

27th September 2024



Thank you ever so much to everyone who came into Rock Star day on Tuesday. The children loved doing their maths with you.

We have simplified this newsletter. We are continuing to put links to letters regarding events within the calendar section below, but we are no longer going to include a copy of the letter within the main body of the newsletter, so please keep an eye on the calendar section for anything relevant to your child(ren). This will shorten the newsletter considerably and hopefully make it easier to follow.

Have a super weekend,

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



Please use the links below for more information about each event

September

Mon 30th - 2C Library visit

October

Tues 1st - 1C Library visit

Weds 2nd - 2B Library visit

Tues 8th - 1B Library visit

Tues 8th, Weds 9th & Thurs 10th - Parents' Evenings (Link to letter)

Thurs 10th - Year 5 Harvest Festival to parents (Link to letter).

Fri 11th - Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Meeting (Link to poster)

Weds 16th - 2A Library visit

Mon 21st October - Friday 1st November - School Holidays

November

Thurs 7th - *Photographer in school for individual photos*

Mon 11th - F2A/2D Library visit

Fri 8th - KS2 Be Internet Legends Assembly by Google (Link to letter)

Tues 12th - F2B/2E Library visit

Weds 13th - Year 5/6 Viking day (Link to letter)

Weds 20th - F1/2F Library visit

Weds 20th - Year 3/4 - Stoneage Day (Details to follow)

Thurs 28th - 2A Assembly to parents (Details to follow)

Tues 26th - Flu immunisation team in school

Fri 29th - Christmas Fair

December

Thurs 5th - Computing celebration assembly to parents

Tues 10th - Book Bus in school

Weds 11th - Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

January

Mon 6th - Pupils return to school for Spring Term

February

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term Holidays

March

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

April

Monday 7th - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

May

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

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Half Term Holidays

June

July

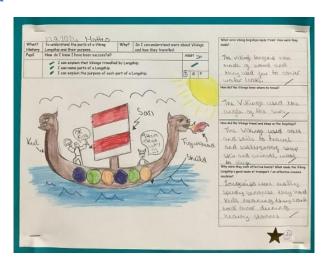
Fri 4th - Inset Day (School closed)

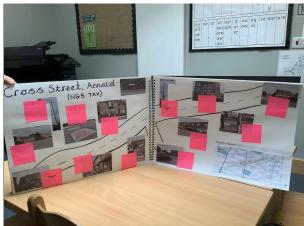
Thurs 10-Fri 11th - Year 2 Camp

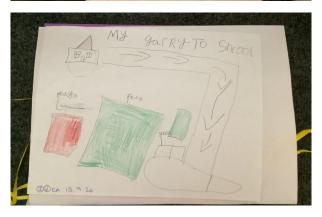
Fri 25th - Last day of term for children

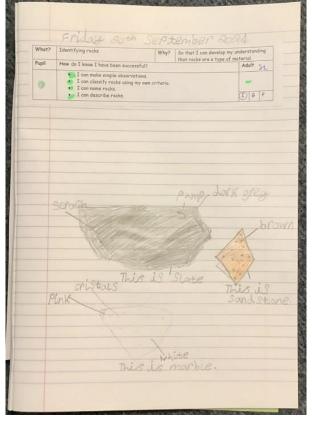
Mon 28th & Tues 29th - Inset Days (School closed)

Children's Work









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School Clubs



We are asking parents to register their children for the clubs which will run in the next half term. These clubs are detailed on the next page and will run from w/c 4th November 2025 and will run for 4 weeks. Please note that we are not running after school clubs for children in foundation this term. There may be clubs available later in the year for children in F2.

Please register your child's interest by completing the form (Link to application form) by **Friday 4th October 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 Friday 11th October 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 - Autumn Term 2024/25

Dates: w/c 4th November – w/c 25th Novem

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places/ ways to take part:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Running Club	Mrs Greentree/Mrs Stones	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	30	Main Reception
	Recorder Club	Mrs Nunley/Mrs Carter	3.30-4.15pm	Y-3-6	15	Class 2c
Tuesday	Year 6 Maths Booster (in 2F) (Starts 1" October)	Miss Dibley	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome	N/A
	Board Games Club	Mrs Rathore/Miss Newton	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	12	Class 2b
	Knitting Club	Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	6	TBC
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	By Invitation	Main Reception
	Glockenspiel and Xylophone Club	Mr Phillips-Alexander/ Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	14	Class 2e
Wednesday	Boccia	Mrs Greentree/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	KS2	By Invitation	Main Reception
Thursday	Year 6 English Booster (in 2E) (Starts 3 ¹³ October)	Mr Phillips-Alexander	8.15-8.50am	Y6	All Y6 welcome	N/A
	Book Club	Mrs Stones/Mrs Gibbs	3.30-4.30pm	Y1-3	25	Class 2f
	Boys' football (girls' football club will take place later in the year)	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	15	Class 2c
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y3/4	By Invitation	Main Reception
	Choir Club	Mrs Oldfield	3.30-4.15pm	F2-Y6	30	Class 2c
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

Reading at Home



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for the incredible support you have shown in promoting a love for reading among our pupils. Your involvement has a profound impact on children's growth and development. To further support with reading at home we would like to remind you of our school policy. Please see below:

Reading at Home

Foundation stage

Children in Foundation stage will choose a share at home picture book. Once the children are ready, they will also bring home a reading book that matches their phonic ability as well as a Read!Write! book. Their share at home and reading book will be changed on their book change day. The Read!Write! book will be changed on Friday. Please read with your child at least **three times a week** and sign their diaries so that they can work towards their reading pins. Reading could include bedtime stories as well as the books they bring home from school.

Key Stage One

Children in KS1 have two reading books. Their Read! Write! book and a share at home book. During the week they will have been learning to read their Read! Write! book so that they can read this to you with confidence and expression. Their share at home book is one you can read together. Both books will be changed on a Friday. Please read at least **three times a week**. When you have read with your child please write it in their diaries, then they can work towards their reading pins. We'd also love to know what you are reading for pleasure, so feel free to share that with us in their diaries as well.

Key Stage Two

Children in KS2 will be coming home with two books; one book is a book of their choice; the other is an allocated Banded Reading Book (chosen to stretch their reading ability, it will be easy to spot as it will have a bright, coloured sticker on the spine). The banded book is selected after a one-to-one assessment and plays a vital role in tailoring your child's reading experience, ensuring they are matched with appropriate content that aligns with their skill level. Please read the **banded book** with the sticker with your child for 5–10 minutes at least **three times** a week so that they can earn their reading pins (please also record this in their Reading Diary because it will help your child achieve green cards weekly).

The other book can be reading for pleasure at any other time and does not form part of our reward policy for reading.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Shaun Hewlett - Deputy Head Teacher

Midday Supervisor Vacancy



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Our lunchtime team is looking for a new member starting November 2024!

The working hours are Monday to Friday 11.45am to 1.00pm term time only

For more information and the application pack please ask at the office or email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

Closing date Friday 11th October 2024

Harvest Festival Donations



This year we are supporting the Arnold Food Bank, we are therefore inviting children to bring donations of tinned or dried food with a reasonable expiry date. Please take all donations in to your Childs classroom by Wednesday 9th October.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Children in year 5 will be taking part in a harvest assembly, with their parents invited (link to letter)



Secondary School Admission Applications: *Deadline 31st October* 2024



Secondary school applications are open for admisson in September 2025, you need to apply before 31

October 2024.

Applying online is quick and easy.

Parents sometimes think that selecting just one school will ensure that a place is allocated but that is not the case. It is important that you make use of all four preferences and apply on time for a better chance of being offered a preferred school. Please check carefully the admissions criteria of each school you are considering because they are not all the same.

If there are no places available at your preferred school, an alternative offer may be made but this is not automatically the catchment or nearest school. Places will be offered at the next closest school with places available after all on-time applications have been processed. This may mean your child could be allocated to a school some distance from where you live.

Use the link below to apply and for more information on secondary school applications for September 2025.

If your home address is within Nottinghamshire County Council boundaries:

<u>Link to Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions</u>

If your home address is within Nottingham City Council boundaries:

Link to Nottingham City Council Admissions

Internet and Digital Safety





Link to clearer version of poster

SEND



SEND Newsletter

Please use the link below to see the latest SEND newsletter.

Link to latest SEND Newsletter



Please use the link below to register to attend the coffee morning on Monday 30th September. All parents are welcome if they feel they would benefit from support with challenging behaviour at home.

Link to form

Free Parent Workshop for parents of children with dyslexia

There is a free parent workshop for any parents about supporting their children with dyslexia ran by the local authority. This is on 26th November 9:30-11:30 and is available to book through this link

Link to registration form

School Dinners: w/c 30th September 2024



Previously Published Articles

Visits to Arnold Library

During the Autumn Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand.

If your child is not already a member of the library, could you please ask your child's class teacher, and we will give you a form to complete to return to school before the date of your child's class visit so that the library has time to process them. If your child already has a library card, could you please send it into school on the day of your child's class visit. Your child will then bring their card home along with their new book after their class has visited the library.

Please find the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Thanks for all your support.

Class	When	Time		
2F	Wednesday 20 th November	10.30am-11.15am		
2E	Tuesday 12 th November	1.30pm-2.30pm		
2D	Monday 11 th November	1.30pm-2.30pm		
2C	Monday 30 th September	1.30pm-2.30pm		
2B	Wednesday 2 nd October	1.30pm-2.30pm		
2A	Wednesday 16 th October	1.30pm-2.30pm		
1C	Tuesday 1st October	1.30pm-2.30pm		
1B	Tuesday 8 th October	1.30pm-2.30pm		
1A	TBC	TBC		
F2A	Monday 11 th November	1.30pm-2.30pm		
F2B	Tuesday 12 th November	1.30pm-2.30pm		
F1	Wednesday 20 th November	10.30am-11.15am		

SIMS Parent App



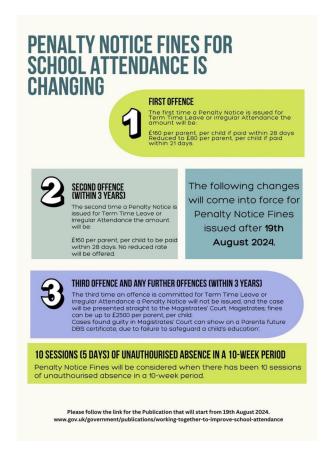
SIMS Parent is a useful way of staying up to date with things that are happening at school. You can also check your child's attendance and keep your address and phone numbers up to date. Everyone should have received an invite at some point but if you haven't had this, please email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk to request a new invitation.

School Attendance: Government changes effective from 19th August 2024

Just a quick reminder that the new Government guidelines have now come into force introducing new measures to tackle the lower rates of attendance which have occurred since the Covid pandemic.

Please see the poster and link below for more information. We will be issuing a new attendance policy in the Autumn term in line with this guidance.

Link to Government Guidance



School Uniform

We have had a lot of parents ordering the new colour logo school uniform and it looks lovely. This will be available on an ongoing basis and can be ordered using this link Link to online shop

Check sizes before ordering - We have a small sample of uniform in the office if you want to check sizes. We would highly recommend you doing this before purchasing, as there have been some issues with regards sizing. Our suppliers are happy to exchange any ill-fitting items, as long as the items are unworn and still with labels attached.

We will also be keeping a small stock of book bags to purchase from the office for £7.95 (card payments only).





Arnold Mill Branded Uniform

We have recently started working with a new uniform provider, Sportstar, who have provided our leavers' hoodies for many years. Our uniform will still also be available from Just Schoolwear in Arnold. However, the new uniform features a colour logo for the same price and the school receives a small commission for each item sold.



Changes to the Behaviour Policy

I am writing to inform you of the changes we have made to our behaviour policy. These changes are part of our ongoing efforts to create a more positive and productive environment for all members of our community. The revised policy aims to promote respect, inclusivity, and accountability, aligning with our core values and commitment to 'Achieving together'. The key changes to the behaviour policy are as follows:

- Children can now earn an 'AMPS Award'. Individual AMPS Awards will be given to children if
 they display any behaviour that reflects a value from the school vision. These are specifically
 for personal achievements or personal growth E.g. being respectful, showing creativity,
 looking out for others, taking responsibility for their own actions and having a go when
 things get tricky.
- 2. House points will be given to children if they display any behaviour that reflects a value from the school vision. These are especially for behaviours that **support the whole school's** wellbeing or environment. E.g. being respectful, working as a team, believing in themselves and others and working with others when things get tricky.
 - 3. Shining Star awards will still be given weekly and linked to our school vision.

- 4. An 'Arnold Mill Warning Card' will be given after all other avenues have been explored. A child will receive an Arnold Mill Warning Card if they break the school rules. The class teacher will contact you and discuss the behaviour we don't want repeating.
- 5. If a child receives a second Arnold Mill Warning Card a member of the Senior Leadership

 Team will contact you.
- 6. If a child receives a third Arnold Mill Warning Card a meeting will be set up in school with the Headteacher and an Individual Behaviour Plan will be created to support your child's educational needs.
- 7. We are no longer using the star system, therefore children will no longer be working towards bronze, silver and gold stars.

The more detailed policy can be found on our website (link to policy).

We have delivered an assembly with the children today and they are all very excited about earning the new rewards. We are very hopeful we won't have to go down the route of warning cards as most unwanted behaviour will be addressed before we get to this point.

Thanks for your continued support.

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

School Payments



Dear Parent/Carer

Just a polite reminder that School dinners, tuck, Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club should be paid in advance via your child's ParentPay Account.

TUCK - should be paid in advance. Please note that from now on children will not be able to order tuck unless their account is in credit (ie, topped up with sufficient funds to pay for the item of tuck item they wish to order.

SCHOOL DINNER - should be paid in advance or on the day.

ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB – should be paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork and notified the school office)

MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - should be booked and paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork)

I wanted to say a big thank you as the majority of our parents are supportive of our no debt stance and pay their bills promptly/in advance. This approach means we can effectively spend our budget on the children's education rather than paying for unnecessary debts incurred (the school has to pay for every meal/breakfast prepared by the kitchen, for staffing/oncosts for breakfast club and after school club along with admin time spent chasing payments).

It also means that we continue to have a positive working relationships our families; of course in extreme circumstances where a debt remains unpaid the school reserves the right to escalate to a debt collection service (and/or where the debt relates to school meals a parent/carer may be required to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared).

Free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - <u>Child Tax Credit</u> (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. For more information please visit https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk or telephone Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80 (you will need your personal details parent/carer national insurance number and date of birth along with the child's details in full, including their date of birth and the school they attend).

All pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2 are entitled to Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), this is different to FSM so if you met the above criteria to claim for Free School Meals we would be grateful if you still apply for the funding as (a) it helps the school access additional funding streams (b) you will not automatically receive Free School Meals when your child moves to Year 3.

Kind Regards

Mrs Oldfield

Parking



We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it. We have also had complaints from people living on Galway Road as people have been parking over dropped curbs and blocking driveways.

As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerately around school and would remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents unless collecting a child from Millie's After School Club **after 5pm**.

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of <u>staff only</u> and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.

Thank you



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!



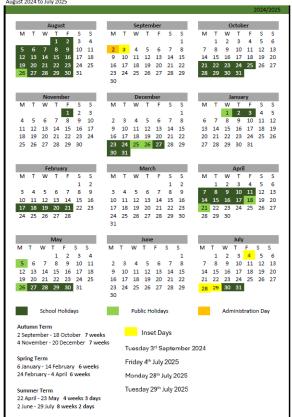
1 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

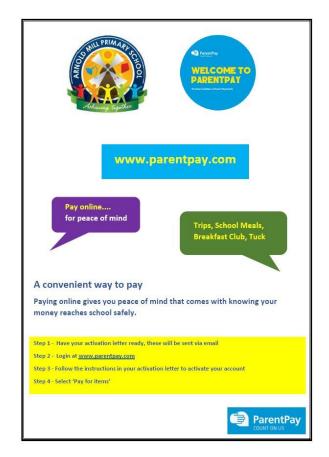
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25 August 2024 to July 2025

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?

- I. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected
- 2. Think about the reducer's interests and infilinations that 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,

 - 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.
 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 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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