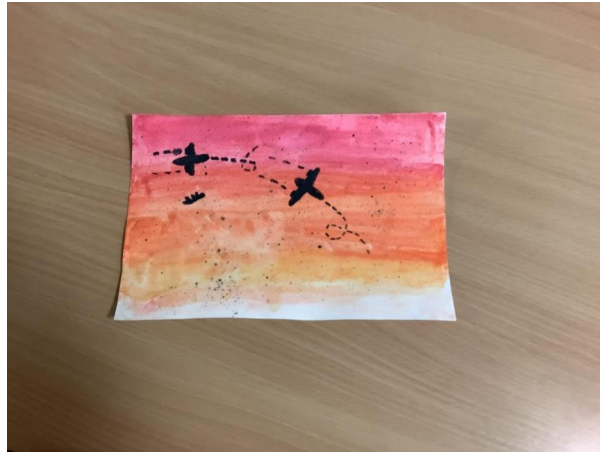










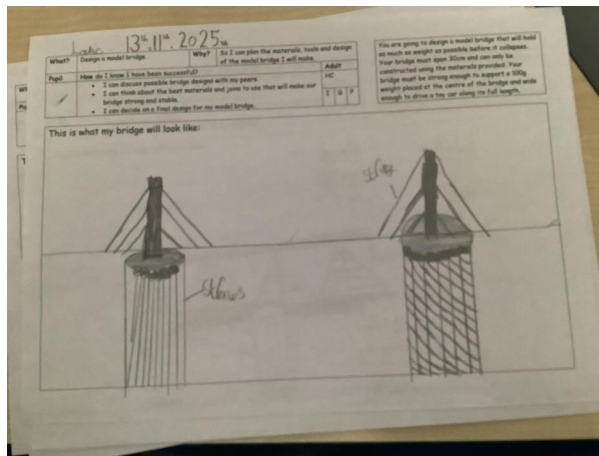
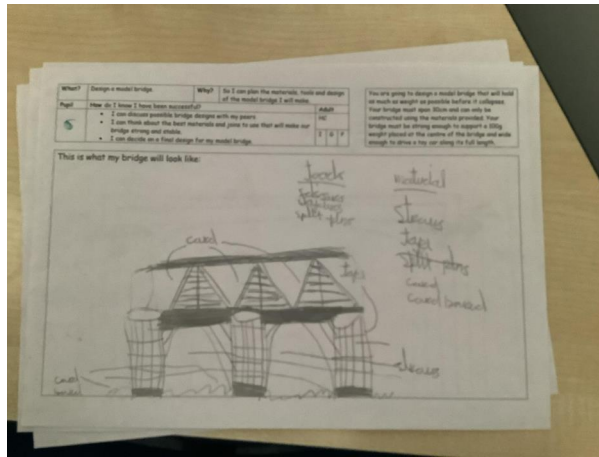
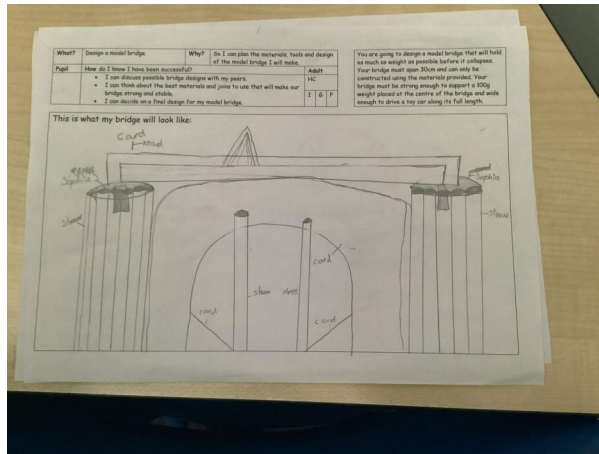


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What?	Design a model bridge.	Why?	So I can plan the materials, tools and design of the model bridge I will make.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can discuss possible bridge designs with my peers. I can think about the best materials and parts to use that will make our bridge strong and stable. I can decide on a final design for my model bridge. 		NC TGP

You are going to design a model bridge that will hold as much as weight as possible before it collapses. Your bridge must span 30cm and can only be constructed using the materials provided. Your bridge must be strong enough to support a 100g weight placed at the centre of the bridge and wide enough to drive a toy car along its full length.

This is what my bridge will look like:





Charging for After School Clubs

After years of fighting off budget pressures, we have had to make the difficult decision of charging for after activity and sports school clubs from January 2026.

This is not a decision that was taken lightly, however due to ever increasing costs and decreasing funding we have been left with no choice.

To keep charges as low as possible, we will be charging £10 per half term (4 sessions).

If clubs are cancelled by us for any reason, we will try to rearrange another session that half term to compensate. If this isn't possible, we will either refund or transfer the session amount of £2.50 to your MCAS account.

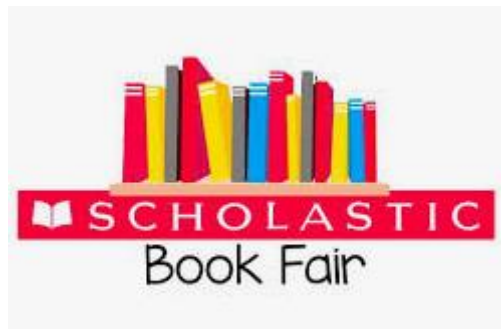
If your child cannot make a session for any reason, unfortunately we are not able to refund as the place won't be reallocated and the club will still be running.

Children will be able to sign up to as many clubs as they wish after school. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and registration will be via MCAS.

A letter will be sent out over the coming weeks giving details of January's clubs so please keep an eye out!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Scholastic Book Fair



This year is the return of the book fair!

In the past we have raised over £800 pounds in free books for the school. The money has been used to buy books for guided reading, the library and individual classes. It has benefitted every child in the school. We hope that, with your help, we can be just as successful this year.

There will be a huge selection of books for all ages including new titles written by a host of popular authors. There are offers and competitions for children to enter and a selection of affordable stationery. Plenty for the children to choose from and lots of ideas for Christmas!

The book fair will come to school on 26th November and will be with us until 2nd December.

Opening times are:

Weds 26th Nov: 3.30-4.00pm

Thurs 27th Nov-Mon 1st Dec: 8.30-9.00am & 3.30-4.00pm

Tues 2nd Dec: 8.30-9.00am

Located in the lobby area (via the main entrance)

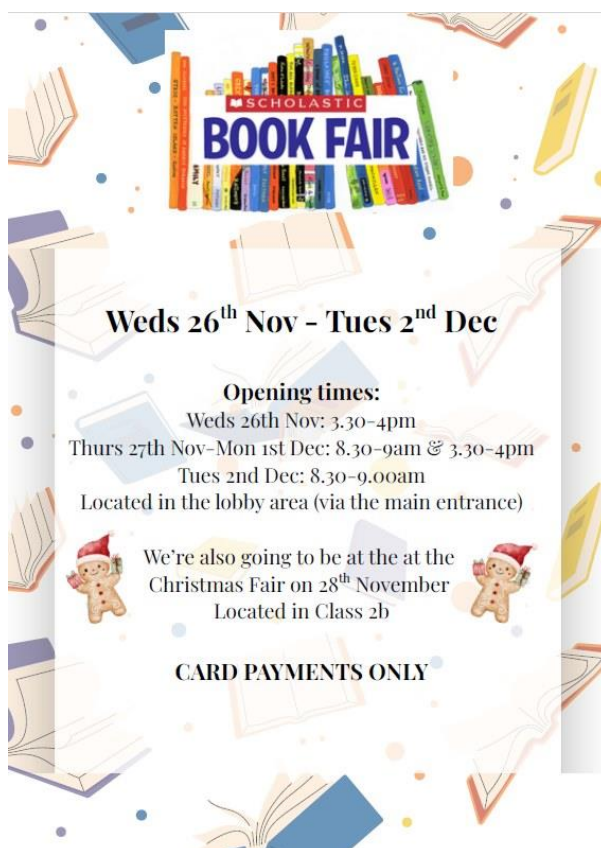
We're also going to be at the at the Christmas Fair on 28th November (located in Class 2b).

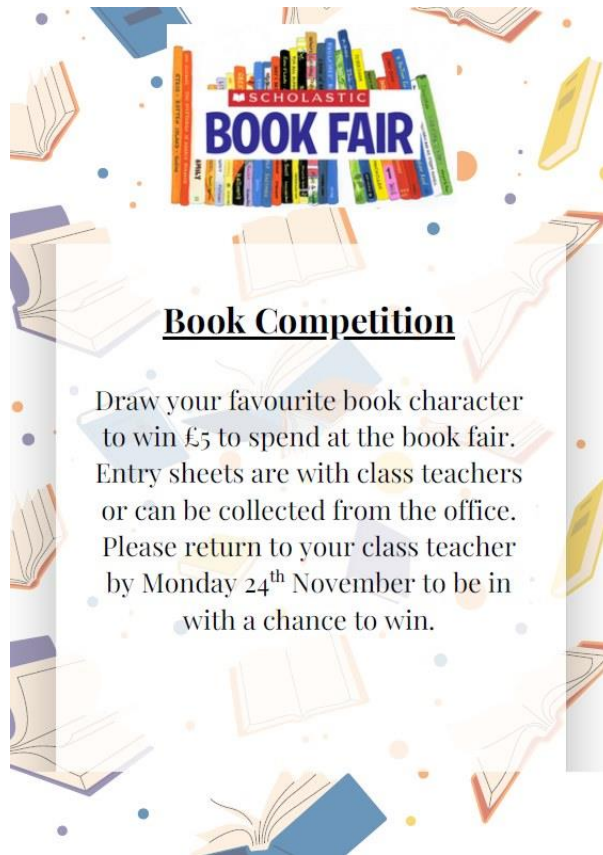
Please note that the book fair is card payments only

If you are unable to attend, you can purchase books online or order books through us.

Go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> for details of the top titles that will be on offer.

We look forward to seeing you from 26th November – 2nd December.





FRIENDS OF ARNOLD MILL PTFA

Christmas Fair - 28th November - 3.30–5.30pm - Free entry, all welcome!

Arnold Mill Christmas Fair

It's only a few days to go to the Christmas Fair! We have a lot of competitions and requests for donations – we know it is an expensive time of year for everyone so please do not worry if you are unable to contribute to this.

Some of the stalls include:

- *Tokens, raffle ticket and cash pot entries*
- *Scholastic Book Fair*

- *Santa's Grotto*
 - *Elfridges (Parents Keep Out)!*
 - *Goody Bags*
 - *Tombolas, Games and Competitions*
 - *Bar selling Baileys Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine and Beer (token, cash and card sale accepted)*
 - *Toys and Games stall (token, cash and card sales accepted)*
 - *The Big Christmas Raffle - Prizes include the wonderful rainbow hampers collected by each class, tickets to Light Post Farm, and Tickets to the Christmas performance at Lakeside Arts.*
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Key Dates:

Wed 26th November

- *Deadline for Goody Bag Competition entries*
 - *Last chance to purchase your raffle tickets via MCAS*
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Thurs 27th

- *Deadline for class Rainbow Raffle Donations*
 - *Last chance to purchase your blue tokens via MCAS*
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Fri 28th

- *Bake Off Competition entries close at 10am – please bring entries to Main Reception*
 - *Last chance to purchase your Christmas Cashpot entries via MCAS*
 - **CHRISTMAS FAIR** – 3.40-5.30pm – please enter through Main Reception. Free entry, all welcome - spread the word, let's make this the best Christmas Fair ever!!!!
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For Information:

- **Millie's After School Club** will run as normal but will be located in Classroom 2D. If the children have blue tokens they will be able to spend them at the Christmas Fair (they will be escorted by the staff from Millie's).
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How can you help:

- *Running a stall on the day*
 - *Donations of bottles of wine*
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A massive thank you everyone that has given donated items or time. You are amazing, and we couldn't do this without you.

Looking ahead to next year; we always welcome help and donations, so please get in touch with the Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA (friendsofarnoldmill@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk) if:

- *you are a business owner or your employer would be generous enough to select us as their chosen charity and either (a) offer a charity match funding scheme (b) have a volunteering scheme and are willing to allow employees to volunteer in school with a project (eg, at a fundraising event, gardening, refurbishing our noticeboards etc. or*

(c) donate/sponsor new banners to advertise future Summer and Christmas Fairs and events).

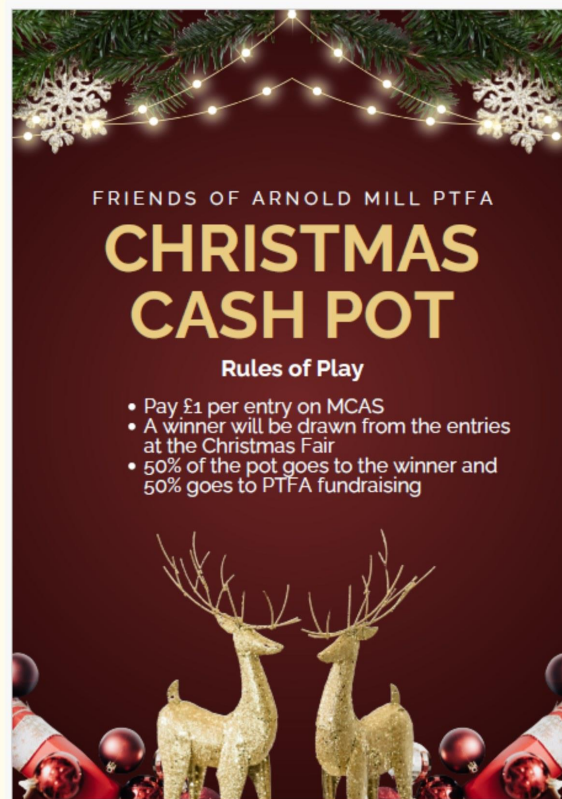
- If you are interested in helping with future events, can spare some time (either regularly or every now and then)*

Don't forget, the PTFA is open to current parents, guardians, carers, and school staff (we also welcome grandparents, other family members, or community members). We would love to involve as many of you as possible in our ongoing efforts to support our school. All funds we raise are used to help the children of Arnold Mill Primary.

Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA

Charity No 1045971









1 - We are also seeking donations of Christmas decorations.

Our Christmas Fair is cash free, instead we sell blue tokens (for £1 you will receive two blue tokens worth 50p each) which can be spent at the various stalls (for example, a tombola ticket may be 3 tokens).

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- *Blue tokens are available to pre-purchased tokens via MCAS. These can be collected from the school office (by an adult) – please allow 24 hours to enable your transaction to be processed.*
 - *At lunchtime on the day of the Christmas Fair any uncollected, pre-purchased tokens and raffle tickets will be taken to your child's class (to go into their bookbag).*
 - *Tokens can also be purchased at the Christmas Fair (the queue at that stall can get quite long which is why we recommend that you purchase them in advance via MCAS).*
 - *Please note – some stalls at the Christmas Fair are run by external providers, they have the option to accept cash, card payments (they may or may not accept blue tokens).*
 - *Unused tokens can either be saved for the Summer Fair or returned to the school office by 31st January for a refund*
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Breakfast with Santa

Tickets now available on MCAS.



Christmas Discos

This is being organised by Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA to raise funds for the school.

** Advance Tickets - £3.50 via your child's MCAS account until 3.00pm on Disco day*

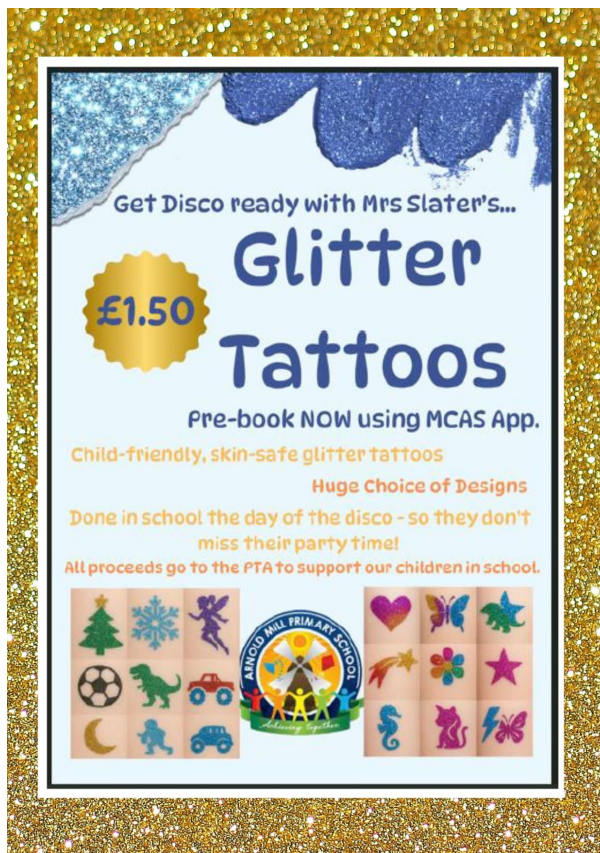
** At the door - £4 cash payment (payable at the school office after 3pm on the day)*

Admission price includes a biscuit and unlimited water or juice.

We will NOT be issuing tickets to keep costs down, MCAS will give us an attendance list so we will just tick the children off as they come in, this also allows us to keep track of numbers for fire regulations and for the staff to know which children to escort from their class to the Disco at the end of the school day.

*After the disco children should be collected from their normal classroom (approx 4.30pm).
Children booked to go to Millie's will be escorted there by a member of staff.*





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.

Community Notices



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:

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- [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



Physical Education

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)*



 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>

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