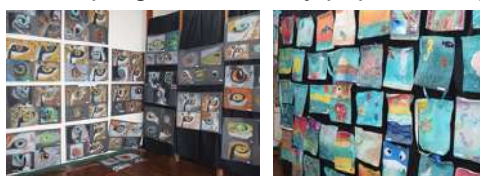




Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcome July and enter our last three weeks of term! The time is flying past, and we have survived a tricky, hot week. Pupils who have been working hard despite this can now breathe easily, having completed their final assessments of the year. We have now entered a season of many fun events, which our pupils are really looking forward to. Remember to play an active role in the school and book in to attend and enjoy these opportunities as well!

A huge thank you to our staff and pupils who provided a simply fantastic Art, DT and Music Exhibition. We had a brilliant turnout, and it was wonderful to see the culmination of the excellent progress made by pupils through their creative work.



Over the coming few weeks, we still have Sports Days for all year groups, the Year 7 Charity Fair and Awards Evening to host you at.

It is a jam-packed end to the term; Year 6 will welcome a STEM learning opportunity on Thursday, a group of Year 7 pupils head to Stratford in English, Year 5 have their talent show, Year 8 have their Prom Party and residential end-of-year trip, plus they look forward to enjoying 'Exploring Work' when they are not attending their allotted transition to upper school dates. All year groups will experience an assembly from the Fire Service, plus we welcome Year 4 into Year 5 for our own transition event!

This morning, all year groups enjoyed the visit and assembly from Alfie Watts as part of his Tuk Tuk Tour. Alfie won Race Across the World and is now promoting charitable work, as well as encouraging people to live life and get out of their comfort zones, in schools. In true Arnold fashion, we were the first school to host him! You can read more about this visit and his charity page on our Facebook site.



We carried out our final Parent Forum of the year recently. Thank you to the parents who supported this opportunity to strategise and shape the future of our school together.

However, we have really struggled with parent engagement and attendance at these events. Following liaison with our governing body, we are going to try a more interactive strategy moving forward. This will involve short videos allowing a link for feedback or questions. Watch this space for our first video coming before the summer break!

Thank you for taking the time to read the Arnold Update. We will have a short July 'wrap-up' edition for you in just over a fortnight. I hope to see you in person at one of our many school events over the next few weeks!

Pete Roberts
Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

July

W/C 29th June

- 30th - Sports Day (Y8 AM, Y5 PM)
- 1st - Sports Day (Y7 AM, Y6 PM)
- 1st - Year 8 Prom Party (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- 1st - Samuel Whitbread Transition Day
- 2nd - Year 6 STEM Assembly
- 3rd - Redbourne & Samuel Whitbread Transition Day + Explore Work Day

W/C 6th July

- 7th - Shuttleworth Trip
- 8th - 10th - Y7 Stratford Trip
- 8th - PTA Summer Disco
- 9th - Transition Evening - Meet the tutor
- 9th - Harlington Transition Day + Explore Work day

W/C 13th July

- 13th - Y7 Charity Fair
- 14th - Awards Ceremony
- 15th - 16th - Y8 Residential Trip
- 16th - Y5 Arnolds's Got Talent
- 17th - Y8 Leaver's Assembly
- 17th - Last day of Summer 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

Pupils Help Shape New Community Artwork

The Parish Council and artist blacksmith Kelly Burton recently teamed up with pupils from Ramsey and Arnold for a unique community project.

The children were invited to share their ideas and inspiration for a new piece of artwork that will be installed in the new Barton housing development. Their creativity and imagination provided plenty of fantastic ideas, and we can't wait to see Kelly's final design brought to life!



Celebrating Our Arnold Values Achievers!

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

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| ★ 8MH Harry | ★ 5AT Zanthé-Rose |
| ★ 6RW Isabella | ★ 7GL Mollie |
| ★ 7CR Grace | ★ 5CP Angeline |
| ★ 5KM Harper | ★ 7JSE Louie and Maddy |

Accelerated Reader Library Quiz Raffle

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| ★ Jenson 8JMC | ★ Alfie 5CP |
| ★ Santanna 5KM | ★ Tilly 6CW |



Millionaires Row!



Congratulations to our new Millionaires for June:



Jacob 5RN



Reyan 6JW



Minions Hamper Library Competition



Chloe 5KM



Harvey 7JSE



Layla 6FP



Reading Competition



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



5KM



7JSM



6LN



8JF

Arnold Academy Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

15,420 Books

150,432,154 Words

for 12 minutes/day!

(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

 **KS2 Recommendation (Ages 9+)**

 **KS3 Recommendation (Ages 12+)**



While the Storm Rages - Phil Earle

Whilst his Dad is away fighting in the war, Noah promises to keep their dog safe, despite government advice to put pets to sleep in preparation for war. Along with 2 other children, he sets off on an adventure to save his beloved dog and as many other animals as he can, whatever the cost. A brilliant story of courage, resilience and exceptional animals.



Boy 87 - Ele Fountain

A short but harrowing account of how one boy makes the journey to freedom and ultimate safety - a stark portrayal of a young refugee's journey through unembellished, first-person narrative. A powerful, thought-provoking story that encourages critical thinking about human rights and global citizenship.

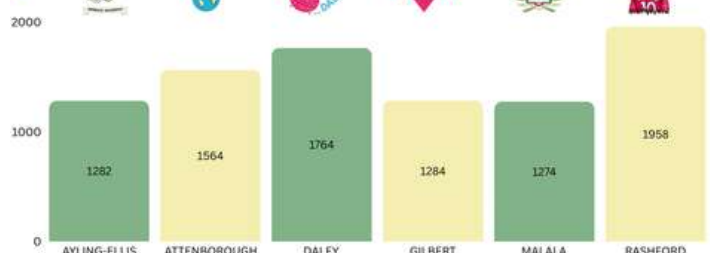
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

HOUSE POINTS

Achievement Points



House Points Total



Year 6 PGL Residential

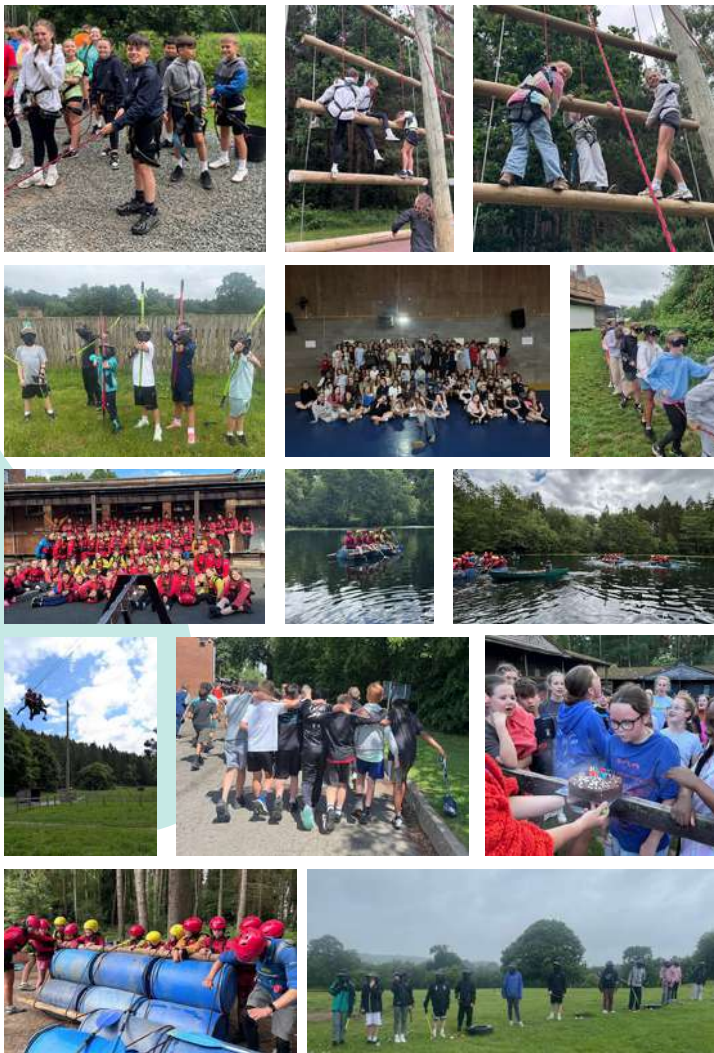
Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic three days on their PGL residential, packed with exciting activities, new challenges and unforgettable memories.

Despite some very rainy weather, the children showed incredible enthusiasm and resilience throughout the trip. Activities included abseiling, archery tag, raft-building, the giant swing and orienteering. Pupils continually pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, tackling each challenge with determination and a positive attitude.

There were plenty of memorable moments along the way, including an early morning fire alarm triggered by a very hot shower! 🌧️🔥 The fun continued into the evenings too, with a silent disco proving to be a particular highlight.

By the end of the trip, cases were packed, rooms were tidied and everyone was reflecting on an amazing experience. We are incredibly proud of how the children conducted themselves throughout the residential. They embraced every opportunity, supported one another and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Well done, Year 6! 🌟



Rotary Technology Competition

 Pupils who did not attend the PGL residential took part in an exciting Technology competition organised by the Barton-le-Clay Rotary Club.

Working in teams, the pupils used their creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork to design and build their own launch pads, before putting them to the test! It was a fantastic day filled with innovation, collaboration and lots of fun.

A huge thank you to the Rotary team for providing such an engaging and inspiring experience for our pupils.

Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to the winning team! 🏆👏



Year 5 Zoo Trip

Year 5 recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to the zoo, where they had the opportunity to see a wide range of animals and learn about their habitats and conservation.

The children were enthusiastic, curious, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. It was a wonderful experience that brought their learning to life and created lots of lasting memories. Well done, Year 5!



🎨 Arts Exhibition a Great Success 🌟

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Arts Exhibition yesterday!

We were overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout and delighted to see so many members of our school community celebrating the creativity and talent of our pupils. The evening was a huge success, and it was wonderful to share our pupils' amazing work with you all.

A special thank you for your patience with parking - we'll certainly be looking at providing additional parking options for next year's event!



🏰 Year 7 Trip to Warwick Castle

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic day at Warwick Castle, making the most of the lovely weather while exploring the historic grounds and learning about medieval life.

The trip was a great success, and the pupils represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Well done, Year 7!



🏃 17km Challenge Complete – £1,647 Raised! 🧑

A huge well done to Team Arnold, who absolutely smashed their 17km fundraising challenge on Saturday!

Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we have raised an amazing £1,647 so far, exceeding our £1,500 target!

A massive thank you to everyone who donated and supported the challenge. Your generosity will make a real difference.

Special thanks also go to Mr Lumley and Miss Howard for organising and leading this fantastic event.

Read the news article below to learn more about the challenge and the wonderful charity we are fundraising for:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c7vydp110nlo>

💙 There's still time to support the fundraiser! You can donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hayley-cutmore-9>



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group

Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group are busy planning for Arnold's Celebrating Our Cultures Day on Friday 26th June! 🌟🌍

The team have been sharing some fantastic ideas and are excited to bring the whole school together to celebrate the diverse cultures within our community. One of their brilliant ideas is to embrace the World Cup spirit! 🏆🌍 They have organised a class sweepstake.

We can't wait to see the excitement build as we count down to this special day! 🎉



ATTENDANCE NEWS

☀ Celebrating Your Child's Attendance ☀ How Our Half-Termly Attendance Rewards Work

At Arnold Academy, one of our greatest joys is celebrating our students when they show resilience, commitment, and excellent habits. "Showing up" is a huge part of your child's success, which is why we love running our regular Attendance Reward initiative.

We know that parents often have questions about how these rewards are calculated, especially when life throws unexpected events or illnesses your way. To ensure complete clarity and fairness, we want to share exactly how our attendance rewards are structured.

A Fresh Start Every Six Weeks!

We believe that a single bout of bad luck or illness shouldn't penalise a child for the entire academic year. That is why our attendance rewards are calculated **each half term**. This gives every pupil six distinct opportunities across the year to achieve a reward. If they miss out before a holiday, they return to school with a completely clean slate and a fresh chance to succeed.

What Counts Towards the Reward?

We know that some absences from school are completely unavoidable and a normal part of family life. To ensure our scheme remains as fair and inclusive as possible, the following absences **do count as** attendance for the purpose of our reward scheme:

- **Medical and Dental Appointments (where necessary during school hours)**
- **Religious Observance**
- **Approved Compassionate Leave**

If your child misses school for any of the reasons above, it **will not** negatively impact their chances of receiving the half-termly reward.

Absences That Do Not Count

To maintain the integrity of the reward, there are certain types of absences that cannot be counted toward the attendance threshold. These include:

- **Illness**
- **Family Holidays taken during term time**
- **Unauthorised Absences** *Please note: An absence is also automatically classed as unauthorised if the school is not informed of the reason for the absence at the start of the school day in question. Please always remember to call or email the office first thing in the morning if your child is unable to attend.*

How Does a Pupil Earn the Reward?

There are two ways your child can qualify for the reward each half term:

1. **The 98% Threshold:** Pupils who achieve an overall attendance of 98% or more for that specific half term will automatically receive the reward.
2. **Recognising Resilience and Improvement:** We love to celebrate progress! If a pupil's attendance is just below 98%, but they have made a significant improvement compared to their attendance in the previous half term, they will still be granted the reward.

We want to thank all of our families for their incredible support in helping our pupils maintain "The Arnold Standard" by arriving on time and ready to learn every day. We look forward to celebrating many more of our fantastic students at the end of this half term!

Prestige currently have an online offer on school uniform, available until 6th July.

 Don't miss the chance to save on uniform purchases for the new school year!  



The UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge took place this term. This is a national competition designed to stretch young mathematicians through creative problem-solving and logical thinking. A total of 29 pupils from years 7 and 8 achieved Bronze (top 50%), 22 pupils achieved Silver (top 25%) and eight pupils achieved Gold (top 8%). The Gold certificates were awarded to Jake S (Best in School) and Arthur in year 7 and Ellen (Best in Year), Tomás, Atas, Elliott, Matilda K and Emma I in year 8. The top pupils participated in the follow-on round and Jake S, Arthur, Tomás, Atas and Elliott all achieved a Bronze certificate (which placed them in the top 50% of gold award winners).

Two Arnold Academy teams were among the 80 teams who participated in the Hertfordshire Team Maths Challenge last month. Emma I, Evania, Ella and Lyla were placed in the top 50% while Andrew, Metib, Elliott and Ru qualified for the final and eventually finished in a credible 12th place. Well done to all for some excellent teamwork!



SPORTS NEWS

Last Thursday, our Year 5 Rounders Team took part in the KS2 Rounders Tournament and represented the school brilliantly. After a competitive group stage, the team finished 3rd in their pool, earning a place in the 5th/6th position play-off match. The girls battled hard throughout the day and eventually finished in 6th place overall. There were some fantastic individual performances, with Masha receiving an incredible three Player of the Match nominations from RBA, Henlow and Pix Brook, while Annie was also nominated by Etonbury for her excellent contribution to the team.



Our Year 6 Rounders Team also enjoyed a successful day at the tournament, finishing 3rd in their pool and progressing to the 5th/6th position play-off. The team produced a strong performance to secure 5th place overall. Izzy was recognised for her outstanding efforts, receiving Player of the Match nominations from both Henlow and Etonbury, while Tilly C was nominated by RBA. Miss Nicholls is incredibly proud of both teams for the way they represented the school. Their

sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitudes throughout the day were excellent and reflected our school values perfectly.

