



Dear Parents and Carers,

A really short half-term has quickly flown by. Today we have our final day of the Spring term; let's hope we get the arrival of summer after the Easter break!

In this Arnold Update you will, as always, 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 time and energy this term in creating these clubs, brilliant trips and wonderful events.

Our PTA continues to be such a brilliant source of support in adding to the value of what we offer as a school. Please, please consider supporting with your time by becoming a member (or leader) of this brilliant team, as we focus on building the team for the next few years!

We have really enjoyed parents' evenings and forums with you this term. Thank you for taking such a proactive role in your child's education. The most recent Year 5 and 7 evenings were extremely busy and well attended. We have had a few concerns raised around rewards for pupils this term. We are always keen to find multiple ways children can be excited and celebrated during their school journey. However, we also recognise the importance of proactive and strategic inclusion of parents in the life of the school. I would therefore request that any developmental feedback comes via scheduled sessions, so there is adequate time for deep discussion and sensible review. Here are the dates and agendas for the summer forums. We will send out reminders and links to book attendance nearer the time.

- Tuesday 5th May, 5pm: Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)/Trips (Ms Boston/Ms Wright)
- Thursday 18th June, 6pm: Homework/Behaviour and Rewards (Mr Davis/Mr Rudkin)

The summer term provides some great opportunities for parents to attend and enjoy Arnold, such as the Year 7 Charity Fair, Sports Days and Celebrating Our Cultures Day. Keep an eye out on the calendar section and plan to come and join us. We will update you on Parentmail about how you can book to attend in due course.

Sadly, we have two long-serving members of staff leaving us at Easter. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their dedication and commitment to the Arnold community. Jenny Fletcher has been an excellent English teacher and form tutor here since 2022. Jenny is taking a career break to enjoy and refocus on time with her family. Our SENDCo, Neill Campbell, is moving on to pursue his own professional interests in SEND and SEMH support. He has provided fourteen years of dedicated service to SEND pupils and their parents. We are writing to parents to invite them in after Easter to provide information on our future plans for SEND at Arnold.

Ramadan finished a week ago, so Eid Mubarak to our Muslim community! We hope that you have had a wonderful time celebrating with your friends and family. We would also like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break, and a meaningful Lent if you have been observing this period.



Pete Roberts - Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

April
W/C 30th March
Easter Holiday

W/C 6th April
Easter Holiday

W/C 13th April
13th - Training Day
14th - Pupils back in School

W/C 4th May
5th - Y8 Assessment Week
5th - Parent Forum

W/C 11th May
11th - Y6 SATs Week
15th - Y6 Fun Afternoon

W/C 18th May
18th - Eco Week
22nd - School Photos (Y8 & Sports Teams)



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

5RN

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5CP



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6DD

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6LN



YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7SR

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7SR



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8JMC

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8DB

Celebrating Our Arnold Values Achievers!

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

★ 7GL - Oliver

★ 5CP - Quinn

★ 5KM - Suriya

★ 7JSE - Kian

★ 7JSM - Maddie

★ 7SQ - Aminah

★ 7SR - Valentina

★ 5LH - James

★ 5RN - Lucy

★ 5RF - Khloe

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

Accelerated Reader Library Quiz Raffle

★ Ellen 8JF

★ Joshua 7JSM

★ Harriet 5AT



Millionaires Row!



Congratulations to our new Millionaires for March:

★ Nana 5CP

Library Lunch Winners

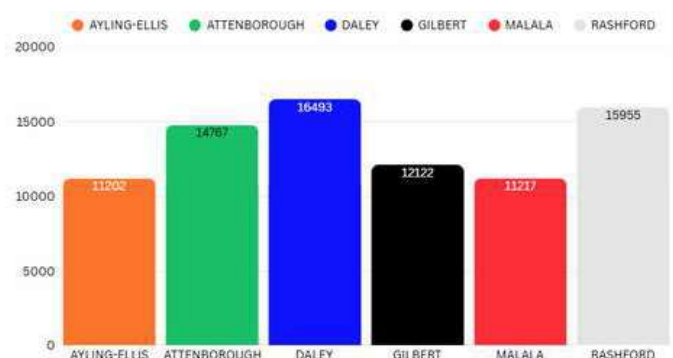
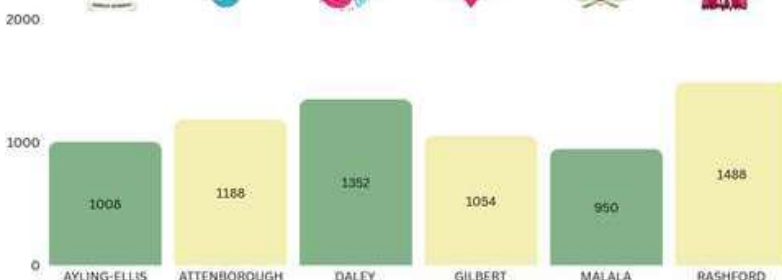
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★ Amelia 7SQ



HOUSE POINTS

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS



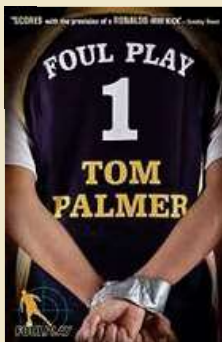
NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

KS2 Recommendation (Ages 9+)

Foul Play – Tom Palmer (ages 9+)

A thrilling mystery surrounding a boy, his beloved football team, and their missing star player. A great series for fans of short, punchy crime adventures. This book is full of fast-paced action and danger, as Danny is determined to solve the mystery and bring the criminals to justice.



KS3 Recommendation (Ages 12+)

Ghost Boys - Jewell Parker Rhodes (ages 12+)

A gently written, gripping story that deals with the complexities of racism, prejudice and bullying with delicacy and hope. Having been mistakenly killed, 12 year old Jerome's ghost lives on to watch the aftermath of the events and begins to encounter other ghost boys, making a connection with their stories. Hope is offered through Sarah, a police officer's daughter, who can interact with the ghost of Jerome. A reflecting, compelling, thought-provoking and powerful read.



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Scout Success for Year 8 Students

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Shaye (Year 8) and Oliver (Year 8).

Both students are members of St Augustine's Scout Group and, during a recent camp, were proudly awarded the prestigious Chief Scout Gold Award by District Commissioner Ben Summerfield. This is the highest award in Scouts and reflects outstanding commitment, resilience, and teamwork.

What makes their accomplishment even more impressive is the timescale in which they completed it. While participants would usually have close to a year to finish the required challenges, Shaye and Oliver achieved this in just over three months, supported brilliantly by their Scout leaders.

A huge congratulations to both students on this exceptional achievement – we are very proud of you!



Our Year 8 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Careers Day

Dressed for success, the day began with a Careers Speed Networking event where pupils met professionals from a range of industries, hearing about their career journeys and asking lots of thoughtful questions.

In the afternoon, pupils took part in mock interviews, giving them the opportunity to practise speaking about their strengths, interests and future goals. They also received valuable feedback to help prepare them for future opportunities such as work experience and part-time jobs.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the day and helped make it such a valuable experience for our pupils.



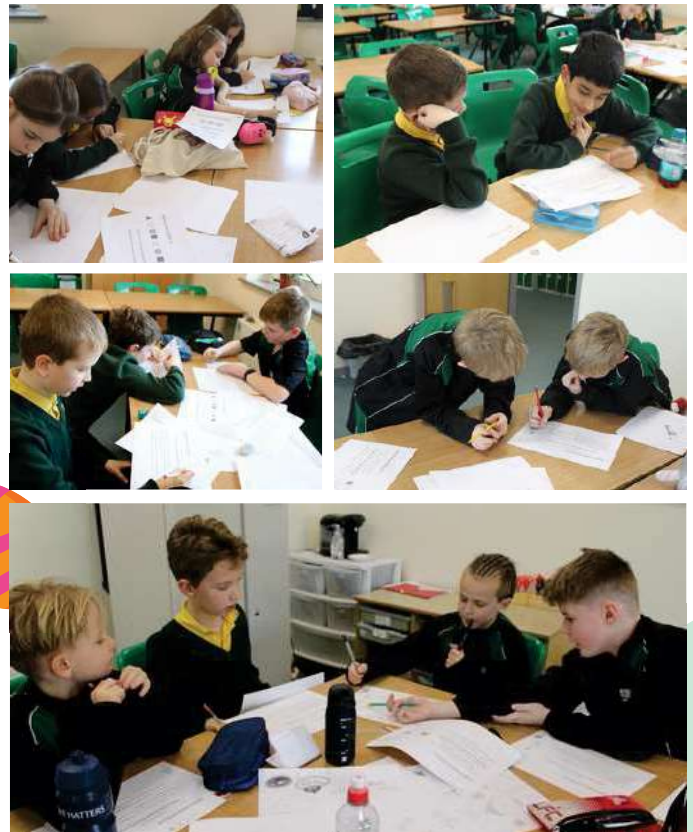
THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who generously gave their time to support our Year 8 Careers Day. Your advice, encouragement and willingness to share your experiences made the day a valuable and inspiring experience for our pupils. We are very grateful for your support in making the day possible.



Maths Challenge Success!

Last week, a number of enthusiastic mathematicians were chosen to represent the school in the Hertfordshire Year 5 Maths Challenge. Well done to everybody who took part and especially Kellan, Quinn, Jack and Beatrice who managed to make the top 20 out of more than 250 teams. A fantastic achievement! We wish them luck for the grand final on 24th March.



Fidget Toys in School

We have seen an increase in fidget toys being brought into school, which are now causing distraction in lessons.

Only school-approved fidget toys, provided by staff or through The Willows, should be used in lessons, and only by a small number of pupils where needed. Items such as squishy toys containing liquid or powder are not permitted.

Students may bring items from home for break and lunchtime, but if used in lessons, they will be confiscated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Zoo Trip Information

Information about the upcoming zoo trip has now been sent out via ParentMail. Please check your account for full details.

New Spring/Summer 2026 School Menus Now Available

We are pleased to introduce our new Spring/Summer 2026 menus!

They include a range of healthy, balanced meals and some exciting new choices for pupils to enjoy.

[Please click the link to view the full menus.](#)

Building Resilience in Young Minds Workshops

Last Friday, our pupils took part in BRIYM (Building Resilience in Young Minds) workshops. During the sessions, children learned about how the brain develops up to the age of 25, as well as understanding challenge and stress and how these can sometimes be positive. They also explored techniques to help manage these feelings.

A big thank you to our PTA for kindly funding these valuable workshops.



Duolingo Champions!

A huge well done to our Duolingo winners!

- Year 8: Tiarah, Saif and Daksh
- Year 7: Lorelai, Dylan and Daniel

Your dedication to practising languages and building your skills is fantastic to see. Keep up the great work!



Maths News

A total of 61,000 able mathematicians took part nationally in the Primary Mathematics Challenge in November. Ayaan and Harrison scored in the top 5% (out of some of the best Year 5 and Year 6 mathematicians in the country!) and were invited to take part in the bonus round in February. Harrison was awarded a bronze certificate for scoring in the top 75% in the bonus round, and Ayaan only missed out on bronze by one mark. Well done to both.

Jack, Quinn, Beatrice and Kellan displayed excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills in the final of the Hertfordshire Year 5 Maths Challenge on Tuesday. The team should be very proud of their achievement in reaching the final and being able to answer some very tricky maths questions.



The NSPCC Rocks Times Tables Rock Stars competition took place last month. The top three pupils were Aiden, Eabha and Parker. Aiden was also awarded a certificate for being the second most valuable player in the South East of England!

HAPPY
Easter



YEAR 8 FRENCH TRIP

Our Year 8 pupils have had an unforgettable trip to France! They've enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences, including making their own delicious crêpes, exploring a traditional morning market, and visiting a local bakery and waffle shop

The group also visited Nausicaá, discovered local history at the cemetery and the trenches, and even showed their bravery by trying snails!

A wonderful trip full of culture, history, and new experiences - well done to all involved!



Looking for something to do this Easter?



Barton Rovers Football Camp
Run by Rovers players Lucas Kirkpatrick & Josiah Ramsay!

Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April &
Tuesday 7th April - Thursday 9th April
Sessions run from 9am until 3pm

- Children ages 5-14
- £18 Per Day
- Children require lunch & a water bottle
- All coaches First Aid & DBS Checked
- Tournaments
- Fun Team Games
- Nerf Games
- World Cup

SIBLINGS DISCOUNT - 20% OFF!
3-DAY BOOKING - £50! (LIMITED TIME OFFER!)

VENUE
Barton Rovers Football Club
Sharpenhoe Road
Barton 14 Clay
WICK 15 5LCO

BOOK NOW!
To secure your place call or
text 07450 085180

NEW CLASSES
Art Adventurers
easter Holidays
SPRING Themed Art Classes

Children will create some spring art & craft pieces using a range of materials and media.
For children aged 5-10. Costs £14 per class per child.

Tues 31st March Rabbit Craft
Weds 1st April Sheep Craft
Tues 7th April Spring Craft

NEXT LEVEL ART CLASSES

These new art classes are stepping up the creativity and give your artists the chance to explore stencils, stamps, dies and how to layer up media's to create different looks.

Thurs 2nd April Spring is here tag
Wed 8th April Chocolate bunnies tag
Thurs 9th April Spring painting

For children aged 8-12.
SPECIAL OFFER: £20

All classes run from 9:30-11:30 at Art Adventurers cabin in Flitwick.
These classes need to be pre-booked.
Staff are First Aid trained and DBS checked.

Ring Karen on 07758834217 for more information and how to book. Or e-mail karen@artadventurers.com
www.artadventurers.com

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Just After Dawn Chorus Walk at Pegsdon Hills

Join bird enthusiast and nature writer Stuart Winter for a chance to learn about and hear the plentiful birdlife found at this reserve and enjoy a guided walk to the top of these beautiful chalk hills

Sunday 3rd May
8am-10am
Meet at Pegsdon Hill Reserve, Pegsdon, MK45 8BU

Price and booking:
£5 per person plus booking fee
Booking is essential

To book online:
Go to www.wildlifebcn.org/overseas/just-after-dawn-chorus-walk
or scan the QR code

For further information contact matt.autcliffe@wildlifebcn.org

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Boys' Rugby

The Year 7 boys' rugby team played a strong match against Alameda last week, showing great determination and teamwork throughout the match. After a close game, they were unlucky to narrowly miss out on victory by just one try. A great effort from the whole team!



⚽ KS2 Girls Football Team ⚽

The KS2 girls played their first game of the season against Pix Brook last week, showing great teamwork and determination throughout. Despite a strong start and standout performances from Florence and Ella, the girls were unlucky to lose 3–1. A fantastic effort from everyone – we go again on Thursday! ⚽



⚽ Great Start for KS3 Girls Football Team! ⚽

The KS3 girls kicked off their first league game with a fantastic performance, showing great determination throughout the match. Olivia scored a brilliant hat-trick, including a last-minute goal from Blossom's long pass to secure an exciting 3–3 draw. A fantastic team effort from all the girls!



Year 6 Boys Rugby Tournament Success!

The Year 6 boys put in an outstanding performance at their first competitive rugby tournament, showing fantastic teamwork and determination throughout the afternoon. After strong wins in the group stage, the team finished an impressive 3rd out of 8 schools, with many players experiencing competitive rugby for the first time. A brilliant effort from all the boys, with special mention to captain Ed for his excellent leadership!



SPORTS NEWS

7A Boys Football

Congratulations to the 7A football squad after an excellent 2–0 County Cup semi-final win at Etonbury! ⚽

The squad are now just one win away from being county champions two seasons in a row!



5B Boys Football

Huge congratulations to some of our 5B footballers who proudly represented the school at a tournament held at Etonbury Academy!

The team were unbeaten and played some excellent football!



⚽ KS2 Girls Football - 2nd Game ⚽

Second game nerves were still there, but the girls gave it their all. After a tough first half (1–0 to RBA), they came back stronger, passing well and applying great pressure.

Despite a 2–0 result, the team showed fantastic resilience, with standout performances from Masha, Tilly, and Poppy. A great team effort!



Year 5 Rugby Team

A huge congratulations to the Year 5 rugby squad, who were fantastic at the District Festival

After five excellent group games, they qualified for the final and, despite coming so close to winning, narrowly lost in the final minutes.

We are so proud of you all!



PTA NEWS

Smarties Challenge Winners!

Congratulations to our Smarties Challenge winners, who will be receiving a special treat this Friday!

A big well done as well to everyone who took part – we were so impressed with your enthusiasm and effort. Keep up the great work!



Preloved Uniform Shop Reminder

Don't forget to check out our preloved uniform shop via ParentMail, where all available stock is listed.

We also welcome donations of any Arnold logo uniform in good condition. If you have items to donate, please drop them into school – your support is greatly appreciated!



JOIN OUR PTA TEAM! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER

to help manage our funds and support our amazing school community.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

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| Record Keeping
Keep simple, accurate records of all income | Annual Accounts
Prepare year-end figures for the AGM |
| Financial Reporting
Share clear updates at PTA meetings | Compliance
Ensure we meet charity requirements |
| Banking & Payments
Make payments and bank funds safely | Bank Liaison
Manage the bank account and transactions |

INTERESTED?

PTA@AA.PSTRUST.CO.UK for more

JOIN OUR PTA TEAM! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW PTA CHAIR

Lead our PTA and help strengthen our school community.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

- Leadership & Strategy** - Provide direction, set goals, and ensure effective committee operation
- Meeting Management** - Prepare agendas, lead meetings, encourage participation
- Communication** - Act as the main liaison between the PTA, school, and parents
- Governance** - Ensure the PTA follows its constitution and relevant rules
- Team Support** - Motivate volunteers, delegate tasks, make final decisions in the case of a tie

INTERESTED?

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