



2nd May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've started clubs again this week. The girls' football club played well against Netherfield Primary, it's always good to see the children working together. The clubs have been well attended and we're looking forward to next weeks.

There have been a number of letters going out about events that are coming up, including a sponsored event for F2 - Y6 (with a difference) and a trip for F2 to White Post Farm. Please keep an eye on your emails and newsletters for the latest goings on.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend - see you on Tuesday 6th May!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

Enjoy the sunny days while staying safe and protected!



Always wear sunscreen.



Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher at least 15 minutes before going out. Reapply often.

Wear protective clothing.



Cover up when out in the sunshine. Put on a hat to protect your face and neck.

Wear sunglasses.



Keep your eyes protected with sunglasses that are designed to block UV rays.

Don't stay out in the sun too long.



Limit your time in the sun, especially between 11 AM and 3 PM. Seek shade if you can.

Weather



Our skin can burn even if it's cloudy! Apply sunscreen to protect your skin.

Splish, Splash



Water washes sunscreen off. Sunscreen should be reapplied straight after you have been in water.

Now that the warm weather has arrived I would like to remind parents/carers of our sun protection guidance.

On hot days we will encourage children to wear a hat, drink plenty of water and sit in the shade as required.

- Please make sure your child brings a sun hat/cap and water bottle (marked with their name and class) to school*
 - Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes (no trainers, flip flops or open toed shoes)*
 - **Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended.** If your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a bottle of sun cream (marked with their name), which your child should give to their teacher. Your child will be able to apply the cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member.*
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If your child requires a staff member to assist with applying additional sun cream please email the class teacher to confirm that you give consent for a member of staff to assist your child to apply an additional application of the sun cream you have/will provide.

Calendar



May

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

Thurs 8th - *2c Assembly with parents* ([link to form](#)).

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

Fri 16th May - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* ([link to poster here](#))

Mon 12th - Thurs 16th - Year 6 SATs ([link to SATS Breakfast Club letter](#))

Tues 20th - *Parents reading with their KS1 child* ([link to letter](#))

Thurs 22nd - *Sponsored Wellbeing Event with parents (by House):* ([link to letter](#))

9.40-11.40am - Higginbottom (blue)

1.15-3.15pm - Robinson (yellow)

The Ice Cream van will also be on site ([link to poster](#))

Fri 23rd - *Sponsored Wellbeing Event with parents (by House):* ([link to letter](#))

9.40-11.40am - Stubbins (green)

1.15-3.15pm - Hawksley (red) & Year 4 Stubbins (green) (due to morning swimming lessons)

The Ice Cream van will also be on site ([link to poster](#))

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

June

Weds 4th - *2c visit to Arnold Library*

Tues 10th - *1b visit to Arnold Library*

Weds 11th - *Class Photos*

Weds 18th - *1c visit to Arnold Library*

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

Thurs 12th - *2a visit to Arnold Library*

Fri 13th - *PTFA Ice Cream Friday* [\(link to poster\)](#)

Thurs 19th - *2b visit to Arnold Library*

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

Tues 24th - *1a visit to Arnold Library*

Fri 27th - *Summer Fair*

July

Tues 1st - *Year 1 Carsington Water trip* [\(link to letter here\)](#)

Tues 1st - *F2a & 2e visit to Arnold Library*

Weds 2nd - *Year 6 Transition Day to Redhill*

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)

Tues 8th - *F2b & 2F visit to Arnold Library*

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

Weds 9th - 2d visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 10th-Fri 11th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp ([Link to letter](#)) ([link to presentation](#))

Mon 14th - School reports sent to parents

Mon 14th - New classes for 2025/26 communicated to parents

Tues 15th - Transition day into new classes for children

Tues 15th - Parents meet the new teacher event (after school)

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 ([link to poster](#))

Weds 23rd - PTFA FS2 & KS1 Disco (Provisional - details to follow) and Ice Cream ([link to poster](#))

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

Thurs 24th - PTFA KS2 Disco (Provisional - details to follow) and Ice Cream ([link to poster](#))

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](#))*

March 2026

Tue 24th-Wed 26th - *Year 4 Lea Green residential*

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2025-2026
August 2025 to July 2026



2025/2026

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st September

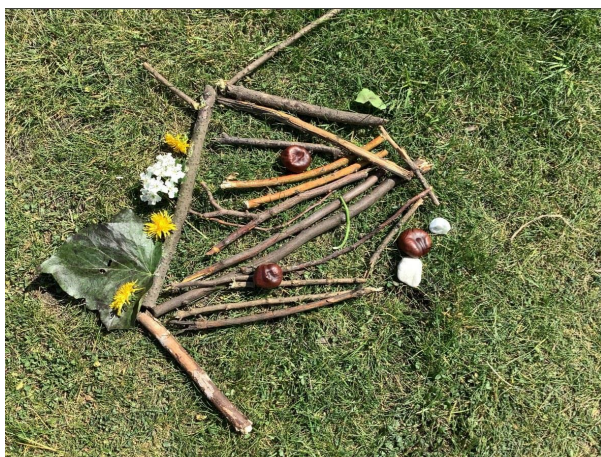
Autumn Term
1 September - 17 October 7 weeks
3 November - 19 December 7 weeks

Inset Days
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 5th January
Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th 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

Children's Work







Monday 28th April 2025

What?	To label parts of the world.	Why?	So I can understand more about the planet.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		Adult
	☒ I can label the invisible lines in an atlas. ☒ I can label the lines. ☒ I can explain why these lines are used.		5/10

Draw and label the following 'invisible' lines on the world map.
Be sure to get them in the right place and don't forget to use a ruler!
Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle, Greenwich Meridian and Prime Meridian.

Lines of Latitude
Lines of latitude are lines that always go top to bottom and are used to measure how far north or south you are from the Equator. They are measured in degrees.

Lines of Longitude
Lines of longitude are lines that go North to South and are used to measure how far East or West you are from the Greenwich Meridian. Lines of longitude are also measured in degrees.

24.4.2025

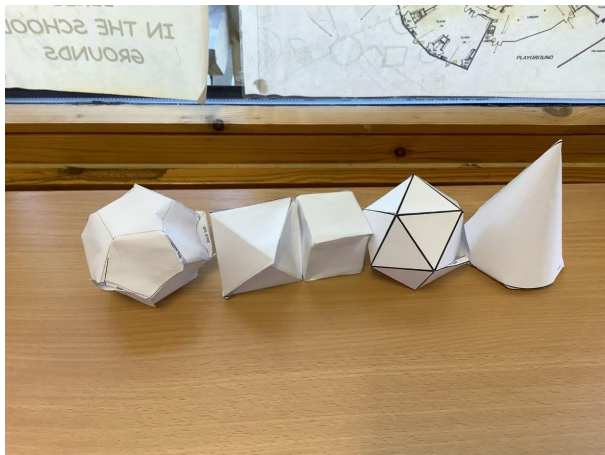
What?	To find out where the Anglo-Saxons came from.	Why?	So I can understand more about British History.
Pupil	How do I know I have been successful?		Adult
	☒ I can use previous knowledge. ☒ I can identify the different tribes that invaded. ☒ I can identify where in England they settled.		5/10

Key

- Angles
- Saxons
- Saxons







School Dinners: w/c 5th May 2025

My School Menu
Spring/Summer 2025

Week 3
Week commencing 5 May

Fakeaway Fridays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Bank Holiday - School Closed	Beef Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken enchiladas Milk Gluten with rice & tomato salsa Sesame	Roast meat of the day filled cob Gluten Sesame (pork or gammon) with jacket wedges & roasted summery vegetables	Hot Dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur dioxide with tomato ketchup, peas & french fries
Option 2		BYO Sandwich Gluten Soya Fillings: cheese milk , ham or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg vegetable sticks, crisps fruit or Frube yogurt milk or	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad		
Pudding		Fruit ice lolly	Strawberry mousse Milk with crushed meringues Egg Milk & raspberry sauce	Jam roly poly Gluten Milk Sulphur Dioxide Egg with custard Milk	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame

 Nottinghamshire
County Council

30-Minute free breakfast club - bookings for w/c 12th May

REFUEL AT SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

8.30-9.00AM

Enter via main entrance - last entry 8.40am
(booking essential)

FREE TO EVERYONE
Monday to Friday

Bookings for next week's free breakfast club has now closed. Please complete the form below to register your child for w/c 12th May.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JtjirZAJMS>

The Arnold Mill Sponsored Wellbeing Days



22nd and 23rd May 2025 - Raising funds for Arnold Mill Primary School OPAL time

We are very excited to be holding a sponsored event on the 22nd and 23rd May 2025. This year we are mixing things up a bit. We would like you to gather sponsors who will either donate money or items from the OPAL list on the sponsor form. Any money raised will be used to buy more outdoor play equipment. Any items donated will go straight outside for the children to play with. The event will run across two days with children competing with their house team to raise awareness of Health and Wellbeing.

Children in year F2-Year 6 will partake in four different activities throughout the two days and work together to learn about Positive Health and Wellbeing Choices. One of the activities is on the field where they will complete a range of obstacles and challenges, trying to beat their own score each time. When your child(ren) is/are taking part in this part of the day you are invited to join us. As all siblings at Arnold Mill are in the same house, you will only need to attend the one slot to support your whole family (see below for timings). Any adults that attend can choose to support their child by encouragement or have a go themselves!

Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days wearing their PE kits.

Attached is a sponsorship form for your child to use in order to help raise money/items for the event. Anyone one who gathers sponsorships will be entered into a prize draw.

We will also have the Ice-Cream Van in school all day so children can purchase an Ice-Cream from £1.80 (see attached price list). If you are not attending on the day and you wish for your child to purchase an Ice-Cream, please send them to school with the correct change in a named envelope on the day. The van will also stay for 30 minutes after the school day if you would like a treat after school too!

Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and money/OPAL donations** are returned to the school office on or before 6th June 2025.

Kind regards,

Mr Robinson and Mrs Greentree

Time	House
Thursday 9.40am - 11.40am	Higginbottom (blue)
Thursday 1.15pm - 3.15pm	Robinson (yellow)
Friday 9.40am - 11.40am	Stubbins (green)
Friday 1.15pm - 3.15pm	Hawksley (red) & Year 4 Stubbins (green) (due to morning swimming lessons)



**The Arnold Mill Sponsored Wellbeing Days
22nd and 23rd May 2025**

raising funds for Arnold Mill Primary School's OPAL time



OPAL items you can pledge to bring in:

- Bags of Play Sand
- Small World Characters- animals, people or fantasy
- Gardening Trowels
- Buckets and Spades
- Tyres
- Wooden Pallets
- Dressing Up Clothes (adult sizes welcome)
- Toy cars
- Fabric

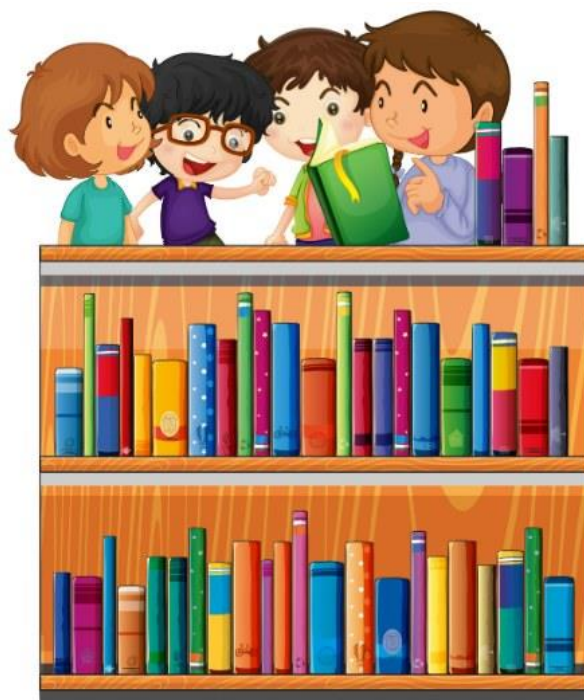
The Ice-Cream van will be on site during the sponsored events, they hope to stock (availability/prices may be subject to change):

- Plain ice cream regular £1.80 double £2.30
- Regular '99' £2 double £2.50
- Screwball '99' £2.50
- Plain waffle £3.00
- Waffle '99' £3.50
- Magnums £4.00
- Cornetto's £3.50
- Festival/feast £3.00
- Big squeeze/calipo £2.50
- 5ice/jocker/rainbow lolly £2.50
- Orange lolly/ bubble gum lolly/ strawberry split £2.50

please note that all of the iced lollies state "may contain milk"



Visits to Arnold Library



During the Summer Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. As this is your child's third visit to the library this academic year the visit will be slightly more informal and is known as a 'Book Exchange Visit'. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

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 complete the attached form and 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	Tuesday 8th July 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
2E	Tuesday 1 st July 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
2D	Wednesday 9 th July 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
2C	Wednesday 4 th June 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
2B	Thursday 19 th June 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
2A	Thursday 12 th June 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
1C	Wednesday 18th June 2025	9.30am-10.30am.
1B	Tuesday 10 th June 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
1A	Tuesday 24 th June 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2A	Tuesday 1st July 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2B	Tuesday 8th July 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm

Football Results



This week our Girls' Football Team had a very tough and tight game against Netherfield. Thank you for all of the supporters who came and joined us on a very sunny day to witness yet another excellent performance from everyone involved. We lost 2-1 but this does not reflect how well the girls performed and how much they are progressing in their skill and understanding of the game.

Player of the match: Chloe M. She never stopped running and put in some key defensive challenges, whilst also adding the goal too.

Internet and Digital Safety

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Community News



FREE Mini LEGO Star Wars Giveaway – A Mini Millennium Falcon at Smyths Toys Superstores

 *Saturday 3rd of May, from 9am in all Smyths Toys Superstores*

Get a FREE LEGO Star Wars giveaway when you visit your local store on – but be quick! These exclusive giveaways are only available while stocks last. Whether you're a Jedi Master, Sith Lord, or somewhere in between, come join the fun and celebrate the galaxy's greatest saga – LEGO style!

*One giveaway per person. While stocks last. Suitable for ages 6+.

BEAVERS



Are you looking for an adventure?
Do you want to make new friends?
Are you aged between 6 and 8 years old?
Do you enjoy outdoor activities, going on visits
and playing games?

**Come and join in the fun and become
a Beaver Scout!**

**We Meet On Wednesday
5.45pm to 7pm**

For more information, please contact

Maria (Beaver Team Leader)

Or

Yan (Group Lead Volunteer)

On

Email - 2ascoutgroup.enquiries@gmail.com

**2nd Arnold (St Mary's) Scout Group
Atherley House (next to Arnold Jeans)
Calverton Road
Arnold, Nottingham**

Charity Number - 522423 Registered



Scouts

2nd Arnold (St.Mary's)



SEND Sensory Circus Exploration Session

Saturday 3rd May

**FREE Trial Session
12:30 - 1:30pm**

**Suitable for SEND,
Autistic, PMLD and/or
disabled children**

circushubnotts.com





Previously Published Articles

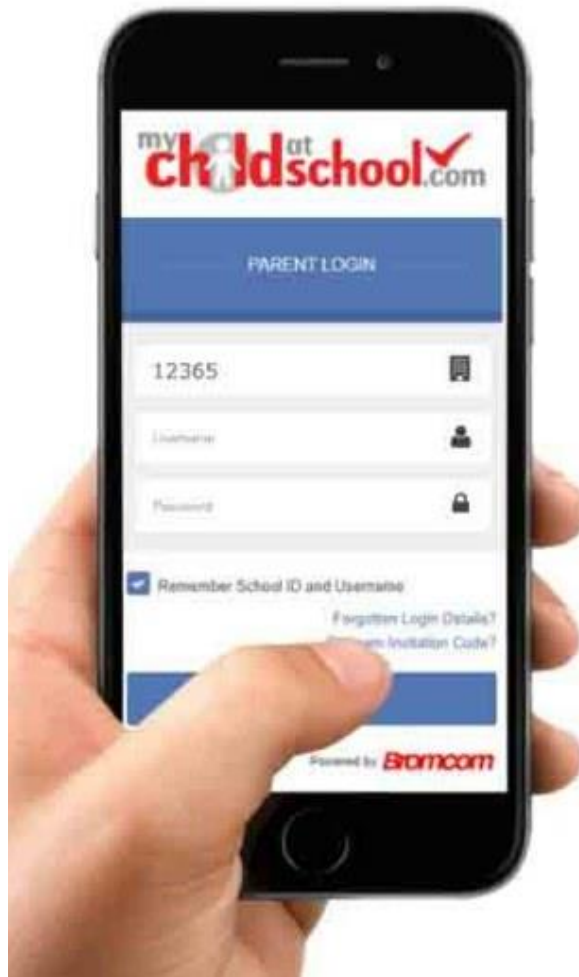
Parking: please be considerate of our neighbours



We have received a phone call from one of our neighbours, Please can I remind everyone that we need to be considerate when parking, specifically not parking on Mill Lane as it is a private road or blocking drives/entrances around the neighbouring streets in general.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining good relationships with our community.

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.

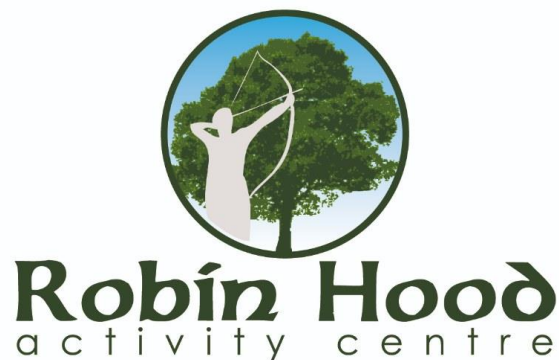
Please note that we will no longer be updating SIMS Parent.

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.



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.

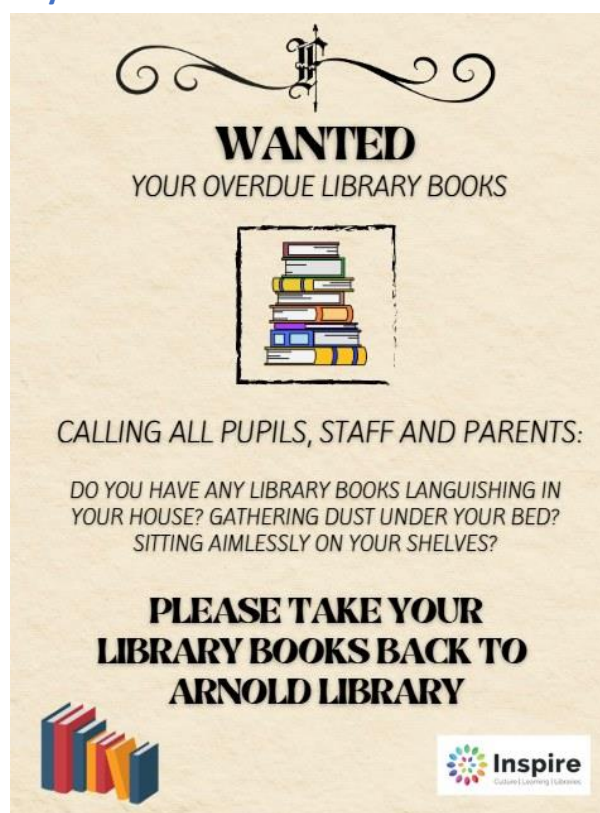
We believe this method will not only reduce the pressure of weekly tests but also encourage deeper learning and better retention. The No Nonsense Spelling program is structured to build on skills progressively, and our teachers will be continuously assessing your child's progress through class activities, 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,

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).

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

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 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

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

Parking Safely and Considerately

If dropping off or collecting your child by car, please drive and park safely:

- **Be considerate of our neighbours and leave their driveways clear**
- **Do not park or stop where parking is prohibited during school drop off or pick up - yellow zigzags, double yellow lines & some single yellow lines**
- **Follow the highway code**

Thank you for your support

#roadsafety #community #drivesafely



We 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](#)

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,

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

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.

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.



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/





**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](#)




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Pay online....
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Trips, School Meals,
Breakfast Club, Tuck

A convenient way to pay

Paying online gives you peace of mind that comes with knowing your money reaches school safely.

Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready, these will be sent via email

Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay](#)



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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?

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/>

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Childcare Choices

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




HM Government

Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website](#)



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 **0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 2 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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