

# ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th July 2025



## OUR AMAZING SCHOOL

What an amazing, exciting and eventful academic year this has been! A full year of so many successes and much to celebrate. Our "small school with a big heart" continues to go from strength to strength, well supported by parents and carers, Embrace Trust and Arnesby village. We have increased our social media presence over the year so that we are more visible and have a brand new website which really shows our school at its best. The website will continually be updated to encourage more new families to stop and take a look!

As a school team, we have lots of exciting plans for the next academic year both for the curriculum and other learning experiences such as our Victorian Day 160 Years Celebration in September and we are delighted that Embrace Trust continues to invest and to support us wholeheartedly, in many different ways, which all has a positive impact on our children.

We will be sorry to say goodbye to our leavers but wish them well as they are ready to move on to their new schools both near and far. Good Luck!

A big thank you to everyone who has shown the school such support, kindness and attendance over the last year which has made such a difference to us all.

Finally, I wish everyone a happy and restful summer break.

Matthew's gospel 11:28 reminds us that taking the time to rest and recharge is important and I hope this brings both comfort and joy as you enjoy the summer holiday.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest".*

Mrs James

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**School opens Tuesday 26th August at 8.35am**

***New EYFS outside area will be opened by Embrace Trust CEO Sharon Mullins on Thursday 28th August***

**160 Year Anniversary of the School**

***17th September - Victorian Day—everyone in Victorian Dress please***

***18th September Procession from school to the Church***

**Friday 26th September**

***School open day for prospective parents - spread the word!***

*Visits in school for prospective parents .*

*Please book an appointment with the school office.*

Matthew

Jesus as the King

Mark

Jesus as a servant

Luke

Jesus as the saviour

John

Jesus as God

Matthew 5: 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden "

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## Friends of Arnesby School Fair



Thanks to the whole school choir and Mr Kearney who opened the Summer Fair this year. It was sunny and their voices shone out with an enraptured audience. Well done Arnesby, a great way to start a wonderful Summer Fair.



Thank you to the PTA who did a marvellous job of organising the games and food, setting up and collecting so many raffle prizes too! Another superb event which had a real community feel.



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## Our Preaching Cross



Rev Stephen gave his final worship to the school as he blessed our new Preaching Cross.

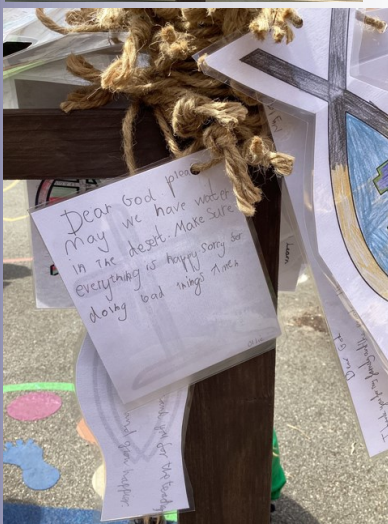
Originally the Preaching Cross was the forerunner of village markets and churches. Priests would ride around the country on donkeys or horses calling at those villages that didn't have a church. The meeting point in the village was the Preaching Cross where the people would gather around to hear the priest preach the Gospels.



The children had coloured some Christian symbols and written prayers which were hung onto the cross in preparation for the blessing.



The Faith group asked for the cross to help bring courage and comfort, hope and inspiration .



In school we will use the cross in different parts of the school and playground, where children can pray or celebrate or sit and contemplate in a quiet space.

You can see from the photos that children enjoyed colouring some Bible stories with their friends.



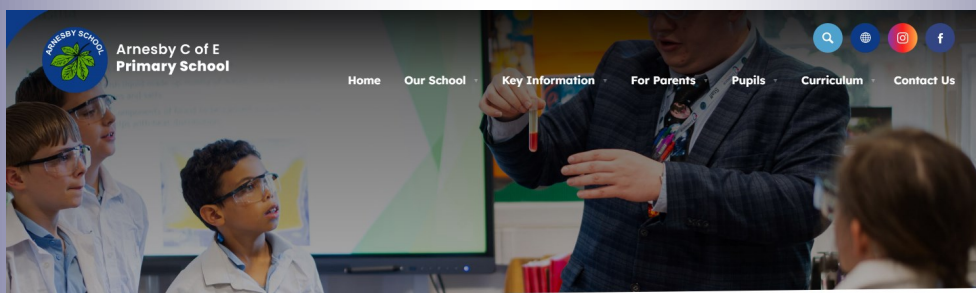
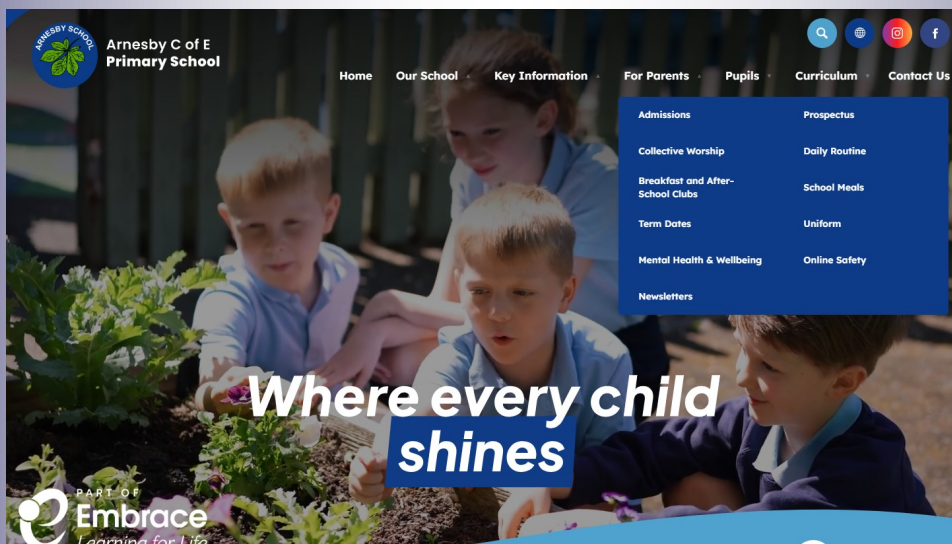
We are very grateful to Brian Spriggs who made the Cross for the school. Thank you Brian.

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Take a look at our new website!



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## Curriculum Overview

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As a school, we are always updating our curriculum as part of our school improvement developments, to make sure we are providing the best quality of education possible for your children.

As a leadership team, we listen to the 'voice' of pupils, parents and staff and as we know our children well we tailor the curriculum to our cohort of children to ensure the best possible learning experiences.

Our Curriculum is based on inspirational learning activities which take place in a classroom environment that allows children to learn in a way that motivates and interests them.

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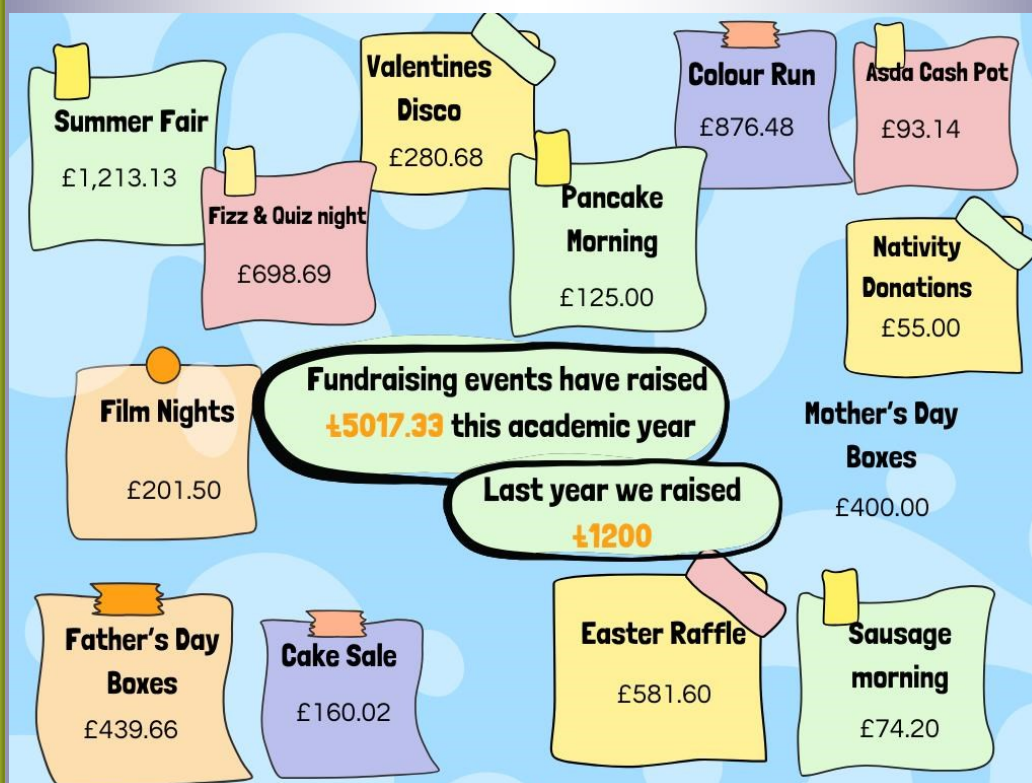


## Friends of Arnesby – PTA



Well done to the Friends of Arnesby Team for all their hard work in raising money for the school.

The PTA have said, "We have such a healthy bank balance now, we're really looking forward to start spending on the library books and other future plans". Mrs James is looking forward to that too!



Thank you to everyone who has given us such tremendous support over the past year, to be able to run such successful and enjoyable events.



With the Library renovation due to start next week we shall be using some of the funds to buy new library books just in time for 2026, which has been designated by the Government as the National Year of Reading.

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## Breakfast and After school clubs



Breakfast and afterschool clubs are an important part of the school's offer and Mrs. James would like to organise a parent forum to help decide what clubs are needed or preferred going forward, including times and activities. If you are interested in being part of this focus group please let Mrs. James know via the school office and fill in the Microsoft form which will help us to find a suitable day and time. (form to follow)

The next academic year will see a price increase for both clubs as these have been maintained at the same price for more than 2 years. Breakfast Club will increase 50p to £3.50 and After School Club will increase by 50p to £4.50 from next term. Booking is done in the usual way and all times remain the same at present.

We have worked with the school sports offer through Super Star Sports and have decided that each day will now have a focus sport. These sports will run for the half term and we will change the focus each half term based on the feedback from children and parents. Please try and support these clubs if you can.

**Arnesby Primary School**

**Monday**  
★ Gymnastics

**Tuesday**  
★ Ultimate Frisbee

**Wednesday**  
★ Hockey

**Thursday**  
★ Archery

**Super Star Sport**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!**

**Term Dates**  
W/C 1<sup>st</sup> Sep - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
15:15PM - 16:30PM

**To book your child on, please use your My Child at School account.**

Art Club is run by Cerys Mee on a Wednesday and continues to be a popular choice. The cost of this will now increase to £5 a session to cover materials and art supplies.

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WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES

Open days for new parents  
to show them around our wonderful school.



Please share these dates with friends and let them know that we have places available for September even if they are out of our catchment area.



# Arnesby C of E Primary School



**Arnesby is a small school with a big heart, where every child shines.**  
As a rural village school with small class sizes, we have a unique character and close-knit community, where every child is known.



## Visit our school open days

**Friday 26th September**  
**Thursday 9th October**  
**Friday 7th November**

Tour 1: 9:30am | Tour 2: 1:30pm

**BOOK NOW!**



 **0116 247 8563**  
Mill Hill Road, Arnesby, Leicestershire, LE8 5WG

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Keep attending every day it makes such a difference to the children's learning and social interaction.

**Our attendance is:**

**97%**

Please help us keep it at

**97% or better!**

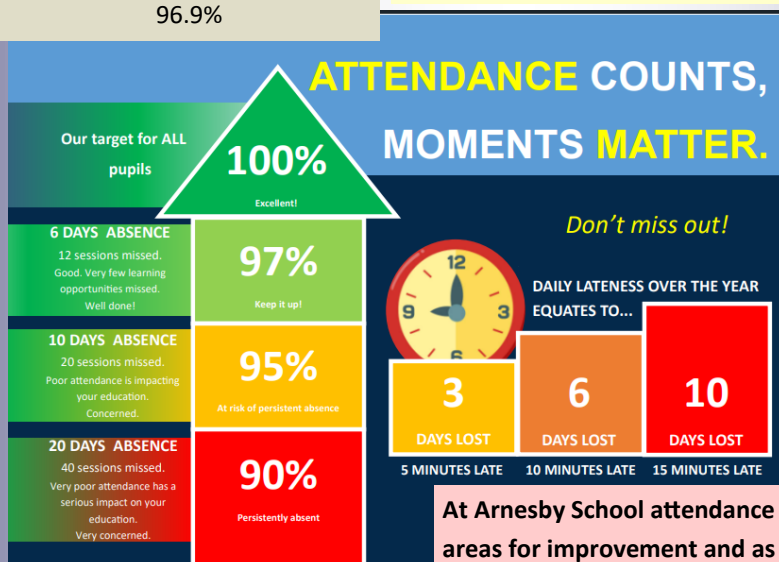
Last newsletter was:

96.9%

**Thank you**

**Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the school by getting your children to school on time.**

**It makes such a huge difference to their learning at the start of the day as all classes have start of the day activities which wakes up their brains and gets us all ready for a busy school day !**



Remember our school hours are:

**School opens 8.35am**

**Gates close at 8.45am**

**Learning starts at 8.45am prompt**

**At Arnesby School attendance is one of our areas for improvement and as such, is a high priority.**

**We must have a high level of attendance across the school to ensure that all children are given the best education possible.**

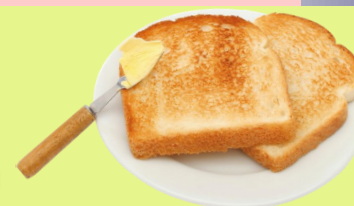
**Please support us in getting your children in school every day and on time.**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Our breakfast club is available from 8am to 8.45am facilitated by different members of staff.**

**In order to continue to offer our help to working parents and carers, please book places for the breakfast club **a week in advance** and especially not over the weekend for a place on the following Monday or Tuesday morning.**

**Thank you.**







## Keeping Children Safe



Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer break! Here are some ideas for relaxing and re-charging this summer:

- **Prioritise sleep:** Aim for restful sleep to feel refreshed.
- **Spend time outdoors:** Explore nature, enjoy the fresh air.
- **Stay hydrated:** Especially important during warm weather.
- **Protect your skin:** Use sunscreen and seek shade.
- **Limit heat exposure:** Take breaks in the shade and stay hydrated
- **Engage in physical activity:** Find fun ways to stay active.
- **Spend time with loved ones:** Enjoy time with family and friends.

### STAY SAFE ONLINE

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Don't share your personal information</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Only talk to people that you know</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Only accept friend requests from people you know personally</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Always think carefully about what you post</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Report inappropriate content immediately</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Never share your passwords</p>		

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