



**3rd October 2025**



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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Goose fair week has been its usual wet and wild affair. We had a lovely themed dinner to mark this traditional Nottingham extravaganza.*

*Thank you to all the parents who attended our F2 Phonics evening. These events have been so well supported, we hope you've found them useful.*

*Next week the year 3s are going on a walk around Arnold on Monday 6th, 2Cs parents evening will be on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th, and our year 5 harvest assembly will be at 9.10am on Thursday 8th. Please feel free to bring food donations to school next week. We will be sharing any offerings with the local Foodbank.*

*All other parents' evenings will be w/c 13th October, please remember to sign up to a slot via MCAS if your child doesn't have a structured conversation or multi-agency meeting.*

*Please can I remind parents to stop their children riding scooters and bikes on school grounds, as they do tend to cause accidents. It is also really important that you do not allow your children to use the trim trails or climbing equipment before school, as without our staff supervision, they will not be covered under our insurance.*

*Have a great weekend!*

**Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher**

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## Calendar



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### October

*Mon 6th - Year 3 Walk through Arnold for topic work ([Link to letter](#)).*

*Tues 7th - 1A Visit to Arnold Library*

*Weds 8th - 2C Visit to Arnold Library*

*Weds 8th - 2c Parents' Evening ([Link to letter](#))*

*Thurs 9th - Y5 Harvest Assembly with parents ([Link to letter](#)).*

*Thurs 9th - 2c Parents' Evening ([Link to letter](#))*

*Thurs 9th and Fri 10th - Y5&6 Group 1 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)*

*Fri 10th - PTFA Meeting 9.00am - 9.30am*

*Mon 13th - Y3&4 Group 1 Level Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)*

*Mon 13th - Y3&4 Group 2 Level Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)*

*Tues 14th - 1B Visit to Arnold Library*

*Tues 14th - Parents' Evening ([Link to letter](#))*

*Weds 15th - Parents' Evening ([Link to letter](#))*

*Thurs 16th - Friends of Arnold Mill Golden Pumpkin Hunt (details to follow)*

*Thurs 16th and Fri 17th - Y5 Group 2 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability (fully booked - applications closed June 2025)*

*Fri 17th - deadline for ordering Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies ([Link to letter](#))*

***Mon 20th - Fri 31st school closed for Half Term break***

## **November**

*Thurs 6th - School photo's (individual and family)*

*Mon 10th - 2D Visit to Arnold Library*

*Tues 11th - F2b & 2E Visit to Arnold Library*

*Weds 19th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library*

*Fri 14th - Children in Need Day*

*Fri 21st - Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Fair Donations)*

*Tues 25th - Writing Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)*

*Tues 25th - Flu vaccinations taking place [Link to more information](#)*

*Weds 26th - Y5&6 visit to The Holocaust Museum (provisional)*

*Thurs 27th - 2A Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)*

*Fri 28th - Christmas Fair*

## **December**

*Tues 2nd - Talent Assembly (provisional)*

*Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)*

*Tues 9th - Foundation Nativity (booking essential - provisional)*

*Weds 8th - KS1 Disco (provisional)*

*Thurs 9th - KS2 Disco (provisional)*

*Tues 16th - KS1 Nativity (booking essential - provisional)*

*Weds 17th - KS2 Carol Concert (provisional)*

***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**

*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)*

*Tues 24th - Wed 25th - Y4 Lea Green Residential*

*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 Robin Hood Camp Residential*

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



Dinner Menus - Week 3

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025


Week 3

Week commencing  
5 May, 26 May,  
16 June, 7 July,  
28 July, 15 Sept,  
6 October

Fakeaway

Fridays

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

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Parents' Evenings



October Parents' Evenings (if your child has Structured Conversations/SEN Review this round of Parents' Evening appointments are not applicable and the option won't appear on MCAS)



*We are inviting parents to book a ten-minute Parents' Evening appointment with the Class Teacher on the following dates:*

*Parents' evening appointments can now be booked on the MCAS app. If your child is due to have a structured conversation or multi agency meeting they will not need an appointment and the option won't be available on MCAS.*

*During the meeting you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, achievements, and attitude to learning so far during this academic year.*

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- Please ensure that you arrive on time at the outside doors to the classroom and wait to be greeted by the teacher.*
  - If you book an appointment and then are unable to make it, please cancel this on MCAS to free up the slot for someone else.*
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*Mrs Slater (SEND/CO) will be available in the main lobby area if anyone wants to have a quick catch up with her about anything.*

*If you are unable to attend on the above dates it may be possible to arrange an alternative date/time, please contact your child's teacher direct.*

*There is an opportunity at 3pm on Friday 10th October to come into school to look at your child's work. Just go to your child's classroom outside door.*

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Class	Dates of Parents' Evenings
F1am - Miss Joynt F2a - Mrs Broniewska/Mrs Brumby F2b - Mrs Humphrey 1a - Mr Robinson 1b - Miss Spencer 1c - Mrs Appleyard/Miss Garrard 2a - Mrs Hylton/Mrs French 2b - Mrs Carter 2d - Mr Randall 2e - Mr Phillips-Alexander 2f - Miss Dibley	3.40-6.00pm on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 3.40-6.00pm on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
2c - Mr Hewlett/Mrs Lloyd	3.40-6.00pm on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 3.40-6.00pm on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October

## Class Dojo - Register now!



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*We're excited to let you know that we'll soon be using **ClassDojo** to share moments from your child's school day. This platform is a replacement for Microsoft Teams and allows us to post photos of classroom activities so you can get a glimpse into what your child is learning and enjoying at school. It also allows you to communicate directly with the class teacher.*

*We will be sending out more guidance and logins in the near future, so keep an eye out!*

### ***Sign up to ClassDojo to get updates on your child's learning journey***

*We're excited to let you know that from after half term we'll be using **ClassDojo** to share moments from your child's school day. We would like to get everyone registered ahead of the official launch.*

*This platform allows us to post photos of classroom activities so you can get a glimpse into what your child is learning and enjoying at school. This is a replacement for Microsoft Teams which was previously used for this purpose. We will continue to use MCAS as a means to communicate whole school information.*

### **What We're Using ClassDojo For:**

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- **Photos only** to start with—no points or behaviour tracking. You will need to give consent to share photos on MCAS. If you do not give consent, we will not be able to share your child's events with you.
  - A way for parents to **message teachers** if needed.
  - An update on any trips and special events in school.

- [Link to YouTube tutorial](#)
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### **Messaging Guidelines:**

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- Messages will be accessed **only on school iPads**.
  - For the sake of staff wellbeing, teachers will only check messages **between 8:00am and 4:30pm**. Please do not expect a response outside of these times.
  - Please note: Teachers may not reply immediately as they could be teaching or attending training.
  - For urgent matters or emergencies, please contact the **school office directly at [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk)**
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### **How to Register for Class Dojo:**

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You should have received a letter with a link to your child's ClassDojo. Click the link and follow these instructions:

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1. Enter your email address, click continue.
2. Enter your first name, last name and create a password. Click that you agree with the Terms of Service. Click Sign up
3. Start entering your child's full name and then click on the name when it appears.
4. Click request to connect
5. Enter what your relationship is to the child, e.g. mum, dad etc.
6. You will be asked to subscribe to Dojo+ - **you do not need to do this for what we are using the app for – just click No thanks.**
7. You will receive an email asking you to verify your email address.

8. *Your registration will now be pending connection by the admin staff.*
  9. *Admin staff will regularly check and approve registrations. Please allow some time for this to happen.*
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*We would ask that you go onto the Parental Consents section of MCAS and give consent for your child's photo to appear on Class Dojo.*

*If you have any trouble logging in, feel free to contact the school office for support.*

*We look forward to sharing snapshots of your child's learning journey with you!*

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## **Flu Vaccinations**



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*Dear Parent/Carer*

*If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.*

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/ccac0433>

*The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 25/11/2025. The link will close on the 11/11/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.*

Please do not hesitate to contact the flu immunisation team directly if you have any further queries.

Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support.

Kind regards

The Intrahealth Immunisation Team

Telephone: 0333 358 3397 opt 4, opt 2

Email: [immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk)

[www.intrahealth.co.uk/Notts](http://www.intrahealth.co.uk/Notts)

[www.facebook.com/Notts](http://www.facebook.com/Notts)

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## School Attendance

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Just a quick reminder that it is important to inform us when a child is absent for any reason. This can be done via email to [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk), by telephone on 0115 9667930 or via the MCAS app (choose Attendance and then Report an absence).

Here is a link to Attendance Policy ([Link to policy](#))

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## Internet Safety



All The National College, Inc. WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

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#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

EA uses the same with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it. That translates into one new game with updated squads and new features. This can result in a rush to keep up with purchases when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

##### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against, which it can be switched off once they're in the game to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviour.

##### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly introduced. In-game purchases, young people could feel pressure to acquire the latest and greatest items to keep up with their friends.

##### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to use players' real-life money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, and often with 'real' coins – something the developer is not looking to cash in on. Scammers go to great lengths to gain access to players' accounts, potentially giving them access to personal information.

##### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and winning of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on in-game purchases and the chance of winning packs can make it a real danger to gambling, even if it's just in the form of in-game currency. Impulsive spending of money.

#### Advice for Parents & Educators

##### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to encourage good behaviour at the start of term. If children are reporting themselves and promising for a year of effort, or even participating well during the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

##### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to chat, to ensure they're not exposed to strangers or scammers.

##### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager app to keep them secure. EA will never contact anyone through the game itself, so be vigilant with any emails it receives, and don't report anything to EA. EA will contact players regarding in-game purchases, and don't report anything to EA. EA will contact players regarding in-game purchases, and don't report anything to EA. EA will contact players regarding in-game purchases, and don't report anything to EA.

##### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Corbridge is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for over 10 years. A regular contributor to the site, he's tried and tested EA Sports FC 26 and has a deep understanding of the experience of online safety. He's also a dad, and knows what it's like to have a child who's been published or seen in the news, and knows what it's like to have a child who's been published or seen in the news.

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## Reception Look rounds (Sept 2026 start)



The poster is for Arnold Mill Primary School's Reception Open Day Tour. It features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, there are colorful numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and letters A, B, C. The title 'Arnold Mill Primary School' is in a large, bold, white font, followed by 'Reception Open Day Tour' in a slightly smaller, bold, white font. Below the title, there are three columns of text. The first column, titled 'Applying for a School place', explains the eligibility criteria (children born between 1 Sep 2021 and 31 Aug 2022) and the application process (managed by Nottinghamshire County Council, closing on 15 Jan 2026, with a national offer day on 16 Apr 2026). The second column lists the dates of the tours: Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, and Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, along with the time 9.15am - 9.45am and a note that booking is essential as group sizes are limited. The third column provides contact information for booking: office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and 0115 966 7930. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful cartoon children holding hands.

**Arnold Mill Primary School**  
**Reception Open Day Tour**

**Applying for a School place**  
If your child was born between 1 Sep 2021 and 31 Aug 2022 they will be starting reception in Primary School in Sep 2026.  
  
The application process is managed by Nottinghamshire County Council and applications close on 15 Jan 2026. National offer day is 16 Apr 2026.

**Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
  
**9.15am - 9.45am**  
Booking essential  
as group sizes are limited

**To book please contact:**  
**office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk**  
**0115 966 7930**

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*Visits are with Mrs Broniewska and last approximately 30 minutes.*

*If you would like to book a visit please contact us via phone or email to confirm:*

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- *the date you would like to visit*
  - *name(s) of the adult visitor(s) - maximum of two adult visitors please*
  - *a daytime contact number*
  - *name & date of birth of the child that might be joining our Reception class in September 2026 - they are welcome to attend too!*
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*In the meantime our website has some useful information - please click on the following links for useful information and a virtual tour of the Foundation unit - virtual tour <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk/f2-virtual-visit/>*

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## Harvest Festival Plea for Donations



## Harvest appeal



### Help support your food bank this Harvest

Arnold Foodbank is currently providing over 250 food parcels a month for local individuals and families facing hardships, including homelessness and debt.

#### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

#### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

#### Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish  
Tinned veg/fruit (not pulses)  
Tomatoes/pasta sauce  
Coffee (100g)/teabags (40s)  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Soup – tinned or packet  
Squash/Fruit juice  
Tinned pudding  
Jam/spreads  
Tinned/mashed potato  
Rice/Noodles  
Treats eg Chocolate/snacks

**[arnold.foodbank.org.uk](https://www.arnold.foodbank.org.uk)**

07854 690694

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1170229)



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*As part of our Harvest Festival we are supporting the Arnold Foodbank, therefore, the children are invited to bring a food donation (we would appreciate if donations could have a reasonable expiry date). Collection boxes will be in classes and the Main Reception.*

*Thanking you in anticipation.*

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## Can You Help?



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***Do you knit or crochet?*** *Do you have spare wool? We are looking for local crafters to volunteer to make Worry Worms to help our young people manage their emotions.*

*A Worry Worm lets children personify their concerns and feel more able to tackle them. It helps them to learn to manage their worries in a healthy way, rather than suppressing them, helping them to feel more in control of their emotions and less overwhelmed by them. Worry Worms have shown to be incredibly successful in other settings, and we really would like our children to have a Worry Worm if they need one.*

***Across School we would also welcome donations for the following Clubs and/or Activities:***

***Art:***

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- *paper*

- *crayons/pencils*
- *paint brushes*
- *a canvas or two*

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***Breakfast Club/After School Club:***

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- *toy cars*
- *colouring books*

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***Gardening Club:***

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- *children's Trowels*
- *gardening gloves*
- *seeds/seedlings*
- *top soil*
- *OR, if you are feeling very generous a poly tunnel as ours was damaged in a storm!*

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***Key Stage 1:***

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- *empty cardboard egg boxes (the size for 6 eggs please)*

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***Key Stage 2 (Class 2c):***

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- *a washing up bowl*
  - *small tubs of Play-Doh*
  - *small plastic beads and thread/elastic for threading (for making bracelets)*
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#### ***Library:***

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- *good quality new or pre-loved age-appropriate children's books*
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#### ***Arnold Mill PTFA***

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- *paper plates*
  - *items/tombola or raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair or Summer Fair*
  - *gift bags/party bags*
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#### ***Fundraising***

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- *used batteries (collection box is in Main Reception)*
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- *used printer cartridges (collection box is in Main Reception)*
- *pre-loved clothing/shoes etc. (clothing bank collection point is at the main entrance gate on Cross Street)*
- *we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at*

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/arnoldmillprimary/>

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## Community Notices





We've the perfect football team for your child!

Weekly in Hucknall, Bestwood & Arnold

[pbbl.uk/StarStrikeFootball](http://pbbl.uk/StarStrikeFootball) or contact 07775 687682 for more information

Beginner? Casual player?

New to matches? Bad experience at other teams?

Want to play in the YEL on Saturdays?



Fun sessions near you for ages 2-12



Win trophies in our fun starter league



Join our U8, U9, U10, U12 or U14s

Book now for Half Term Soccer School 20th-22nd October @Titchfield Park, NG15 7LU



**St Tim's SCHOOL ESSENTIALS**

A community initiative connecting families with the things they need for school life.

**WHAT WILL BE THERE?**

UNIFORMS PE KITS  
MATHS EQUIPMENT  
STATIONERY  
TRIDERS & KITS BAGS  
REVISION TRAINERS  
GUIDES and lots, lots more...

**WHERE AND WHEN?**

ST TIMOTHY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Swainbourne Way, Lifford, Newark NG25 6BX

9.30-11.30am  
SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025

No charge for entry...  
tea & coffee will be served

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

YOU MAY HAVE SCHOOL ESSENTIALS YOU CAN DONATE! If so, bring them along on the day, or contact Jackie on 07557 123 238.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SCHOOL ESSENTIALS? If so, come along and see if what you need is available. Items are free of charge but donations to help with the organisation of this and other initiatives will be gratefully received.

**ST PAUL'S DAYBOOK**

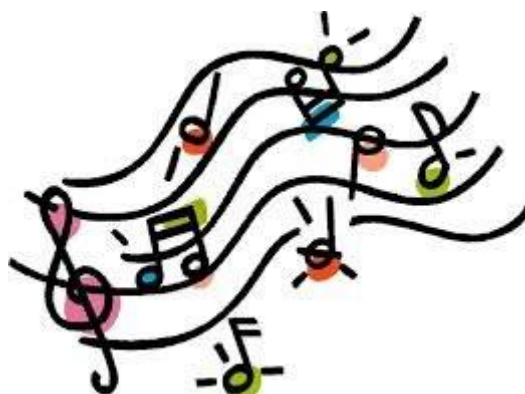
St Paul's Daybook is a community initiative of St Paul's, Lifford, Newark. For further information, or more details, please contact Jackie Pule on 07557 123 238.

**spd.church**

## Previously Seen Articles



## Key Stage 2 Music Lessons



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*Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to take music lessons (piano and guitar).*

***Piano lesson slots are currently fully booked but should spaces become available we will advise parents. There are, however, a limited number of guitar lesson slots) that are being offered to children in class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e and 2f.***

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- *Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year.*
- *Lessons take place during the school day (your child will miss part of a regular lesson, break or lunchtime).*
- *Fees paid directly to the external music provider (in advance), not to the school.*
- *Pupils may only sign up for one music lesson during school time.*
- *Children that signed up for guitar or piano in the last academic year will be able to continue if they wish.*
- *Please note that places are limited so we cannot guarantee your child will be successful should they apply for lessons*
- *Each weekly lesson will be 30 minutes long (guitar is on a Tuesday).*
- *Guitar Lessons are £22.95 per calendar month .*

- *Students may borrow a guitar.*
  - *If you have any questions about guitar lessons, please email [admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)*
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*If your child is interested in signing up for a guitar lessons taster please ask the school office for a sign up flyer (we will pass all completed forms to the relevant music provider).*

*Don't forget, if your child already learns an instrument at school please **do not** sign your child up for another instrument .*

*Many thanks,*

*Mr Phillips-Alexander - music coordinator*

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## **Primrose is raising money for The Little Princess Trust**



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*Primrose, a pupil at our school, will be having the majority of her hair cut off to donate to The Little Princess Trust.*

*The Little Princess Trust provides wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity.*

*All costs, including the making, fitting, and styling of the wig, are met by the charity, and this free service is available to any young person up to the age of 24 with hair loss.*

*As part of its 'Hair and Hope' mission, The Little Princess Trust also funds childhood cancer research aiming to find kinder and more effective treatments.*

[Link to fundraising page](#)

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## Lost Property



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*Sadly, as a school we generate **LOTS** of lost property. To try and reduce the amount of lost property this academic year we are asking parents to:*

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- ensure that your child doesn't bring toys and/or valuable items or things that are not needed for school.*
  - please ensure that **ALL** items are labelled clearly with your child's name. This includes uniform, shoes, coats, lunch boxes, school bags and P.E. kit etc.*
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*Lost Property boxes are located in each classroom and near the school office.*

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- If an item is found, we will check to see if it is labelled and return it to the correct person where possible. If the item is not labelled, it will be placed in our lost property box.*
  - Any unclaimed items of lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term, donated to charity or offered for sale as pre-loved.*
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*1 - Sadly this was the lost property pile from the last eight weeks of the summer term. These items have now been disposed of/donated.*

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*Unclaimed, un-named coats etc*

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*2 - Unclaimed, un-named coats*



*3 - Unclaimed, un-named coats*



*4 - Unclaimed, un-named coats*



5 - Unclaimed, un-named coats

## Mobile Phone Policy - Now in force



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Use the link below to see the new mobile phone policy which will be in force from September 2025. This states that **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING MOBILE PHONES INTO SCHOOL**. The reasons for this are set out within the policy.

[Link to Mobile Phone Policy](#)

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## Smartphone Free Childhood



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*We have been asked to share a document to encourage a Smartphone Free Childhood. This can be read by using the link below:*

[Link to document](#)

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## What's New with MCAS

**Move from ParentPay to MCAS for all school payments and bookings**



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*Please ensure you read the document below carefully, as there have been a lot of changes with the way parents pay and order things.*

[Link to School Payments Update \(PDF document\)](#)

*The key points are:*

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- **NEW** Parents need to order tuck in advance using MCAS and toast is now the only option for tuck. **Children will not be given tuck unless it has been ordered on MCAS.**
- **NEW** You now need to book into Arnie's Breakfast Club (the paid club) using MCAS

- **NEW** Please book into Millie's After School Clubs using MCAS
  - Please book into the 30-minute free breakfast club using MCAS
  - School meal balances should now be paid onto MCAS.
    - All trips will now be payable via MCAS.
  - ParentPay is no longer being used for anything.
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**Have you booked your  
wraparound care for this week?**



**If you are wishing your child to stay for the following wraparound care, this needs to be booked and paid for via MCAS:**

- 30-minute free breakfast club
- Arnie's paid breakfast club (7.45-9.00am)  
(£3.50 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 4.30pm  
(£5.00 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 6.00pm  
(£12.00 per session - includes light tea)



## Parental Consent for Local Educational Visits



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*As we are about to start a new school year, we need parents to give consent to their child(ren) to take part in local educational visits. These are visits where the children can walk from school, e.g. to the library, local park etc. We will request separate consent for all other trips. You can easily give consent to this via the MCAS app by selecting Parental Consent.*

*Whilst on the app, please check that you have given consent to all the other categories listed.*





*Please let us know if you require any consent to be withdrawn for anything, e.g. photo consent, as this has to be carried out by the school office.*

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## Are you eligible for 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!*

	
<b>Free School Meals</b>	<b>Extra School Funding</b>
Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases	School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases
	
<b>Free School Milk</b>	<b>Access to HAF</b>
Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases	Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

## Important Policies



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*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](#)

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## **The School Car Park**



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*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*

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**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)

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 [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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)

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