



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the first month back at school has arrived and how quickly the time has flown! It has been a calm and focused start here at Arnold. It has been delightful, as always, to see how quickly our new pupils have settled and found their feet. A huge thanks to staff going above and beyond to look after our most vulnerable pupils! I want to share with you our key school development foci for this term. These objectives will be reviewed in December, ready for term two:

1. Our Teaching and Learning Culture – Quality First Teaching and teachers collaborating together to achieve best practice
2. Our School Values – Embedding our revised CORE values
3. Maintaining Opportunities for our pupils – providing a vibrant and rich wider curriculum.

This half-term we have a number of opportunities for parents to attend the school and increase their involvement in life here at Arnold. Our Parent Forum will continue each half-term, you can read more about what it sets out to do [HERE](#). The first meeting, which is Thursday 23rd October at 5pm, will be an open review and will help to build agenda items for the rest of the year. Please register your attendance [HERE](#), to help ensure we know how many to cater for. Following feedback to provide a range of days and times, here are the rest of the dates for the year. We would love it if you could set this time aside to help us make the best school we can, together!

- Tuesday 25th November 6pm
- Wednesday 21st January 5:30pm
- Wednesday 4th March 9.30am
- Tuesday 5th May 5pm
- Thursday 18th June 6pm

A massive thank you for your support of our MacMillan Coffee Morning. We raised over £1,300 and it was a delight to have so many parents, wider family members and carers join us. Well done Miss. Boston for coordinating this once again!

We also have our meet the tutor events on 13th (in-person) and 16th October (virtual). Booking for this event has been shared with you today, via Parentmail. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into this academic year.

This term we have our Open Evening on Wednesday 5th November. This will give our pupils wonderful leadership opportunities to showcase our school. If you know of anyone looking for school places in current Year 6 (where we have a small number of spaces), or for Year 5 next September, please help us promote our event by directing people to our social media pages or website. You are also welcome to attend, as a current parent, any of our open events. It would be wonderful to host you and let you see the school in action!

The monthly Arnold Update celebrates the best of what is being experienced and achieved in the Arnold community. Our club timetable is now in full swing and many events and trips will continue to be on offer for our pupils across the year.

Please talk to your child regularly about this and ensure they are participating in clubs and activities so that they make the most of life at Arnold. You can find the Trips and Extra Curriculum Overviews attached. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Arnold update. I look forward to seeing you in person at one, or some, of the many events we have over this half-term!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

October

W/C 6th

W/C 13th

13th - Parent Consultations - Face to Face

15th - Flu Vaccines Session 1

16th - Parent Consultations - Virtual

W/C 20th

21st - Y8 HUS Bake Off

22nd - Y6 National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)

22nd - PTA Halloween Disco

23rd - Parent Forum

24th - Last day of school before half term break

W/C 27th

Half Term

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.



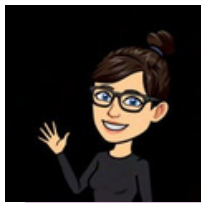
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Year Group News

YEAR 5

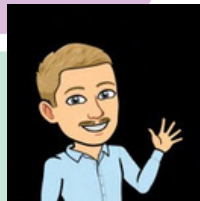
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Form with the Highest Achievement Points

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YEAR 6

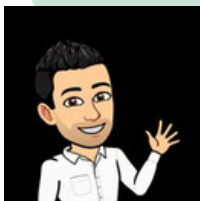


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Form with the Highest Achievement Points

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YEAR 7

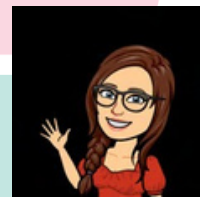
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Form with the Highest Achievement Points

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YEAR 8



Form with the Highest Attendance

8JMC

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8DB

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA!

Thanks to the funds raised from the 100 Club, the school has been able to purchase a fantastic selection of brand-new books for our library.

The new books have been a huge hit with pupils of all ages, and it's wonderful to see so many happy faces engrossed in new stories and adventures.

Your support makes a real difference to our school community, and these books will be enjoyed by pupils for years to come.

Thank you, PTA!



Celebrating Our Arnold Values Achievers!

We believe in recognising and celebrating pupils who truly embody our core values. Each week, our form tutors have the special task of nominating one pupil from their form who has consistently demonstrated these important principles in their actions and attitude. Each nominated pupil receives a vending machine voucher, allowing them to choose a well-deserved prize!

We are delighted to announce our recent Arnold Values Award winners:

★ 6CW Stefan

★ 8DB Shaye

★ 6DD Ella

★ 8CF Max

Congratulations to all of these pupils for being such excellent role models!

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 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 September- congratulations to all the top readers! Keep up the fantastic work! 🙌



5AT



7JSM



6LN



8CF

Arnold Academy Reads!



Accelerated Reader Library Quiz Raffle



Jack 5AT



Nico 6CW



🎃 👻 Look out for our Halloween reading competition coming to the library very soon- another chance for 4 pupils to win a spooktacular prize from Arnold's vending machine.

Our School Values!

We're excited to launch our updated school values, which reflect our commitment to creating a positive, inclusive, and inspiring learning environment. These values will guide everything we do, both in and out of the classroom. Together, we're building a stronger school community!



Exciting Opportunity for KS3 – Become a School Reporter!

We're thrilled to offer our KS3 pupils an exciting opportunity to get involved in the creation of our monthly school newsletter! Applications to become one of our new School Reporters will be handed out in the next few weeks during form time.

Our student reporters will help cover school events, write articles, and share important news from a student perspective. The School Reporters Club will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

Be sure to keep an eye out for their amazing contributions in the upcoming Arnold Updates!

Noah Charity Donation

We're so proud to announce that we've presented a cheque for £2,000 to Leanne from NOAH, our school's charity for the 2024/25 academic year.

Our pupils have been dedicated to helping this wonderful homeless charity all year. In December, they collected a fantastic assortment of toiletries, including shampoo, toothpaste, and soap, filling boxes with much-needed supplies. Then, in July, our current Year 8 pupils organized a hugely successful Charity Fair that raised a significant portion of the total donation.

We know that NOAH will put these funds and supplies to great use in their vital work helping the homeless. We want to thank all the students, staff, and families who contributed to this amazing effort!

Year 7 Design & Technology Food Homework – Ingredient List Now Online

We're pleased to let parents/carers and pupils know that the ingredient list for the Year 7 Design & Technology (Food) homework is now available on the school website. To find it, simply visit the Homework section and scroll to the bottom of the page. This will help students come to lessons fully prepared and ready to cook!

There is also a link provided below for easy access.

Year 7 D&T Food Homework



Sweet Success for Macmillan Cancer Support!

What an incredible morning we had on Friday 26th September for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning!

A massive thank you to everyone who came out to support this wonderful cause. The sheer selection of treats on offer was absolutely staggering - from delectable cakes and cookies to tempting cupcakes, there was something for everyone. We were so delighted to welcome our family and friends into the school to share in the event and enjoy a coffee and a slice of something sweet!

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing **£1,327.56!** This fantastic total will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support to help people living with cancer.



The Great Arnold Academy Bake Off Results

Our Coffee Morning also played host to the first House competition of the year: the 'Great Arnold Academy Bake Off!'. The children sent in a wonderful selection of entries, and the judges had a tough job picking the winners - Congratulations to all our talented bakers!

Daley wins the first House Competition of the Year!

Category	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Best Cupcake	Thomas	Ayaan	Kailen	Emmeline
Best Plate of Biscuits/Cookies	Olivia	Layla	Maria	Max
Best Chocolate Cake	Jason	Zakariya	Yousuf	Dexter
Best class participation	5CP Daley	6RW Daley	7JSM Malala	8DB Daley

Level Up Life Skills with the Junior Duke Award!

We're excited to announce that the Junior Duke Award is back and available for our Year 6 students to sign up for!

This fantastic programme is designed to help children develop essential life skills, confidence, and resilience by stepping out of their comfort zones and taking on new challenges.

What is the Junior Duke Award?

To achieve the award, students must successfully complete 10 out of the 14 challenges set. These challenges cover a range of practical skills, from first aid and basic cookery to financial awareness and household tasks.

The key to the Junior Duke is independence. While a little encouragement and support from friends and family are welcome, the children are required to do all the work themselves—this is where the growth happens!

How to Sign Up:

Who: All Year 6 students

Cost: £10.50

Action: A Parent Mail with full details and sign-up instructions has already been sent to all Year 6 parents.

Please check your inbox for the Parent Mail information.

If you have any further questions about the award, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Lumley via email at glumley@aa.pstrust.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 students embrace this rewarding opportunity!



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality at Arnold Academy

At Arnold Academy, we always encourage our pupils to strive for 100% attendance. However, we understand that this is not always possible. Therefore, we have set a school attendance target of 96% for the academic year 2025/26. Research shows a strong link between attendance and academic achievement, which is why it's so important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. High attendance is only possible with the full support of parents and carers. As a parent or carer, you are legally responsible for ensuring your child attends school regularly. You must inform the school of the reason for any absence on the first day and every subsequent day of absence. If required, we may ask for further documentation, such as appointment cards or letters, or information regarding medication.

Punctuality Matters

Good punctuality, both to school and to lessons, plays a significant role in a child's academic success. When students arrive late, they miss out on essential learning at the start of the school day. This can impact their academic performance, regardless of their ability.

Additionally, late arrivals can disrupt the entire class and cause the student to feel out of place when entering a settled classroom. For example, being just 10 minutes late every day results in over 30 hours (approximately six school days) of learning lost over the course of the year. Pupils are expected to be in their form rooms by 8:35 a.m. to begin the school day. Students arriving after 8:35 a.m. but before the register closes at 8:50 a.m. will be marked as "Late" (L) in the register. Persistent lateness will result in a lunchtime detention. Any student arriving after 8:50 a.m., when registration has closed, will be marked as "U" (arrived after registration). A "U" code is an unauthorised absence and may result in a fixed penalty notice.

Leave of Absence

Arnold Academy does not grant leave of absence during term time unless a request is made in advance by the parent with whom the child normally resides, and the school considers there to be exceptional circumstances. Please note that the school cannot authorise any absence for holidays. If you need to take your child out of school for reasons other than a holiday, please complete the leave of absence form. Unauthorised leave of absence will be referred to the Central Bedfordshire Educational Welfare Officer, which could lead to a fixed penalty fine.

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Star Struck at the Europa League Final!

What an incredible experience for Charlie in Year 5! Charlie had the opportunity of a lifetime when he attended the 2025 UEFA Europa League Final. The day was already amazing, but it got even better when he met one of his heroes: Tottenham Hotspur's star player, Pedro Porro! Charlie was absolutely delighted to meet the Spanish defender, capping off a truly memorable day of top-tier European football.





Lost and Found? Not Anymore! Please Label All Clothing!

With the change in seasons and layers coming on and off, our Lost Property box is starting to fill up again—mostly with jumpers, zip up jackets and PE kit items!

A quick reminder to all parents and carers: please take a moment to clearly label every item of your child's clothing.

When items are clearly named, we can quickly and easily reunite them with their rightful owner, saving you time, money, and hassle. Items that don't have a name are much harder to get back to you and often end up unclaimed.

Whether you use an indelible pen, iron-on labels, or stick-on tags, make sure your child's name is visible on:

- Coats and Jackets
- Jumpers and Cardigans
- PE Kits
- Water Bottles and Lunchboxes

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep lost property to a minimum!

A Day of Discovery: Medical Mavericks Inspire Young Scientists!

The Science Department at Arnold Academy was buzzing with excitement and activity on Thursday 25th September, as we proudly welcomed back the inspiring Medical Mavericks team! This fantastic day of hands-on workshops was made possible by the incredible fundraising efforts of our dedicated PTA—a huge thank you to them!

Hourly sessions ran throughout the day, providing an unforgettable, interactive experience for both Year 5 and Year 6 students.



Year 7 Students Embark on Enriching Faith Trip

On Tuesday 30th September, Year 7 students in X band had the valuable opportunity to participate in the Queens Park Faith Tour in Bedford.

This special trip was arranged to enhance their understanding of our Key Stage 3 Religious Studies curriculum and support their personal development. The immersive experience provided a unique opportunity for our Year 7 pupils to see firsthand how different faiths and religions interact and work together within a community setting.

Currently, our Year 7 pupils are studying Sikhism in Religious Studies. To support and enrich this learning, the tour focused on three local faith communities and their places of worship in Queens Park, Bedford. Students spent time at:

- All Saint's Parish Church
- Jamia Masjid Gulshane Baghdad Mosque
- Guru Nanak Gurdwara

This exploration offered a practical and engaging way to connect classroom learning with real-world community life. We are confident this trip will contribute significantly to their understanding and appreciation of religious diversity.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Netball Team v Henlow

The Year 8 Netball team put in a fantastic effort for their first game of the league, showing determination and teamwork throughout the match. Despite a tough game and a 16–8 scoreline, the girls never gave up and kept fighting until the final whistle. Neve's hard work and skill were recognized by the opposition, who voted her Player of the Match, while her teammates chose Emma G for her brilliant contribution on the court. Miss Nicholls awarded her Player of the Match to Myla for her energy and commitment. Well done to the whole team for their resilience and team spirit.



Cross Country Celebration!

On Friday, September 26th, an incredible 40 of our pupils proudly laced up their trainers and took part in the recent cross country event.

The atmosphere was absolutely buzzing with excitement as our runners gave it their all. They showed amazing energy, determination, and fantastic school spirit throughout the morning.

We were thrilled to see every single pupil cross the finish line with huge smiles and a well-deserved sense of achievement. We couldn't be prouder of their effort and commitment! Well done to all 40 participants!



⚽ Exciting News in PE – Girls' Football!

From the week commencing Monday 6th October, the girls will be starting a brand-new topic in PE: Football.

To help them get the most out of the lessons:

- Football boots and shin pads aren't compulsory, but they are highly recommended for comfort and safety.
- Pupils will need two pairs of shoes – one for playing football (which may get muddy) and another clean pair to change into after the lesson (another pair of trainers or school shoes)
- Please also pop a plastic bag into their kit so muddy shoes can be carried home easily.

We're really looking forward to kicking off this new topic and can't wait to see the girls getting stuck in!



PTA NEWS

Arnold Academy PTA – News & Updates

A Warm Welcome to our New PTA Committee
We're delighted to introduce the newly elected PTA Committee:

- Chair: Zoe Phelps
- Secretary: Lucy Melville
- Treasurer: Laura Wilson

A huge thank you to all our new and returning PTA members for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you! It was lovely to see some new faces joining us.

We're on Instagram!

We're excited to announce that the Arnold Academy PTA is now on Instagram! Follow us for the latest updates, event photos, and a peek behind the scenes:

[instagram.com/arnold.academy.pta](https://www.instagram.com/arnold.academy.pta)

New Library Books - Thanks to Your Support

Thanks to the fantastic contributions from our PTA 100 Club members, we have purchased a wonderful selection of new books for our school library. The pupils are already enjoying reading and quizzing with them, and they have been a big hit!

Uniform Shop

The uniform sale is going from strength to strength, and we are so happy that so much uniform is being saved from landfill. Please keep all your donations coming in. The uniform stock can be found via your parent mail in the shop section; this is regularly updated as stock comes in, so please keep checking back.



Halloween Disco

Once again this year we are bringing back the ever popular spooky Halloween disco! Tickets will go on sale this Friday; more details will follow separately.



Join the Arnold Academy 100 Club!

Do you want to support the school library fund and have the chance to win cash prizes every month? Here's how the 100 Club works:

- **£5 per month per number** (you can buy as many numbers as you like)
- **70% of contributions** go into the prize fund (1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes each month)
- **30%** supports the school library book fund
- Monthly draws with winners announced on Facebook and in the school newsletter
- Prizes paid directly via bank transfer

How to Join:

1. Set up a standing order to:

Arnold Academy 100 Club – TSB

Sort Code: **30-10-49** | Account: **18700768**

1. Use your child's name as the payment reference.
2. Start your subscription on the 1st of next month. You'll receive confirmation of your number(s) and automatic entry into the monthly draw.

Questions? Contact us at pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk