



Tuesday 5th May 2026

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April Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very quick turnaround of another Arnold Update for you to enjoy! There have only been three weeks of school in April since our last newsletter, but we still have a great set of items and stories to share with you!

A huge thanks to all parents and carers who took a few moments to complete our stakeholder survey. This was coordinated via Pyramid Schools Trust but did not provide as many of our usual general qualitative feedback options. We enjoy providing you with the opportunity to give your 'frank' views, either good or developmental. Therefore, we will follow up in the next few weeks with a further set of small questions from just us at Arnold, so we can make some more personalised contact with you to discuss your views. We will also share results from these surveys in a report to you via Parent Forum later in the summer.

From Monday 18th May, we will be enjoying Eco Week here at Arnold. As a school proud to be leading locally with a clear Climate Action Plan, we will be following advice not to use this week as the sole opportunity to share a green curriculum with our pupils. We are hosting Trust schools this term at Arnold to lead work around developing a flightpath of green curriculum across our schools, so our young people develop strong environmental knowledge and know how to lead sustainable lives in the future. During Eco Week, we will be asking you, our families, to instead 'change a habit'. For many of our families, this will come via a request of our Eco Council to allow your child to 'drop and walk' from further away across the village. This will have positive effects on sustainable transport, as well as improving the air quality around our school. For other families, it may be about making positive choices when shopping, using the children's information from assemblies on food miles. All of this will add up to Eco House Competition Points! Further information will be shared with you ahead of the week!

A final reminder that we have two excellent parent sessions today:

- Tuesday 5th May at 5pm: Parent Forum (Relationship & Sex Education, and Trips and Visits) Registration [LINK](#)
- Tuesday 5th May at 6pm: SEND Information Evening (Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Cutmore) Registration [LINK](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read the April Update. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your family and friends!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

May

W/C 4th May

- 4th - Bank Holiday
- 5th - 8th - Y8 Assessment Week
- 5th - Parent Forum (5-6pm)
- 5th - SEND Parent Info Evening (6-7pm)

W/C 11th May

- 11th - 14th - Y6 SATs Week
- 15th - Y6 Fun Afternoon

W/C 18th May

- 18th - Eco Week
- 22nd - Last day before half term

W/C 25th May

Half Term

W/C 1st June

- 1st - First day back after 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.





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:

★ 8CF Shuban

★ 8DB Saif

★ 6CW Alani

★ 6DD Samuel

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

Accelerated Reader Library Quiz Raffle

★ Sophia 6DD

★ Frankie 7SQ

★ Ava 5RN



Millionaires Row!



Congratulations to our new Millionaires for April:

★ Edith 7CR

★ Scarlett 8CF

Library Lunch Winners

(for reading 3 million or more words)

★ Bertie CHIL

★ Aayah 7CR



Reading Competition



Below are the winners for March congratulations to all the top readers! Keep up the fantastic work!



5KM



6FP



7SQ



8CF

Arnold Academy Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

12,844 Books

121,458,757 Words

for **12** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®



Arnold SEND Squad

(((A friendly parent support group)))



Welcome!

A space to share, chat and support each other



Be kind & respectful

Everyone's journey is different



Keep it private

What's shared here stays here



Support, don't judge

We're all doing our best



Share & help each other

Tips, advice & experiences welcome

♥ Parent-led • Supportive • Together



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

KS2 Recommendation (Ages 9+)

Dread Wood - Jennifer Killick (ages 9+)

A brilliant school adventure that successfully blends horror and humour in a tale about a Saturday detention that takes an unexpected turn involving monsters in both human and insect form. The relationships between the 4 students, the dialogue and the emerging story are paced to perfection. A great read.



KS3 Recommendation (Ages 12+)

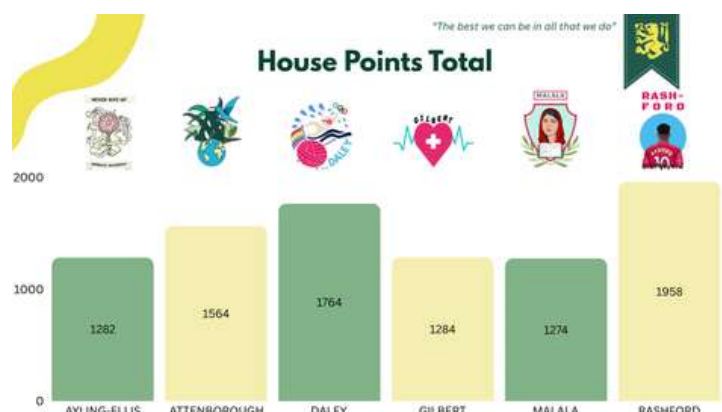
Watch Your Back - Sue Wallman (ages 12+)

Starting a new school year has been a challenge for Kara when her best friend has a new boyfriend and completely cuts her off, leaving her friendless. Then Kara finds herself drawn into a new friendship with Romily and unsettling things start to happen... A gripping murder mystery book with a clever plot, plenty of clues, red herrings and the biggest of twists.



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

HOUSE POINTS



🎨 Arts Exhibition at Arnold Academy 🎨

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our upcoming Arts Exhibition, celebrating the creativity and achievements of our students.

The exhibition will take place on Thursday 11th June from 5:00–6:30pm in the school gym.

Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of student work, including Textiles, Product Design, Food Technology, as well as performances in Dance and Music.

Refreshments will be available, and entry is free.

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a fantastic evening showcasing the talent and hard work of our pupils.



Labelling Clothing for Summer

As we head into the warmer months, children often bring in additional items such as hats, and remove jumpers. To help us return any misplaced belongings quickly, we kindly ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Taking a few moments to label items can make a big difference and helps avoid lost property building up. Thank you for your support in keeping everything organised!

Mexican Theme Day in the Canteen 21st May 2026

On Thursday 21st May, our canteen will be hosting a vibrant Mexican Theme Day! Pupils will have the chance to enjoy a delicious selection of Mexican-inspired dishes, adding a fun and flavourful twist to lunchtime.

We're looking forward to bringing something a little different to the menu and hope the children enjoy this special themed experience!



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Student Success Over the Easter Break 🏆

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break! We are delighted to share some fantastic news about Jake, who achieved outstanding success during the holidays. Jake was crowned the U14 Bedfordshire County Champion in the 1500m at Bedford International Athletics Stadium, an incredible accomplishment, especially as he is only 12 years old competing in an older age category.

Jake has also been selected to attend the England Regional Para Talent Day at St George's Park. During the event, he impressed coaches with his performances in both futsal and football. This exciting opportunity could be the start of a pathway that may one day see him representing England in the partially sighted team.

We are incredibly proud of Jake's achievements and look forward to seeing him take part in athletics for the school during the spring and summer terms. Well done, Jake! 🌟



SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Netball Team Shine in Final 🏐🌟

The Year 6 girls represented the school with pride in their netball final against Robert Bloomfield. All of the players put in a fantastic effort, working hard for each other and showing great commitment from start to finish. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed out on the win, but they should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

A special mention goes to Players of the Match, Mabel and Tilly, for their excellent performances. Thank you also to Miss Northall for coming along to support, proudly holding a sign her form created for the and cheering the team on.

Well done all involved, in wat was a very successful season!!



Summer Term Sports Update

We have a super jam-packed sports schedule this summer term, so please keep an eye on the newsletter and social media for all the latest updates!



PTA NEWS

Dates for the Diary

We have a number of exciting events coming up, along with some important PTA news. Please take a moment to read through and make a note of the following:

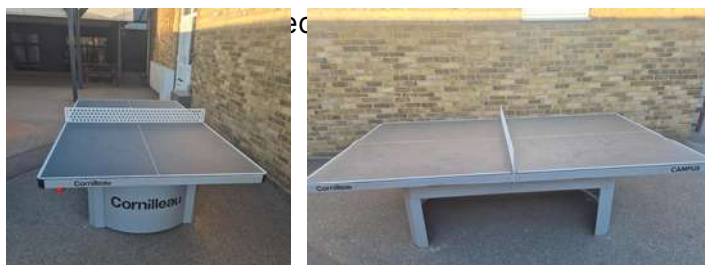
Upcoming Events

- 22nd May – PTA Doughnut Sale
- 1st July – Year 8 Leavers (more details to follow)
- 8th July – End of Year Disco for Years 5, 6 & 7
- 15th – 19th July – Father's Day Gift Stall

PTA Updates

Recently, the PTA has funded an outdoor table tennis table for the children, and we hope they are enjoying using it in this wonderful weather.

We have also purchased an outdoor shelter building, which will provide additional space for pupils. We look forward to sharing photos once



PTA AGM

We are pleased to announce the date for the Arnold Academy PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM):

 14th September

This meeting is open to all parents and carers, and we warmly encourage you to come along and get involved. Further details will be shared closer to the time.



PTA Committee – Looking Ahead to September

As we begin to plan for the next academic year, we would like to share an important update regarding our PTA.

Unfortunately, our three main committee members will be stepping down from their roles at the end of this school year. We are incredibly grateful for their time, commitment and the fantastic work they have done in organising events and raising valuable funds for the school. In order for the PTA to continue providing these wonderful opportunities and extras for our children, we are now looking to fill the following key roles:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more about any of these roles, please contact us at Pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk. We would love to meet with you and, where possible, involve you in our final events of the school year to help with a smooth transition.



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:

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

INTERESTED?
PTA@AA.PSTRUST.CO.UK for more



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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

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