



7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has started on a real high - we were awarded our Platinum OPAL College Award. This means that our children have access to a wide range of outdoor learning and play opportunities. They are encouraged to use their imaginations, be creative and build positive play behaviours. The Platinum Award is the highest level of accreditation and so we are all very proud of what we have achieved. We couldn't have done this without your help. Thank you for supporting our requests for tyres, pallets, toys, building equipment and dress up clothes. These things have really added to the children's fun. Please keep bringing in your

donations, we are always in need of pallets, tyres, dress up clothes and toys. Right now we are trying to develop our digging area, so if you have any gardening equipment (trowels, soil, seeds, plants and gloves) we would be really grateful.

We all very excited to see what more we can do in our outdoor provision and would love any suggestions or help to keep things moving forward.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



Calendar



November

Mon 10th - 2D Visit to Arnold Library ([link to letter](#))

Mon 10th - SEN parent afternoon ([Link to register](#)) ([link to poster](#))

Tues 11th - F2b & 2E Visit to Arnold Library ([link to letter](#))

Tues 11th - Deadline for registering children for flu vaccinations ([link for more information](#))

Fri 14th - Children in Need Day (normal school uniform please) ([link to challenge poster](#)) ([link to lunch menu](#))

Weds 19th - F2A & 2F Visit to Arnold Library ([link to letter](#))

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

Tues 25th - Writing Assembly (invitation only)

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

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

Fri 28th - Christmas Fair

December

Tues 2nd - Talent Assembly (provisional)

Thurs 4th - Computing Assembly (provisional)

Tues 9th - F2 Foundation Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 10th - F1 Foundation Nativity (booking essential - provisional)

Weds 10th - KS1 Disco

Thurs 11th - KS2 Disco

Weds 15th - Y5&6 National Holocaust Museum visit ([link to letter](#))

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

Thurs 2nd - Lea Green Information Meeting for Y4 Parents

Tues 10th - Parents' Evening (provisional)

Weds 11th - Parents' Eve (provisional)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th - School closed for Half Term Break

March

Thurs 5th - World Book Day

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - PTFA Fundraiser - Wonka Bar sales

Thurs 19th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 21st - Comic Relief

Tues 24th - Wed 25th - Y4 Lea Green Residential ([Link to letter](#))

Thurs 26th - Science Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 30th - Mon 10th Apr School closed for Half Term Break

April

Thurs 16th - Year 3&4 Egyptian Day

Tues 21st - Y5 DAaRT Graduation with parents (invitation only/booking essential) provisional

Thurs 30th - 1B Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

May

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th - 2c Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Mon 11th - Y6 SATS week

Thurs 21st - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Fri 22nd - Sponsored Well-being Day (provisional)

Mon 25th - Fri 29th School closed for Half Term Break

June

Thurs 11th - 1C Assembly with parents/carers (provisional)

Weds 10th - School photo's (class)

Fri 12th - Now Hear This! (provisional)

Fri 19th - Non-Uniform Day (Summer Fair Donations)

Fri 26th - Summer Fair

July

Thurs 2nd - Art Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Fri 3rd - INSET Day

Thurs 9th - Talent Assembly (invitation only) (provisional)

Weds 15th - F1 Learning Journey Celebration with parents/carers (invitation only/booking essential) (provisional)

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

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

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

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

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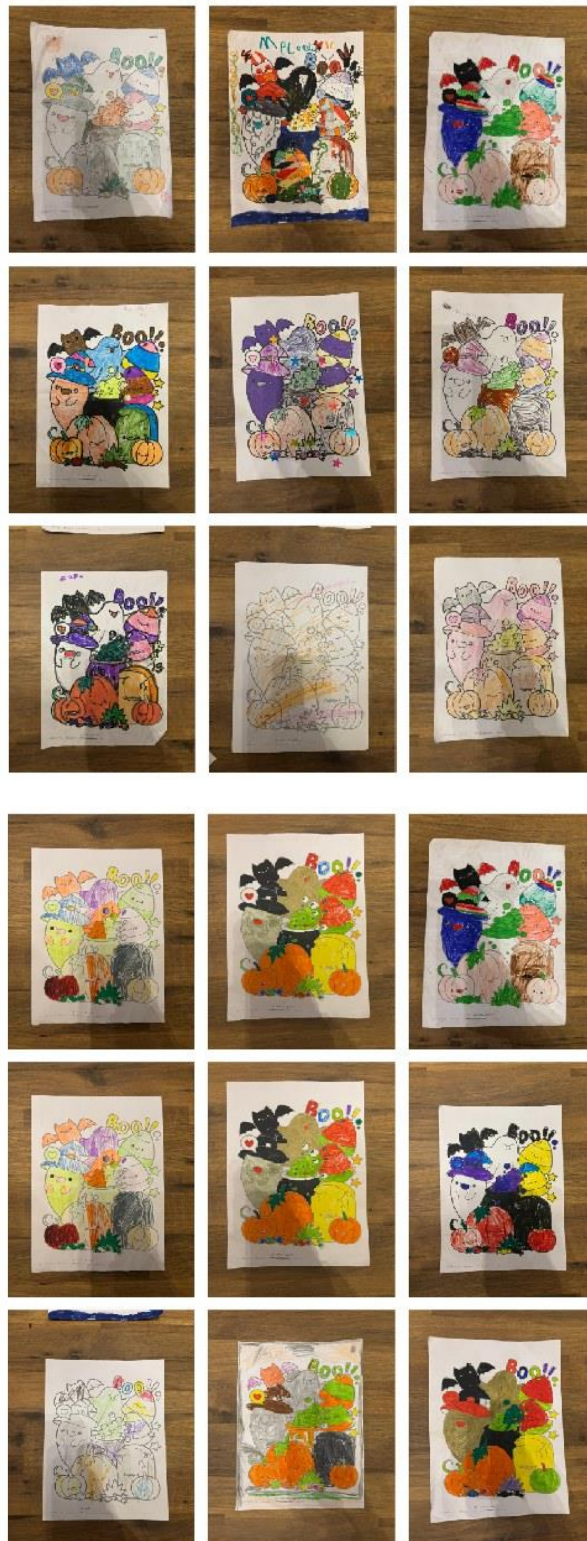
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 School Holidays	 Public Holidays	 Administration Day Monday 1 st September
Autumn Term 1 September - 17 October 7 weeks 3 November - 19 December 7 weeks	 Inset Days Tuesday 2 nd September Monday 5 th January Friday 3 rd July Monday 27 th July	
Spring Term 5 January - 13 February 6 weeks 23 February - 27 March 5 weeks		
Summer Term 13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days 1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day		

Halloween Competition



Other Entries











Dinner Menus - w/c 10th November

Winter Menu 2025-26					
Week Commencing: 10th November					Week 2
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Cheesy pizza <small>Milk Gluten Soya</small> with potato balls & salad	 Remembrance day Lunch Nottinghamshire Sausage <small>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</small> Yorkshire Pudding <small>Gluten Milk Egg</small> Mashed potatoes, roasted parsnip & Broccoli	Pork with Yorkshire pudding <small>Milk Egg Gluten</small> Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & Gravy	BBQ cheesy chicken <small>Milk</small> with new potatoes & seasonal vegetables	 Children in Need Lunch MSC Cod Dog, oven chips, baked beans, minted peas, tomato ketchup <small>Gluten Sesame Fish</small>
Option 2	Jacket potato Served with a choice of: Baked beans, Cheese <small>Milk</small> or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small>			Sandwich <small>Gluten Soya</small> Filled with a choice of: Cheese <small>Milk</small> Ham or Tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> Vegetable sticks, crisps, fruit, Frube	
pudding	Chocolate & orange cookie <small>Gluten</small>	Poppy Cookie <small>Gluten</small>	Sticky toffee pudding <small>Milk Egg Gluten</small> with custard <small>Milk</small>	Fairy cake <small>Gluten Egg</small>	Pudsey Bear Cookie <small>Gluten</small>



Children in Need - Friday 14th November (normal uniform)



Ask in the office if your child has lost their Progress Tracker sheet



To raise money for this year's Children in Need we are asking children to 'Challenge Yourself to 25'.

This could be anything, from running 25 laps of the park, to read 25 books, 25 minutes non-stop hula-hooping or 25 minutes (or hours!) of silence.

The choice is yours!

This can be done between now and Children in Need day on Friday 14th November. We will give out progress tracker sheets to all children.

Anyone who returns their completed sheet, along with a donation towards Children in Need, will be given a certificate and sticker.



Royal British Legion Poppy Sales



All proceeds to the Royal British Legion.

Year 4 Residential Visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre (45 spaces available - book via MCAS)

Due to last year's residential being such a resounding success, in March 2026 (Tuesday 24th – Wednesday 25th), we have arranged to take Year 4 children on a residential visit to Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre in Derbyshire.

Going on a residential to Lea Green is a fantastic experience for children as it has so many activities to offer and the staff who run it are brilliant at making sure the children have the best time possible. The children will have a full two-day learning experience with one night staying over at Lea Green.

The grounds at Lea Green are extensive and staying in such a grand house, which was built in 1761, is an experience in itself.

The activities the children will take part in are:

- Orienteering*
- Low ropes obstacle course*
- Bushcraft*
- Go-karting*
- Problem solving team challenges*
- Co-operative games.*

There will also be lots of opportunities for children to have free time and use the different facilities at the centre to enable them to wind down at the end of a busy day. The facilities include a games room (table football, pool tables, various games etc.), a sports hall, play ground and of course a shop.

The children will also take part in an ambush type game where the staff are the catchers – my favourite activity.

The cost of the trip will be £141 and includes transport to and from school to Lea Green, meals, bedding, use of all the facilities and activities led by the staff at the centre.

We hope that as many of Year 4 as possible can come (45 places have been booked as last year we took every member of Year 4).

We have set up a payment plan as follows:

**£50 non-refundable deposit Friday 31st October*

** £30 non-refundable instalment Friday 28th November*

**£30 non-refundable instalment Friday 30th January*

**£31 non-refundable final payment Friday 27th February*

Please note that all payments must be paid by the due dates at the very latest.

When you pay the £50 deposit, you secure the place and are making a commitment for your child to attend, and you are agreeing to pay the remaining balances by their due dates. If your child decides they no longer want to attend, a refund will not be issued and any remaining balance will still need to be paid, unless a replacement can be found.

There will be a parents' information meeting after school on Thursday 5th February, this will cover kit list and medical requirements etc.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can contact me by phoning school or emailing me on office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

Please have a look at the Lea Green website with your child for more information about the centre: [Lea Green link](#)





Many thanks,

Mrs French

Plea to parents to apply for Free School Meals even if your child is in F2-Y2 and in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals

IT'S MORE THAN A FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

Did you know that free school meal applications assist in so much more than just free meals? Take a look!

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

Online Safety



Trends

AI Parent Prank and Deepfakes of the Dead

What?

- *Kids are taking advantage of AI-generated images by sending their parents fake pictures of unhoused people in the family's house or car, sometimes even causing parents to call the police.*
 - *People are also using AI to create images and videos of people who are deceased, including public figures like Robin Williams and John Lennon. Sora recently banned deepfakes of Martin Luther King Jr., but it's unclear how further bans might be applied.*
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Now What?

- *Both trends invite discussions about ways AI can be useful and ways it can cause harm: Though these examples may seem relatively harmless, what are the consequences? How about future implications?*
 - *Talk about how AI is moving faster than we're regulating it: Based on what we're seeing, what regulations should be created? How can we, personally, prevent harms caused by AI?*
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Don't think that just because your child isn't creating these things doesn't mean they won't come across videos of other people who are doing it.

As always - keep talking to your children about what they are doing and seeing online. Taking an active interest in their online experiences always increases the chances of being able to support them better and keep them safe.

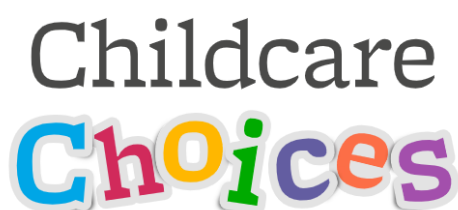
SEND Information/Newsletter

Please go to our website for the latest SEND information [Link to SEND page of website](#)

We would also like to invite any parents to a SEND information meeting on Monday 10th November at 2.30pm in the Den which is focused on autism and ADHD diagnosis. If anyone has any concerns about their child regarding this they are welcome to come. [Link to register for SEN Information Meeting](#)

The latest SEND newsletter can be found here [Link to SEND newsletter](#)

Tax Free Childcare Payments back up and running



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



Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

We are pleased to say that we have finally got our Tax Free Childcare payments back up and running with all providers. We apologise again for the time this has taken to sort this out, but this has been completely out of our control. You will need to select Arnold Mill Primary School as your new provider.

You can pay for Arnie's Breakfast Club, Millie's Afterschool Clubs and the 30-minute extra childcare for full time nursery children (this will be billed next week). Each time you make a payment, we would ask that you complete this form:

[Link to Wraparound Care Payment Form](#)

Important things to note:

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- *Balances will only reach your MCAS account once we have received confirmation from the finance department that the funds have reached the school bank account - this is likely to take approximately a week.*
 - *There is a minimum payment of £10 due to the administration involved - you can pay in advance and keep the money on the account*
 - *Please ensure that you include your reference number on the form so that finance can trace your payment - they receive hundreds of payments into their bank account which would be impossible to trace without the reference number.*
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Flu Vaccinations - Deadline to register 10th November



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

www.intrahealth.co.uk/Notts

www.facebook.com/Notts

Can You Help? (a big thank you to everyone that has dropped donations in)



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*

Breakfast Club/After School Club:

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- *toy cars/trains*
 - *toy dinosaurs/animals*
 - *colouring books*

Gardening Club:

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- *children's Trowels*
 - *gardening gloves*
 - *seeds/seedlings/bulbs*
 - *outdoor planters/tubs*
 - *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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Friends of 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*
 - *raffle ticket books*
 - *bunting*
 - *pre-loved Christmas jumpers and/or pyjamas*
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General

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- *4 laptop bags*
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Previously Seen Articles



Parent access to The National College online safety resources



We're delighted to let you know that Arnold Mill Primary School has become a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

*That's why you've now got access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.*

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow this link ([Link to register](#)) and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

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- [App store](#)
 - [Google Play](#)
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They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their [help centre](#) provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in [contact](#) with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

Important Policies



Here are a few policies which we would like to highlight:

[Parental Code of Conduct](#)

[Behaviour Policy](#)

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Mobile Phone Policy](#)

All other policies can be found here:

[Link to Policies page on website](#)

The School Car Park



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

Many thanks



Physical Education

Here are the PE slots for each class:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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



 office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

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

 <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk>

 <https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial>
