



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been blessed with a wonderful run of fair weather in the final few weeks of term. The pupils (and staff) have been enjoying the prospect of finding good reasons to learn outside more often. This coincides with our work around the environment and ensuring pupils have better opportunities to get in touch with nature. The school field has been open at lunch times and we have all enjoyed the extra space and warmth spring is providing us.

In this Arnold Update you will once again read about a great many activities and opportunities the pupils have enjoyed. A huge thank you once again to the staff who have given so much energy to this term in creating these brilliant trips and events. Our PTA continue to be such a brilliant source of support in adding to the value of what we offer as a school. Please consider supporting with your time by becoming a member of this brilliant team, as we focus on building the team for the next few years!

As the term draws to a close, we have been reviewing and reflecting on school development. Our Year 6 pupils have been progressing brilliantly toward their SATS assessments in May. Our Year 8s have Upper school assessments after the break. I will provide you with an update from the Senior team as to our Key Focus Areas for the summer term and what we aim to focus on and improve in the summer months.

We have carried out a number of charitable events across the last month, and in the coming weeks ahead this will continue. It is with pride we live out our school values of caring, and considering and respecting others. Our pupil leadership teams have consistently kept charitable events at the forefront of their minds, which shows excellent spirit and altruism. It is wonderful to see and share many of our staff leading by example, for our pupils, by dedicating themselves to difficult events on behalf of charities. Mr Lumley, Ms Dunnigan, Miss Howard, Miss Wright, Mr Fowler, Mrs McKenna, Mr Higgins, Mrs Horan, and Miss Reilly all visited Wales last weekend and climbed Pen Y Fan, on behalf of charities, respecting and remembering our very own 'Gorgeous George'. Miss McErlane and Mr Norman have been training hard to complete the London Marathon in a few week's time. There is a PTA Bingo night on Friday 4th April to support their run, plus a Celebrity Football match on Friday 18th April on behalf of the Tessa Jowell Foundation and Angel Mums. Both of these events are being hosted at Barton Rovers Football Club. Please consider supporting these wonderful events if you can!

The end of the Spring term is upon us. We have really enjoyed parents' evening and forums with you this term. Thank you for taking such a proactive role in your child's education. Excellent partnership work between us as school and you as parents and carers is crucial in our young people's lives! In the summer term, parent interaction opportunities continue. The summer term provides some great opportunities for parents and brilliant opportunities to attend and enjoy Arnold, such as the Year 7 Charity Fair, Sports Days, and Celebrating our Cultures Day. Keep an eye on the calendar section and plan to come and join us. We will update you on Parentmail about how you can book in to attend in due course.

Ramadan finished over the weekend, so a huge Eid Mubarak to our Muslim community! We hope that you have had a wonderful time celebrating with your friends and family this weekend!

The school holidays start at the end of this week, so we would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break, and Lent, if you have been observing this period.

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

April

WC 31st March

1st - Celtic Harmony Trip Year 5
3rd - Celtic Harmony Trip Year 5
4th - Last day of term
4th - Break the rules day

WC 21st April

22nd - Inset Day
23rd - Pupils return to school

WC 28th April

29th - Warwick Castle Trip 7X
20th - Warwick Vastle Trip 7Y

PTA Hundred Club

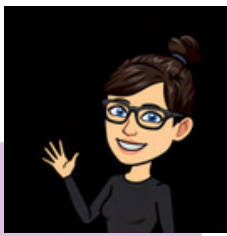
For £5 a month, you can purchase a number in our 'Numbers Club' and be in with the chance of winning a cash prize. 50% of the monthly prize fund is returned to three lucky winners, with the remaining 50% used to support the purchase of new books for the school library.

WANT TO SHARE AN ACHIEVEMENT?

Whether it's a sporting, musical,
writing, cooking or a painting success...
We want to hear about it!

Send in your news to
admin@aa.pstrust.co.uk to be featured.

Year Group News



YEAR 5

Form with the Highest Attendance

5LN

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5LN



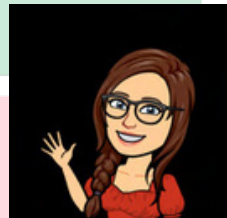
YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6JSE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6SQ



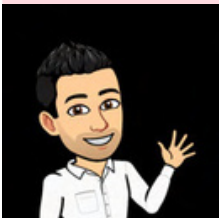
YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7KT

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7CF



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8RN/8CW

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8FP



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The pupil reporters

The pupil reporters have become a popular highlight of this newsletter, so be sure to keep an eye out for their exciting articles!

They've worked hard to craft captivating stories, and we're proud of their dedication and effort!

Careers Day

On the 7th of March, there was a career networking event for the Year 8s to introduce them to new and exciting job prospects. There were many people there to tell them about their jobs, how they got into them, and the qualifications that might be needed. The Year 8s had an hour to speak and ask as many questions as they wanted to the people there. A few of the stalls gave out gifts to some of the pupils who spoke to them, and overall, it was a fun and educational experience.

By Mila K (Year 8)



HARLINGTON DANCE SHOW

The KS2 and KS3 school dance clubs did a dance show at Harlington Upper School alongside other Pyramid Trust dance clubs. There were many schools [Harlington included] participating in the show. There was a rehearsal, and then the exciting bit began. At 7:00, the show started. There were quite a few parents and teachers in the audience watching the show. KS2 and KS3 had separate dances. The teacher in charge of the clubs is Miss Moncrieffe. She choreographed both dances herself in her own time. They both turned out really well, and everybody had a great time and enjoyed themselves. The overall theme of the show was the journey. There was one collaboration dance with: two dancers from one of the lower schools, two dancers from Arnold [in KS3], and three dancers from Harlington. Each age group had a set part in the dance. The younger ones did their bit first, then Arnold, and finally Harlington. At the end, they all came together and did a bit leading up to the ending position. This was one of the last and best dances. The show was on Thursday, the 27th of February 2025. We had to be at Harlington to practice at around 5:00, so we had time to prepare for the show. All the practice everyone had put in paid off because all the dances looked amazing.

By Clara F (Year 5)



The Year 7s Classic Victoria Challenge

Year 7 pupils were tasked with the challenge of making a classic Victoria Sandwich, following a recipe without a demonstration beforehand.

They rose to the occasion, creating some truly fantastic and beautifully decorated cakes.

Why not challenge your family to a bake-off over the school holidays?

Happy baking! 🍰👩🍳



Classic Victoria Sandwich Challenge

The Creaming method

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 200g Caster Sugar
- 200g Butter / Marg
- 200g Self raising flour
- 4 eggs

For the filling

4-6 tablespoons of jam. (Fresh fruit of your choice Optional)

Method:

1. Heat oven to 190C. Grease two 20cm sandwich tins and line with non-stick baking paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat the Butter and Sugar together until light and airy.
3. Then gradually add the eggs and finally folding in the flour until smooth being carefully not to knock out the trapped air.
4. Divide the mixture between the tins, smooth the surface with a spatula or the back of a spoon, then bake for about 20mins until golden and the cake springs back when pressed. Turn onto a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.
5. Spread your jam evenly and sandwich the cakes together
6. Dust with a little icing sugar before serving.
7. Keep in an airtight container and eat within 2 days.

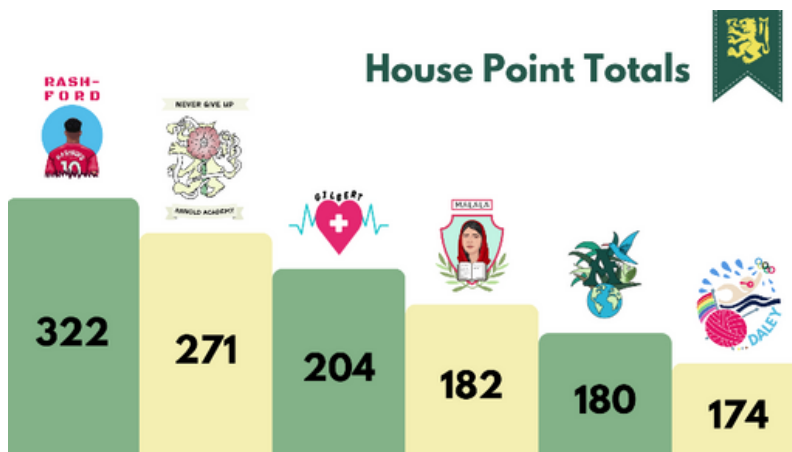
Your challenge is to use this recipe to make the basic Victoria sponge cake independently using the basic recipe sheet provided.

You will be assessed on your final outcome and that you are working hygienically and safely throughout the lesson.

You will have 1 and a half hours to complete this challenge.

Now Bake!

HOUSE POINT TOTALS!

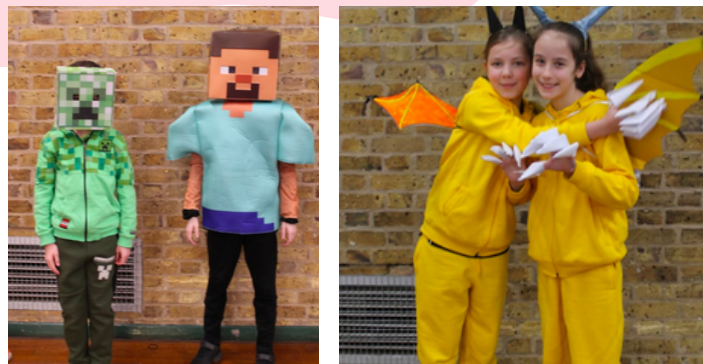


WORLD BOOK DAY

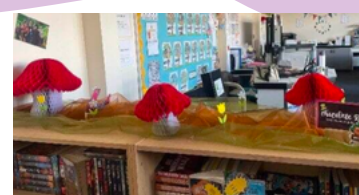
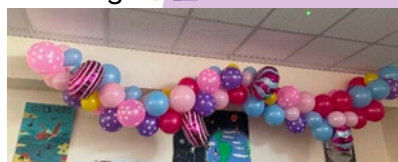
World Book Day, which took place on Thursday the 6th, was a fun-filled day to dress up as your favourite book character—whether home-made or a simple costume—or bring in your favourite book. Many students wore extravagant outfits that sparked creativity and amazed everyone with their enticing, unique ideas for costumes, and although some forgot or preferred not to, this was a perfect opportunity to find inspiration for the next World Book Day.

Next year, our school will hope for more creativity again from the new Year 5s who will come up to us. If you are struggling to think of someone to dress up as, some well-known characters from popular books are: Matilda, Willy Wonka, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Ronald Weasley, Alice from Alice in Wonderland, The Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood, The Cat in the Hat, Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz, or even any of the Mr Men! Us as a school would like more of our students to participate in the upcoming years and try to create unique costumes for everyone to enjoy.

By Eliza M (Year 6)



Mrs. Molyneux did a fabulous job decorating the library for World Book Day! It looked absolutely amazing! 🌟🇬🇧



🇬🇧 Reading Competition 🇬🇧

Each month, the house with the most words read in each year group earns a point for their house and a 'Reading Trophy' for their form tutor to proudly display in their classroom. A 'Reading Badge of Honour' is then placed on the house boards for everyone to see and celebrate the achievement.

🎉 Below are the winners for January – congratulations to all the top readers! Keep the fantastic work! 🌟



5RF



6JSM



7JF



8JN

New Library Books

Mrs. Molyneux has used the funds raised from the Scholastic Book Fair to purchase a fantastic selection of new books for the library. Be sure to check them out - there are plenty of exciting titles perfect for enjoying over the Easter break!



Rotary Club - Inter School Technology Tournament Winners!

Year 7 Tech Trip

On Friday the 14th of March 2025, the Year Sevens went on a technology trip with schools competing with each other. You get a task and a series of materials and tools you need to have to make something, and have a set amount of time to make the task work correctly and not break.

The task was to build a car-like motor that can be controlled from the start line with a switch through a tube. The only successful teams were Jayden, Sammy, Rishi, and Layth. The other two teams could not make their car drive.

Arnold got a shield-shaped award with all the schools' names that had won over the years, as well as medals because they came first.

By Olivia S (Year 7)



What a fantastic achievement by everyone involved! We are incredibly proud of this success!



Friday 4th April 2025

BREAK THE RULES DAY



Break the Rules Day

Break the Rules Day is on April 4th, 2025. There will be some rules you can break, for example:

- You could eat your pudding before your meal (only if you're having a school dinner).
- You could dye your hair any colour you want.
- You could wear non-school uniform.
- You can't break any rules that will hurt or harm anyone.
- You have to pay 50p to break a rule (singular, not 50p for all of them).
- There are other rules you can break as well.

By Rehan P, Dylan Pr and Mia T (Year 6)

£30 Challenge

The Thirty-Pound Challenge is back this year, raising money for the NOAH charity and supporting the Year 8 end-of-year event. The latest results are in: so far, we've raised an impressive £2,650.21 as a school. Leading the way is 7KT, which remains the top contributor. Well done to everyone involved – keep up the great work!

Year 5	£	691.88
Year 6	£	512.20
Year 7	£	783.52
Year 8	£	475.06
Chiltern	£	187.55
Total	£	2,650.21

FRANCE TRIP 2025

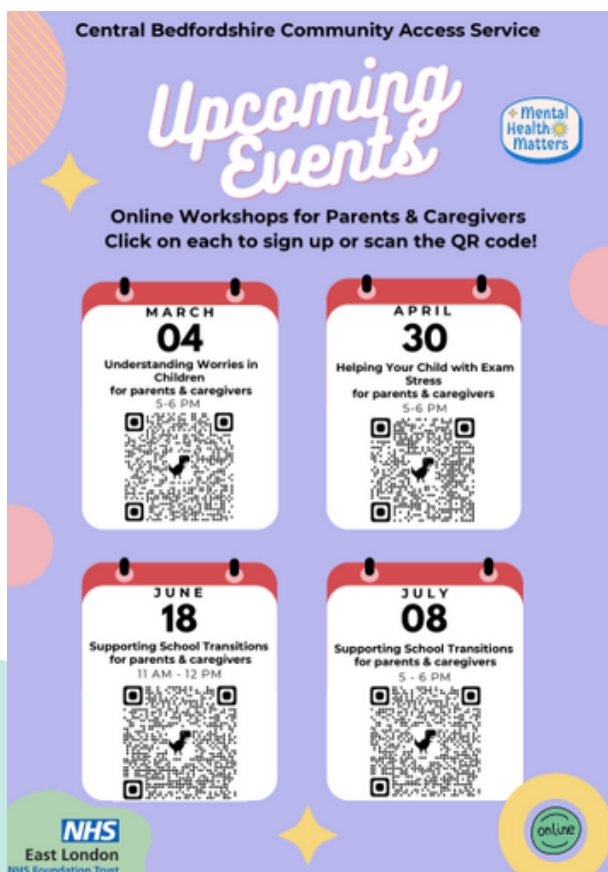
Bonjour! Year 8 recently embarked on an unforgettable trip to the Opal Coast in northern France. After a long journey, we kicked things off by making delicious crêpes. Throughout the trip, we enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including visiting one of the largest aquariums in Europe, exploring a local bakery, touring a military cemetery, discovering how chocolate is made at a factory, and browsing several charming shops. Some of us were even brave enough to try snails – surprisingly tasty! (Though it was completely optional.) If you're willing to survive a few Wi-Fi-free evenings, I'd definitely recommend the French Trip – it's an experience you won't forget!



Making croissants!

Trying snails!





Mental Health and Wellbeing workshops - Friday 28th March

As part of our commitment to supporting our pupils' mental health, last Friday each year group took part in Mental Health awareness workshops. These were delivered by professionals from briym: <https://www.briym.co.uk> and funded by our amazing PTA.

The workshops were tailored to the needs of the year group and ranged from general wellbeing awareness for our younger pupils to managing screen time.

We will be discussing our commitment to promoting children's positive mental health at our next Parent Forum on Wednesday, 7th May – more details to follow nearer the time.



Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award

☀ It's time to care for our school community! ☀

Challenge: Caring for Others

To help pupils complete the "Caring for Others" challenge, Mr. Lumley has organised a litter pick, which will take place every Thursday lunchtime, starting at around 12:30. This will continue for the rest of the school year.

To successfully complete the challenge, children must participate at least five times, working together to keep our school clean and make a positive impact!

📌 Note:

After Easter, there will be have more opportunities to complete additional challenges at school, including:

- 🌿 ECO work in the woods between Arnold and Ramsey (Caring for Others)
- 🗑 Continued litter picking (Caring for Others)
- 🩹 First Aid training (mandatory for all children)
- 🎬 Filming a film trailer (Drama Challenge)

We are excited for pupils to take on these challenges and make a difference! ❤

Writing Competition

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to showcase their writing skills over the Easter break. We encourage carers to support and motivate their children to take part in this creative challenge. Please refer to the poster below for details on how to enter.

Are you the next Michael Morpurgo?

An exciting story writing competition

"Where have you been?", said...

This is your story opener. Your story should continue from this opener and be no more than 500 words. Your story will also need a title.

The judges will expect originality, a good plot, strong characterisation, creative language and enjoyment reading the story.

There are two competitions: one for KS2, and one for KS3.

The two winners will each be awarded a Trophy and £50 of book tokens kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Barton-Le-Clay.

Stories due on Monday 28th April

Chiltern News

Chiltern have enjoyed a number of outings this term, with a visit to the Natural History Museum at Tring, trips to Barton Springs, a walk to the bakers in the village and numerous fun activities undertaken at Forest School. We are very much looking forward to carrying this on as the weather improves, and we immerse ourselves fully into the summer term ahead, and all the outdoor opportunities this brings!



Charity Walk

On Saturday, 29th March, Team Arnold braved a tough and chilly climb in memory of gorgeous George and to raise much-needed funds for Brain Tumour Research. A huge well done to everyone involved! This is a fantastic achievement in support of such a wonderful charity.



SPORTS NEWS

A fantastic week for our 6A Lions team with two 4-0 wins in the County Cup versus Brooklands School and Leighton Middle School. Two very impressive performances!



Year 6 Champions League

The competition kicked off back in September 2024, with 16 teams participating. After the league stages, the competition was narrowed down to the top 10 teams. Each team competed in a series of knockout matches, some of which were decided by penalty shootouts.

The final saw Apple Monkeys FC face off against Barton Ballers. It was undoubtedly the best match of the competition, featuring some fantastic one- and two-touch football.

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part, and thank you for making this such an exciting and memorable competition!

Final: Apple Monkeys 3 Barton Ballers 1



SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Rugby Team

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible progress and achievements of our Year 8 Rugby Team this season. It has been a journey of growth, teamwork, and determination, and we are immensely proud of the energy and effort shown by each player.

What stands out most this season is the team's resilience. Whether facing a tough opponent or challenging circumstances, the Year 8 team has consistently maintained a positive attitude.

Their ability to keep pushing forward, stay motivated, and support one another has been nothing short of inspiring.



Year 7 Rugby Team

As the season comes to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the Year 7 Rugby team's incredible journey, celebrate their achievements, and look ahead to the areas for improvement next year. What an exciting and dynamic season it has been! Each player has brought energy, determination, and growth to the field, and we've seen remarkable progress in both individual skills and teamwork.

The players have consistently given their best, whether in training or during matches, and their effort - especially when facing tough competition - has been truly commendable. The passion for rugby is clear, and we are eager to see how they will continue to develop in the future.

While there are areas to improve, the team's potential is limitless. With the dedication and growth demonstrated this season, we are excited about what the next year holds. We can't wait to see each player continue to progress, building on their skills and elevating their game to the next level.



Year 6 Rugby Tournament

We're excited to provide an update on the Year 6 Rugby Team's performance during their recent tournament. The team demonstrated remarkable determination, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, making us incredibly proud of their efforts and progress.

The boys showed exceptional support for one another, communicating effectively both on and off the field. Their strong focus on teamwork allowed them to execute plays seamlessly and maintain high spirits, regardless of the score. A clear highlight was the significant improvement in the team's defensive strategies. Players were quick to position themselves, working as a cohesive unit to prevent opponents from breaking through.



PTA NEWS

Bingo Night

Tickets for our Easter Bingo Night at Barton Rovers are now on sale!

This fun-filled event will raise funds for Miss McErlane and Mr. Norman, who are running the London Marathon next month. All proceeds from the bingo night will go towards their fundraising efforts.

Tickets are priced at £10 per adult, with accompanying children attending for free (please ensure you order a ticket for each child).



For the Arnold PTA to continue, we are now reaching the point where we will need new members to come forward and join the Committee and the PTA, ideally from April/May 2025 so that we can start the handover process. The existing Committee team will be on hand to support and show our new Committee members the ropes, continuing to build on the success that the Arnold PTA has had over so many years.

We invite you all to come to a meeting after Easter at Arnold, to discuss the future of the Arnold PTA. Please look out for the date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions in respect of the Arnold PTA or would like further details of the roles and an overview of what each role covers, please do reach out to us via email: pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

Thanks,

The Arnold PTA team

