



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the summer term has arrived! This week we have had the pleasure of the excellent delivery of the Athletics Sports Days by our fabulous PE Department. A huge thanks to Mr Norman, Mr Tifha, Miss Nicholls and Miss Howard for their organisation, along with Mr Lumley, Miss McErlane, Mr Fowler and Miss Drawbridge for supporting the staffing with the competitions. The PE department designed a new format this year, which was very well received by the pupils. If only the weather would have behaved, otherwise a wonderful set of events to enjoy during our final week!

It has been a very busy end to the term with many events and trips available for our pupils. Staff have sustained a brilliant number of these across the year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their contribution to the school this year!

Today we say a fond farewell to our Year 8 pupils. I have only had the opportunity to get to know them for their Year 7 and 8 journey, but they have been a brilliant bunch that we will sorely miss. They have been great advocates of our vision to demand high standards of effort and maturity from our older pupils. They have grown into their roles as young leaders well, across time. We know they are now ready and eager for the demands that Upper School will provide them. We wish them all extremely well and hope that they drop back in at some point, to tell us of their future successes.



We also say goodbye to a small number of staff who head onto pastures new for September. While we have dedicated more time and detail around their contribution to our wonderful school in person during staff briefings, it is important to confirm with you as parents of the staff members who will sadly be leaving us this summer. Mrs Hutchins, who has been with us for 10 years, moves on to start her own equestrian business. Miss Lara, who joined in 2019, is moving to a school closer to where her son attends. Miss Drawbridge, who greets you all as our smiling receptionist, is beginning a new exciting career as a call handler for the emergency services. They will be sorely missed and we wish them all the very best with their moves and new roles. They have dedicated themselves to Arnold during their time here at the school.

Finally, I would once again like to thank you all as parents for your ongoing support during this past year. Today marks two years as Headteacher of Arnold, which has absolutely flown! I feel truly welcome and part of the furniture in the community. I am excited and ambitious about how truly marvellous we can make this school together.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Arnold update. I wish everyone in the Arnold community a wonderful summer period with your families and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

September

WC 2nd September

2nd - Training Day
3rd - Training Day
4th - First Day Back

WC 23rd September

27th - Macmillan Coffee Morning

PTA Notices

It has been a rather busy few weeks for the PTA team as we approached the end of term. We hosted our summer disco for the pupils and it was brilliant to see them all letting their hair down at the end of the school year. To celebrate the last day of term, we have also arranged for a 'Tuck and Treat' shop to be held during their last lunchtime of this school year as a special treat.

We have been delighted to have been able to fund so many items and activities for the pupils during the school year. We simply cannot do this without parental support, so a huge thanks for this. Next year, we are looking to refresh the way that the school PTA works and if you are interested in getting involved, please do reach out through our Facebook page or email address – pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk.

From all of us on the PTA, may we wish you a restful summer holiday (and hopefully the sun will shine!). We look forward to seeing those returning to Arnold in September and for our amazing year 8 pupils, we wish you all the best for your move to upper school.

PTA Vacancy

We are still searching for a new Treasurer to join us in September and as previously communicated, this will be approximately 30 minute commitment per week. Please do consider joining the PTA in the Treasurer role or as a member, to help support us raising much needed funds for the school.

Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5CE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5CP



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6JF

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6KL

YEAR 7



Form with the Highest Attendance

7CW

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7FP



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8SQ

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8JSE

Reading Competition

Each month the house with the most words read in each year group wins a point for their house and a 'Reading trophy' for their form tutor to display in their room. A reading badge of honour is then placed on the house boards for everyone to see and celebrate. Below are the winners of June.

JUNE Reading Champions

The forms with the most words read this month are ...



House scores have been updated.

Each class reading score is on display in the library

Get Reading Everyone!



New Attendance Policy

From 19th August 2024 the government are providing statutory guidance with regards to school attendance. Statutory guidance sets out what schools and local authorities must do to comply with the law.

The guidance is given in a hefty document called 'Working Together To Improve School Attendance', a copy of which can be found on the attendance page of our website or the government website [here](#).

The key points to the document, which are most likely to affect pupils and parents are as follows:

Lateness to school should be discouraged and expectations should be set out in the attendance policy.

Schools are only permitted to authorise absence from school in 'exceptional circumstances'. The document goes on to state that "the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance."

When a pupil has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within 10 weeks, a fixed penalty notice is issued by the local authority. The following sanctions apply over a rolling 3-year period:

- 1st offence - £160 fine per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days).
- 2nd offence - £160 fine per parent, per child
- 3rd offence - Court hearing, up to £2,500 fine or 3 months in prison and a criminal record.

Lateness to school (school expectations).

Pupils are expected to be in their form rooms:

- by 8:35am at the latest
- in full and correct uniform for that particular day
- with a pencil case, planner and reading book.

Pupils arriving after 8:35am, but before registers close, will be recorded as late (L) in the register. Two incidents of lateness to morning register in a week will result in a 15-minute detention at lunchtime. Three incidents in a week will result in a 30-minute detention at lunchtime and four incidents of lateness in a week will result in a 45-minute lunchtime detention.

Those pupils arriving after registration has closed will be entered on the register as arrived late after registration has closed (U). A 'U' code on the register is an unauthorised absence and counts towards a possible fixed penalty notice.

The school's attendance policy has been updated accordingly and can be found on the website [here](#).

The Short Tail Trail

We have been very proud to support Keech Hospice Care this year as our school charity. We are delighted to let you know that our Hare & Tortoise will be on show at the Hat Factory & the Mall in Luton during the summer. All the details about the small sculptures will be available on the FREE App. Further details can be found on the poster below.



Charity Fair

Our year 7s have been very busy preparing for their charity fair. First, they had to prepare a pitch to put forward to 'Dragons Den' in order to get their money for their stall. After completing this they started making posters to put all over the school and promote their teams' fundraising idea. Some of the brilliant ideas that our year 7s came up with include; a mocktail table, spin to win, sweet stalls, darts, nerf gun activities and, of course, the popular 'splat the teacher'!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this event and those who attended on the day and helped raise an amazing £1914.83. Below are some of the photos from the day.



Bronze Badge Winners

Christopher P - 5CE	Ashleigh G - 5RF	Maya C - 7CW
Sofia T - 5CE	Shuban K - 6CF	Barnabas B - 7DD
Catelynn M - 5CHIL	Laila H - 6CF	Neve C - 7DD
Alexander G - 5CHIL	Thomas P - 6CHIL	Elizabeth P - 7FP
Eddie B - 5CHIL	Alizah U - 6DB	Barnaby T - 7FP
Lydia P - 5CP	Leo S - 6DB	Madison W - 7JW
Lyla H - 5CP	Elson M - 6JF	Freya K - 7JW
Emma B - 5JMC	Aleeza B - 6JF	Thea S - 7LH
Arjun S - 5JMC	Dylan D - 6JF	Holly S - 7LH
Summer O - 5LH	Charlie C - 6KL	Morgan F - 7RN
Meerab K - 5LH	Emma I - 6KL	Darci K - 7RN
Hayden W - 5LN	Andrew D - 6KL	Logan P - 7CHIL
Sadie E - 5LN	Ivy F - 6KM	Eddie P - 7CHIL
Daniel P - 5RF	Daisy F - 6KM	Edward M - 7CW

Stratford-upon-Avon

Everyone had a brilliant time on their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. Two of our pupils have written their account of the trip below.



I really enjoyed the Stratford trip, and I would definitely recommend it for the soon to be year 7s. My favourite part about the trip was probably Anne Hathaway's house because I thought that the building was really nice and it was very interesting. I also really liked Shakespeare's New Place because the gardens were beautiful and the detail and sculptures really impressive.

Thea S



I really enjoyed my trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. We went to lots of interesting places. I would recommend going on this trip as all the activities were really good. Walking around the town was interesting and the food was mostly nice. If I had the opportunity I would definitely go again.

Barney T



Food Support for the Summer Holidays

Below is a list of places where kids can eat free (or for £1) during the summer holidays.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

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LAS IGUANAS Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day. PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed) PUREZZA Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal. BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms	MORRISONS Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day. TESCO CAFES 1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants YO! SUSHI From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10). WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs. COCONUT TREE One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024. DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day! TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.
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7.30am-8.30am

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3.30pm-5.30pm

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CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO: support@apfactivitycamps.com / 07555748776

Year 7 Box End Trip

Year 7 went on their end-of-year trip to Box End Park. It was a fun-filled day with a variety of activities throughout the day. During paddle boarding, they were given a number of partner and team-building games to complete whilst on the board. Year 7 had to use their skills to make their way across 'Lake Ninja'. At the end of the day, all groups went on the Aqua park together and had fun running between obstacles and trying to make their way around the inflatables! Overall, a great day for both pupils and staff members.



Chiltern

As an end of term and leavers celebration treat, Chiltern visited The Hub & Spoke cafe in Harlington where they made their own delicious fresh pizzas, sampled strawberry smoothies and various pudding treats. A fantastic and delicious time was had by all! We would like to thank the owners Rob and Sue for always being so hospitable and would highly recommend a visit to them for their wonderful food and beverages, always served with a welcoming smile!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

A few weeks ago Megan and Alaysia of Year 6 delivered an assembly to all pupils at Ramsey Manor Lower School. The pupils listened to their journey through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They had the chance to see a completed workbook and listen to advice on road safety, which was the area the girls chose for their project. This signifies a brilliant end to Megan and Alaysia's award, which has encompassed research, meeting with councillors and police colleagues, carrying our speedwatch and writing to the council to improve safety in the areas of Barton and Silsoe. Well done girls, what a brilliant effort to improve your community!



YEAR 8 LEAVERS

Year 8 Willen Lake Trip

Our year 8s had a fantastic time at Willen Lake for their end-of-year trip. Both groups participated in various activities throughout the day including; high ropes, stand-up paddleboarding, archery, and the aquapark.

It was lovely to see our year 8 enjoying themselves on their end-of-year trip. Below are a few of the photos from their day out.



Year 8...

Our time together is over. It's been a long and arduous two years, but at the same time, it's been so much fun getting to know you and working with you all so closely. It's been a joy! You've all set yourselves up so well for the next steps in your journey, and you've all got the capability to flourish in any avenue that you choose.

At times, you've given me a real run for my money but I've really enjoyed it every step of the way. It's been a pleasure being your Head of Year and I'm really excited to see what the future brings for you. Please keep in contact, and visit us anytime. I love hearing from ex pupils.

All the best.

Mr Devereux



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SPORTS NEWS



Jack's Open Water Regional Championships

Jack in Year 7 competed in his first Open Water Regional Championships. His swim was amazing and he finished 6th in the 13/14 year age group and 9th overall in the Under 16's. His race also gained him Silver for Bedfordshire and Silver in the Junior Championship Beds male 1K.



Our PE department would like to say a huge thank you to our year 7 & 8 Young Leaders who helped officiate and score during the sports day competitions. Without their help, the three days would have not run smoothly.



Our Sports Days were a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came to watch, despite the horrible weather we faced on the first two days. Our PE department organised a fantastic day for our pupils and we would like to say a huge thank you to them. All of the points have been added up amongst the year groups and the final scores are listed below.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

1st - Attenborough

2nd- Daley

3rd - Ailing-Ellis

4th - Rashford

5th - Gilbert

6th - Malala