4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a superb term, with lots of fun activities and celebration events.

We've really ended the term on a high, with all of the lovely Easter competition entries. We had loads of beautiful bonnets, excellent eggs and gorgeous gardens. It was very hard to judge, but the winners are shown below. Thank you so much for helping your children create such imaginative crafts.

Just a little reminder that we don't return to school until Tuesday 22nd April- we look forward to seeing you all, refreshed after the break.

Thank you for all you help and support this year!

Happy Easter!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Crew - F2b

Poppy T - 1a

Olivia - 1b

GLADIATORS
EGGSTRA SHOW !
Sophie W - 1c

Alfie T - 2a

Bella Todd - 2b

Fraizer - 2c

Maximus - 2d

HAPPY EASTER
Jagmaan - 2e

Chloe M - 2f

Calendar

April

Mon 7th - Mon 21st April - Easter Holidays

Tues 22nd - *Children return to school*

May

Thurs 1st - *1b Assembly with parents* *(link to form)*

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* (provisional)

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

Thurs 22nd - *Sponsored Sports Event with parents (by House):* (details to follow)

9.40-11.40am - Higginbottom

1.15-3.15pm - Robinson

Fri 23rd - *Sponsored Sports Event with parents (by House):* (details to follow)

9.40-11.40am - Stubbins

1.15-3.15pm - Hawksley

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

June

Weds 11th - *Class Photos*

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

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

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

Fri 27th - *Summer Fair*

July

Tues 1st - *Year 1 Carsington Water trip* (link to letter here)

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)

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

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

Mon 14th - *School reports sent to parents*

Mon14th - *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* (provisional)

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

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

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

Fri 25th - *Year 6 Leavers Assembly with parents* (invitation only)

Fri 25th - *Last day of term for children*

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

September

Mon 1st - *School admin day* (school closed to children)

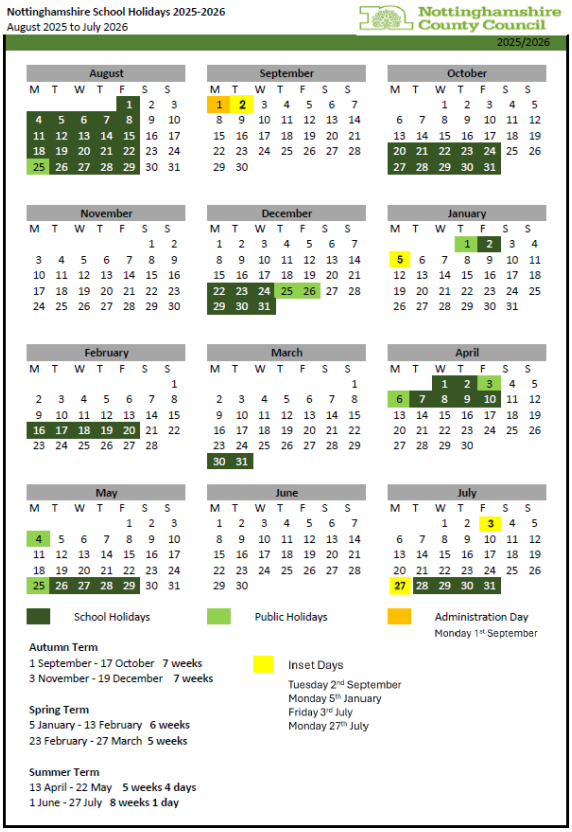
Tues 2nd - *Inset day* (school closed to children)

Weds 3rd - *First day of Autumn term for years 1-6* (F1 & F2 will receive separate information)

Mon 15th-Fri 19th - *Year 5/6 Kingswood residential* *(see letter)*

March 2026

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



Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2025-2026
August 2025 to July 2026

Nottinghamshire County Council
2025/2026

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day
Monday 1st September

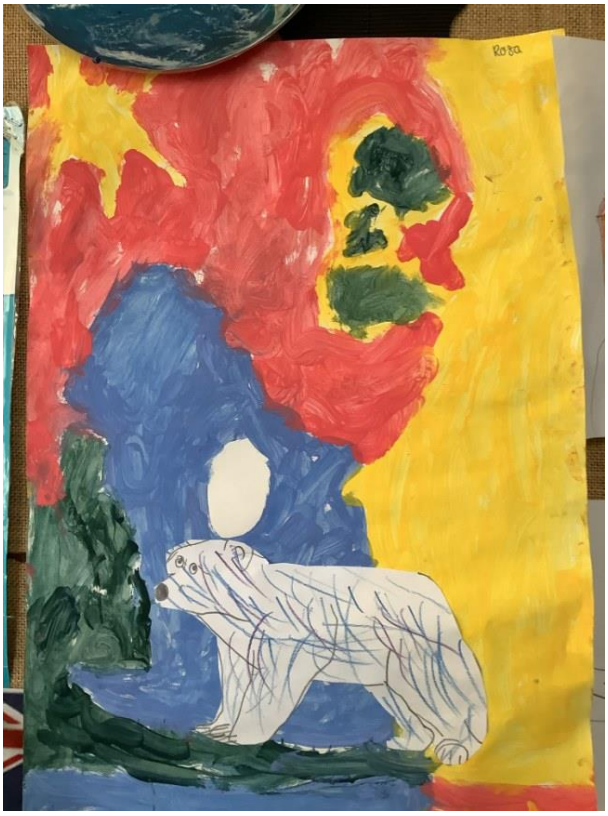
Autumn Term
1 September - 17 October **7 weeks**
3 November - 19 December **7 weeks**

Spring Term
5 January - 13 February **6 weeks**
23 February - 27 March **5 weeks**

Summer Term
13 April - 22 May **5 weeks 4 days**
1 June - 27 July **8 weeks 1 day**

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

Children's Work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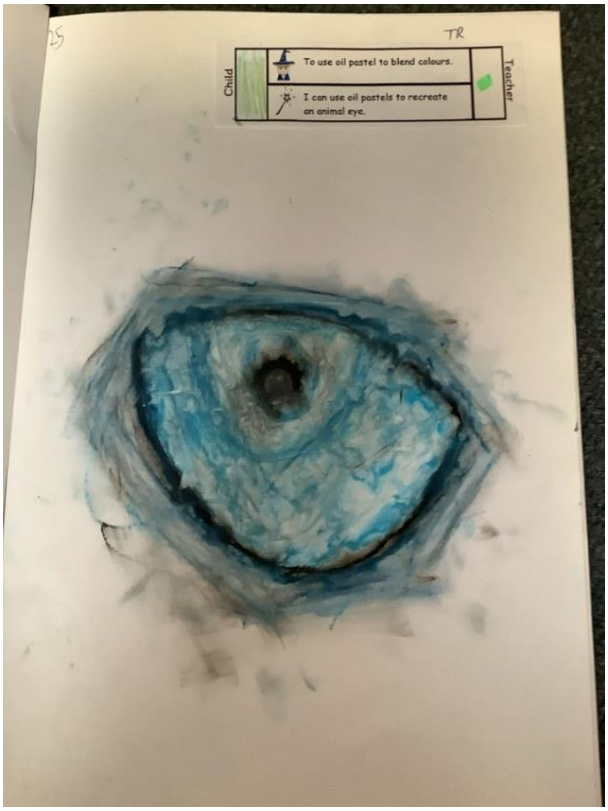
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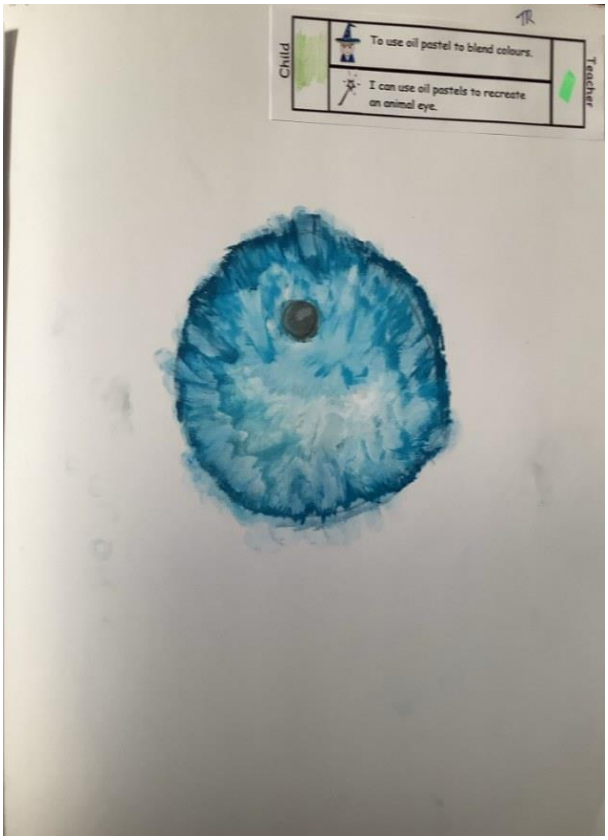
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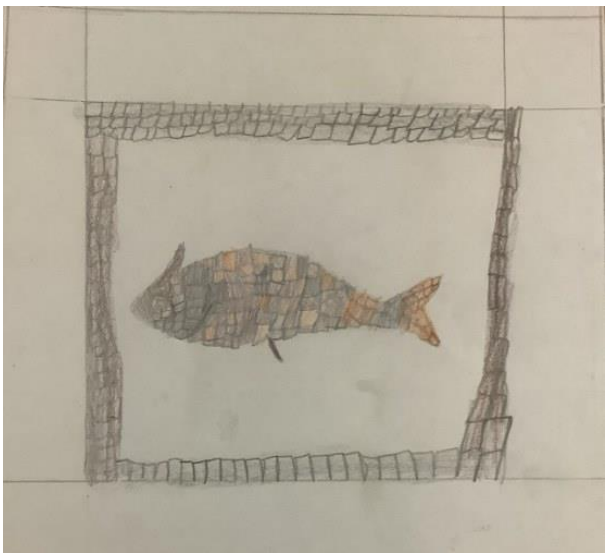

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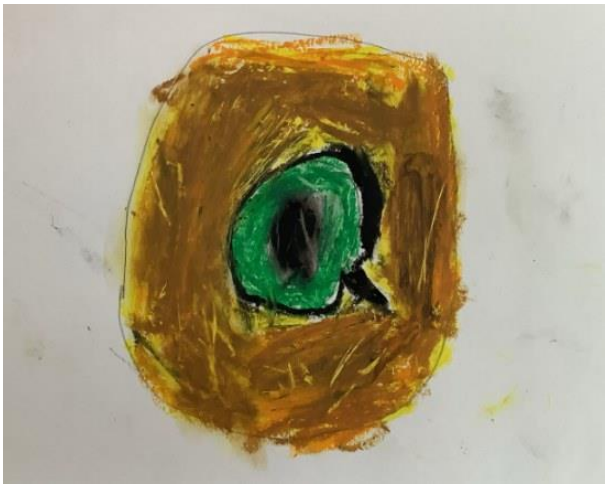

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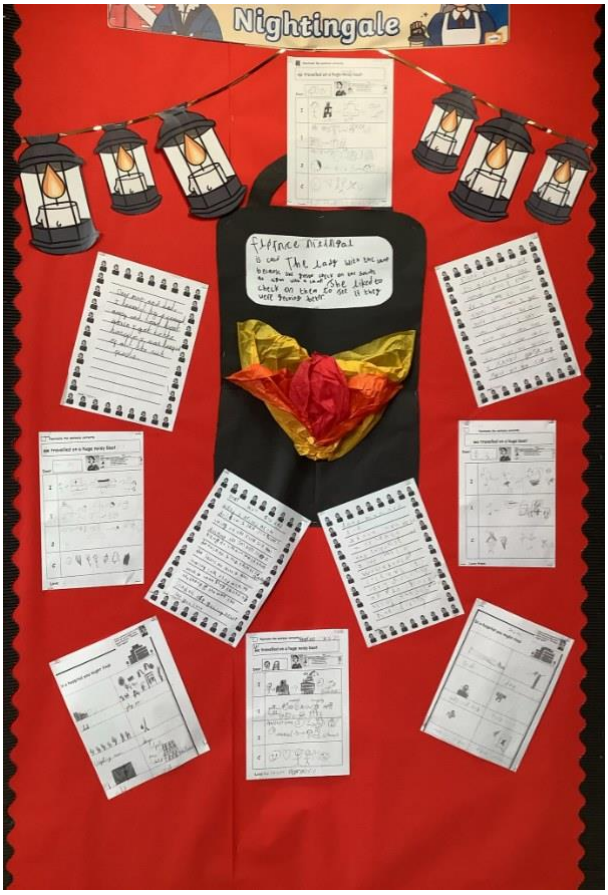

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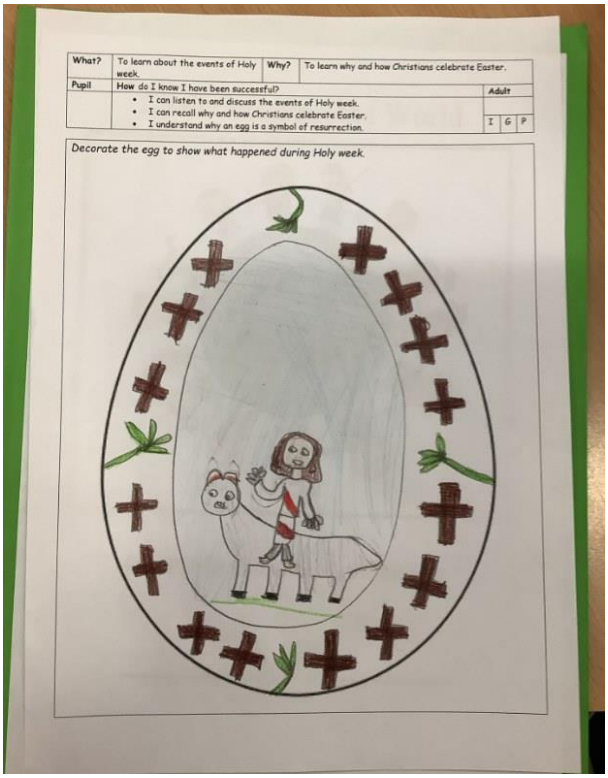

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School Dinners: *w/c 21st April 2025*

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025

Week 1

Week commencing 21 April

Beef burger Wednesdays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Bank Holiday - School closed	Vegetarian roll Soya Milk Gluten with baked beans, jacket wedges & sweetcorn	Beef burger Egg Sesame Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR Southern fried Quorn burger Milk Egg Sesame Gluten with oven chips, baked beans & peas	Yorkshire pudding wrap Milk Egg Gluten filled with roast meat of the day roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Breaded fish Fish Gluten with crushed new potatoes, sweetcorn & peas
Option 2			Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad		
Pudding		Chocolate muffin Egg Gluten	Ice cream tub Milk	Cornflake tart Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with custard Milk	Chocolate brownie Gluten

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School Clubs for the Summer Term

We have sent responses to parents for the summer term clubs. If you applied, and haven't received your response, please email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

We are not accepting any more applications.

School Clubs – Summer Term 2024/25

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

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

Football

It was a thrilling match that was end to end. Arnold Mill could have easily ended up as victors with chances that just went wide, over or hit the post and bar! We are really proud of the team and their resilience of keeping going. Player of the match was Logan who made some outstanding saves on a bobbly pitch.

We have now played 4 matches and won two and lost 2 tight encounters. We look forward to the opportunity of more games with a potential quarter final game. We will also be looking at organising more games as friendlies so watch this space.

Internet and Digital Safety

Community News

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NEXT LEVEL FOOTBALL ACADEMY CAMP

Children need to wear shin pads.
NO Football boots - Only trainers or Astro turf trainers.

Suitable for Children **AGE 5-11**

Date
07 - 10th April 2025

Time
09:00-15:30

£24.00
Per Session
SAVE 10% on Sibling Bookings!

Day Activities:
- Ball Manipulation
- Dribbling
- Passing
- Shooting
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MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMPS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS

Ofsted REGISTERED

14TH–17TH APRIL 2025

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RATTLE & ROLL PERFORMANCE

Free places for children in receipt of benefits related free school meals

Easter Holiday Clubs

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Running at:

Arnbrook Primary School, Arnold
Banks Road Primary, Toton
Hawthorne Primary & Nursery School, Bestwood Park
Hucknall Flying High Academy, Hucknall
John Hunt Academy, Newark
Lantern Lane Primary School, East Leake
Millside Spencer Academy, East Leake
Radcliffe Infant & Nursery School, Radcliffe
Rosecliffe Spencer Academy, Edwalton
St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary, West Bridgford
St Peters Academy, East Bridgford
Westdale Junior School, Mapperley
William Lilley Infant & Nursery School, Stapleford

These are open to all children (you don't have to attend the school to go to the holiday club).

To book visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com.
All childcare vouchers accepted.

Bookings for funded places open on 10th March - more details to follow!

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Our virtual Family Hub, Notts Help Yourself, is available any time, day or night.
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Lost Property

Unclaimed Prizes/Winning Raffle Tickets

Yellow Raffle

winning ticket numbers (prizes to be claimed)

118	156
188	115
105	133
169	119
120	74
124	93
182	101
89	
132	

Colours Raffle

winning ticket numbers (prizes to be claimed)

Salmon & White	742
Salmon & White	747
Pink & White	627

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Previously Published Articles

New Free Breakfast Club - from after Easter

I wrote to you a little while ago regarding a proposed new breakfast club that the Government are wishing all primary schools to provide. I am happy to confirm that Arnold Mill has been chosen to be an early adopter of this scheme, and this will be starting from after the Easter holidays. Other schools may join the scheme from September if everything goes well.

Arnold Mill's Free Breakfast Club Plan:

- *The 30-minute breakfast club will be available for children in Reception-year 6 (not nursery)*
- *Pre-booking is required by Thursday for the following week (if there is a school holiday, we would expect places to be booked by the last Thursday of half term for the first week back). An electronic sign-up form will be sent out on a weekly basis - if you don't sign up by the deadline, your child cannot attend, as we need to plan staffing and food. There will be no flexibility to this.*
- ***Use this link to book into the club for the week we return after Easter (link to form). Please complete by Thursday 3rd April at the very latest.***
- *Arrive at the front entrance/office at 8.30am. Sign in with the office staff. Entry will not be permitted before 8.30am.*
- *Anyone arriving after 8.40am, or not on the pre-booked list, will be refused entry and asked to wait for the classroom door to open at 8.50am.*
- *Mrs Greentree and other members of staff will be running the breakfast club.*
- *Food and a 'Wake and Shake' activity will start from 8.30am*
- *Between 8.50 and 9.00am all children will be escorted to their classrooms for registration.*

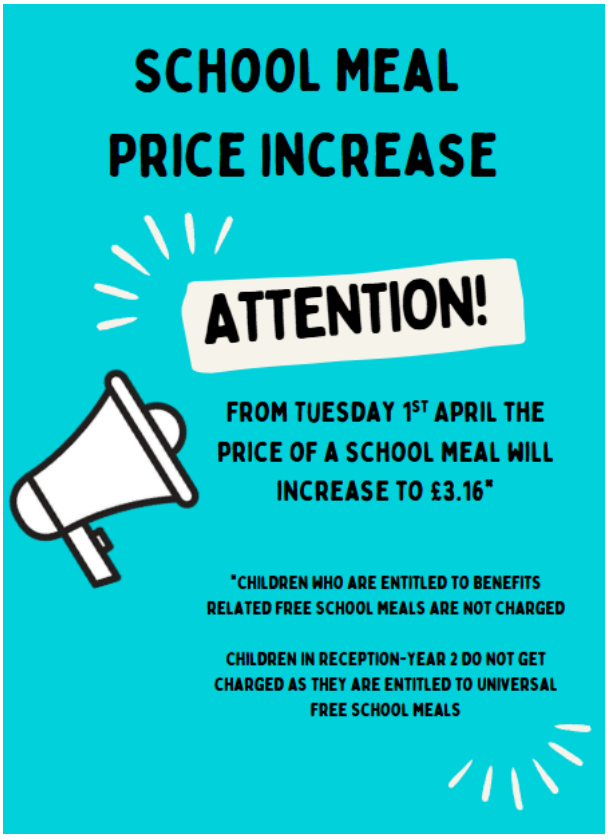
Arnie's Wraparound care Breakfast Club

- *There is no need to pre-book for this club.*
- *Continue to take your child to the library doors for this wraparound care.*
- *Arnie's breakfast club will still run from 7.45am.*
- *At 8.30am the 2 clubs will merge together, so everyone can take advantage of the activities on offer from Mrs Greentree and her team.*
- *The children will be taken to class between 8.50am and 9am*

As outlined last week, the cost for care between 7.45am and 8.30am will be capped at £3.50. The planned increase in price, to £4 due to inflation and rising staffing costs, will not take place. We are protecting the current price so that everyone benefits from the free breakfast club in some way. The food and activities on offer at Arnie's paid breakfast club are more extensive in comparison to the free club offer.

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

School Meal Price Increase

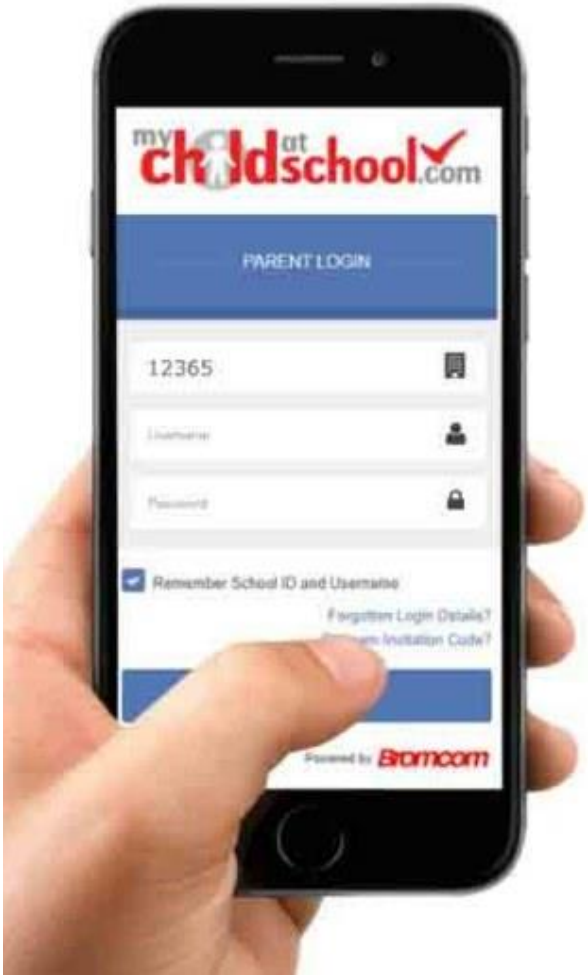


Parking: please be considerate of our neighbours

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 around 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.

Year 2 Robin Hood Camp

Robin Hood
activity centre

We held a parents' meeting last week regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides can be found here (link to presentation) *and is also available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.*

The cost of the trip to ***Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July*** *is expected to be around £45.00. The final amount will depend on the number of children wanting to attend.*

If you want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Friday 28th February to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 20th June. We will confirm the final amount after 28th February, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

Parental Code of Conduct

Please use the link below to read the Parental Code of Conduct Policy which we would ask all parents to read and abide by, as I feel it is really important that us adults set a good example to our children. Please remember when you are picking up and dropping off we do expect you to show respect to others, including staff, other parents, children and people in our local community.

We have had more reports of people parking over dropped kerbs, over driveways and being inconsiderate and aggressive towards our neighbours. Please plan your school pick-up and drop-offs carefully so that you are not late, leading to inconsiderate parking. If possible, please walk to school.

Link to policy

Spelling at Arnold Mill (years 1-6)

We are excited to inform you about an important change to our approach to spelling from Year 1 to Year 6.

After carefully considering the best ways to support your child's learning, we have decided to adopt a new spelling scheme called No Nonsense Spelling*. This program is designed to improve spelling in a more engaging and effective way, focusing on understanding spelling rules and patterns, rather than simply memorising words for tests.*

As part of this change, we will no longer be conducting traditional spelling tests. Instead, assessments will take place within the lesson itself, offering a more holistic and practical approach to spelling. This means your child will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real-time, helping them retain spelling patterns and rules more effectively.

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

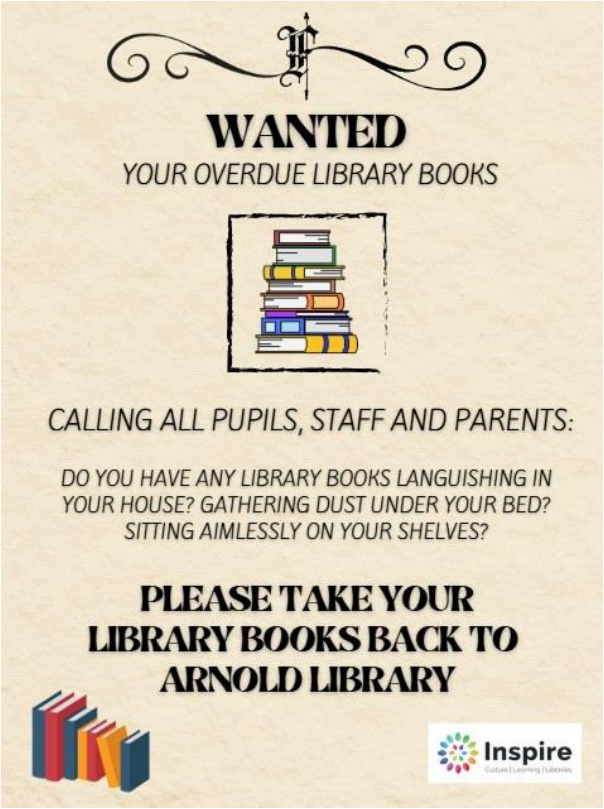
We are confident that this change will enhance the learning experience and lead to a greater understanding and enjoyment of spelling. If you have any questions or would like more information about the new scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible learning environment for your child.

Many Thanks,

Mr Shaun Hewlett and Mrs Katie Appleyard

Plea from Arnold Library



Should I keep my child off school?

There is currently a lot of illness around. Please see the guidance below for when a child should be kept off school. In order to keep levels of illness as low as possible, we would ask that you do follow this guidance.

Please note that if a child has any form of temperature, they should not be at school until it is under control naturally (not reliant on medication).

The Uniform Project Nottingham

The Uniform Project Nottingham is a not-for-profit organisation helping Parents and Schools in and around Nottingham to reduce clothing waste by recycling school uniforms. Founded by a local Nottingham mum who is passionate about environmental sustainability and building a greener future for local children.

The Uniform Nottingham collects school uniform donations all year round. All uniform donations are quality checked, cleaned and repaired whenever possible to ensure all the uniform items gifted to local families are of high quality. Any donations that cannot be reused are recycled for rags to ensure nothing is wasted.

If you have any old school uniform (for any local school) that you would be willing to donate there is a pink collection box is located in our Main Reception (we also donate approximately twelve black bags of un-named, unclaimed lost property uniform per year).

*The Uniform Project shop is open to the public all year round by appointment only. To book an appointment at the shop please message them via their Facebook page (*link to Facebook page*) or email* uniformproject@hotmail.com

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Recycle with Michael

Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for Arnold Mill Primary School!

Recycle with Michael*!*

Facilitated by The Salvation Army's Clothing Collection service, this nationwide scheme aims to divert thousands of tonnes of unwanted items away from landfill, while educating our children about the importance of reusing and recycling.

So we're asking you to dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes.

It couldn't be easier to get involved. Simply:

1. *Fill bags with your unwanted clothes and shoes (no bric-a-brac please).*

2. Return the bags containing your unwanted items and pop them in the black collection point located just inside the main gate (Cross Street).

The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. ***The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise!*** *If you're having a clear out, remember Recycle with Michael, and donate to a great cause.*

We hope you'll help to support us and give your preloved clothes a new lease of life.

Christmas Jumpers and Pyjamas

Do you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers and/or pyjamas you would be willing to donate to the school? If so that would be amazing (thank you), please drop them off at the school office.

Good luck with the sorting and thank you in advance

Ink Cartridge Recycling

There's no better way to start the New Year by clearing out clutter and helping the planet! Your used ink cartridge donations can keep waste out of landfills and raise funds for our school (the donation box is located in the Reception area). Help kickstart your 2025 sustainably! Let's make this a year of positive change.

KS1 Reading for Pleasure with Parents

It has been a great term and we have discovered so much about a range of different topics.

As our returning KS1 parents will know, we like to invite you to come into school and read with your child(ren). Reading is at the heart of everything we do in school and promoting a love of reading for pleasure is one of our highest priorities. After having taken on board feedback from last year, we are letting you have these dates now so that as many of you as possible will hopefully be able to join us! You are always welcome to bring books from home to share in these sessions or read one we have in class.

In all cases, please arrive outside your child's classroom and we will open the doors as soon as we can for you to sign in and join in!

Friday 24th January 9.00am – 9.30pm

Tuesday 20th May 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd July 3.00pm – 3.30pm

We hope you can join us at one or more of the sessions, but we do understand that you are all very busy so please don't worry if you can't as there are lots of staff members who will be able to read with your children.

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

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team

Volunteers needed - Garden

We are looking for adult volunteers who can spare some of their time to help maintain our garden/allotment. If you are willing to spare an hour or 2 please contact the school office.

Parking Safely and Considerately

We regularly receive phone calls about inconsiderate parking and/or cars parked with the engine running.

We would ask again that you please park safely and considerately on roads around school when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have had a number of complaints recently from local residents regarding parking, with some people even being aggressive when challenged. Please use the links below to see what the guidance is. Please also note that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents.

Link to Nottinghamshire County Council Parking Enforcement advice

Link to Nottinghamshire Police - Parking Outside Schools Advice

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Helping your child with maths

Hello all,

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

Link to form

Thank you,

Mr Robinson and Miss Dibley - Team Maths

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

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

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

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

Many Thanks,

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

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

Car Park

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

Many thanks

A message from Carla Rose

CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING

Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

Useful information

Click through the sheets below for information about:

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

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

PE Timetable

Here are the PE slots for each class:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WRAPAROUND CARE AT ARNOLD MILL

ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY FROM 7.45AM

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

MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

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

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

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

0115 966 7930 during school hours

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

office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

GEDLING BOROUGH AIR NEEDS YOUR CARE

What are the health impacts

Air pollution from idling cars can lead to:

- **Increased chance of developing lung cancer**
- **Increased risk of heart disease**
- **Increase in asthma, coughs and bronchitis**

Children

Children are the most at risk because they:

- **Have smaller lungs and breathe more rapidly**
- **Spend more time outdoors**
- **Tend to be more active and breathe more deeply**

Don't sit there idle

Keeping the engine running while stuck in traffic or waiting to collect someone pollutes the air we breathe.

It's up to all of us

Drivers in Gedling Borough can make some simple changes to improve air quality in the Borough.

Most pollution comes from vehicles and idling produces unnecessary air pollution and wastes fuel.

Schools, hospitals and bus stops in particular are hot spots, as:

- **Idling is more likely to happen in these locations**
- **They have sensitive age groups, such as children and older people.**

How it affects you and others

Excessive idling is a waste of fuel and money, resulting in an unnecessary negative environmental impact.

People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects.

Nottinghamshire's air pollution contributes to hundreds of premature deaths each year.

Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

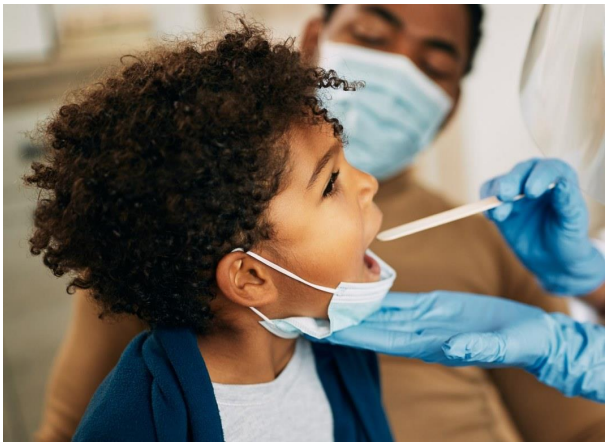
Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

You can find out more about air quality by visiting Gedling Boroughs air quality webpage below:
www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/

Gedling Borough Council

Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!

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



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25
August 2024 to July 2025

Nottinghamshire County Council

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

Administration Day

Autumn Term
2 September - 18 October 7 weeks
4 November - 20 December 7 weeks

Spring Term
6 January - 14 February 6 weeks
24 February - 4 April 6 weeks

Summer Term
22 April - 23 May 4 weeks 3 days
2 June - 29 July 8 weeks 2 days

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

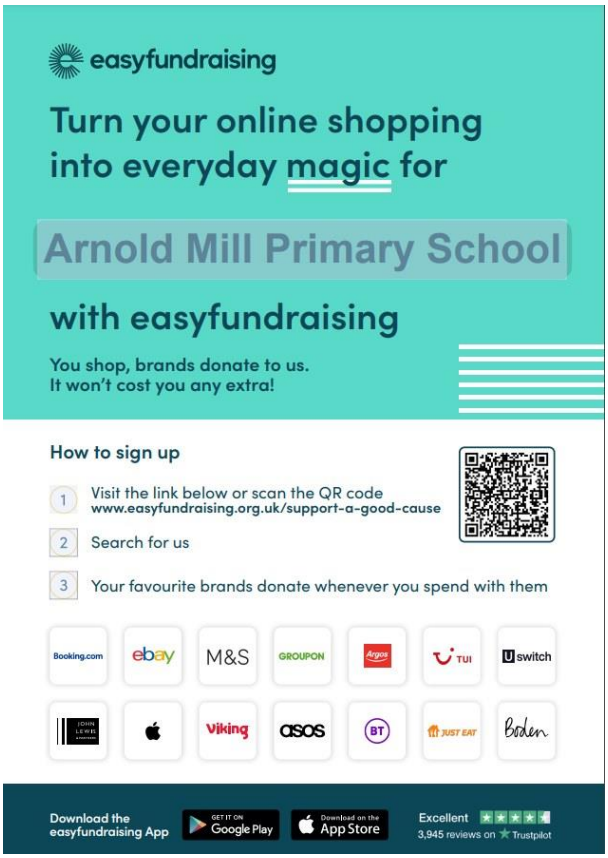
Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

3 - [Click here to see school policies]

4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay]



5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising]

6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet]

READING FOR PLEASURE

The Open University

Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

1. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations - find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
2. Think about why reading is good for them - focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others - encourage them to notice preference and choice.
4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
5. Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
6. Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
7. Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts - empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities..
8. Invite others into the reading space - share the love of reading together in your reading community!

In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022

For more inspiration, visit
https://ourfp.org/
@OpenUni_RfP

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website]

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

https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk

https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial