

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025



As the festive season approaches our Leicester Cathedral visit has been a highlight with Christmas trees and the advent ring on full display in the nave. It reminds us of the countdown to Christmas as well as looking forward to our Nativity in school and the end of term activities, as the topics draw to a close and learning is both assessed and consolidated.

Our wonderful children are still working hard and being the best they can be as they shine throughout this newsletter.

Friendship has been a key theme this term as we consider our values of koinonia, respect and forgiveness along with wonderful curiosity for new experiences and new learning. Well done Arnesby School.

Mrs James



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nativity by Peace Class

*10th & 11th December everyone welcome
9.30am in the Village Hall*

*Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper
Monday 15th December*

*Pantomime—Dick Whittington
Wednesday 17th December—De Montfort Hall*

*Christmas Lantern Walk
Thursday 11th December 4.30pm in the playground*

*NSPCC Number Day
Friday 6th February 2026 —dress up
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

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Leicester Cathedral Visit



We had a very interesting morning at the Cathedral learning so much! From the table laid for the Last Supper to types of Baptism, around the font.

The Faith group had a group photo in a small chapel between our workshops.



In groups, we learnt about the history of Richard III and looked and touched his tomb as it was made to be touched.



Theo said that he was *"excited and shocked because there was a tomb in the cathedral that I didn't expect"*.



Reuben said it was *"cool and scary because you could see the fossils at the top in the limestone"*.



Bernie wondered why the Christmas tree wasn't decorated with baubles as it was only decorated with fairy lights.

Some of the children also had a go at Cathedral building!

We noticed the gold crown covered in jewels which has been made to look like one King Richard III may have worn.



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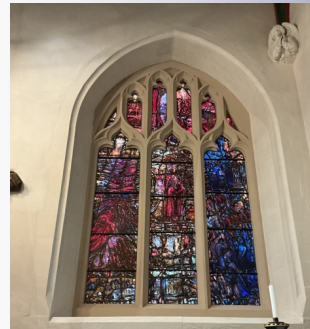
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Arnesby School — Where every child shines



We learnt about the beautiful modern stained glass windows that explore the life of King Richard III.

The children also made friendship flowers and thought about the qualities of a good friend.



Back at school, Mrs James had a lovely message from the Cathedral staff which she would like to share;

"I just wanted to write and tell you that it was an absolute pleasure to welcome Arnesby School to the Cathedral yesterday. Both children and staff were a delight and myself and (Rev) Chris really enjoyed our morning."

Well done to all the children for showing Arnesby school in such a positive light with exemplary behaviour. I am so proud of you all.



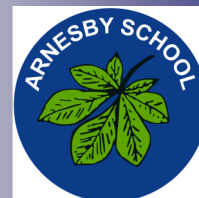
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What's happening in school? Peace Class



PEACE class shining in tasting!

This week in Peace Class, we've been continuing our exciting Design & Technology (DT) unit on healthy eating and balanced diets.

The children have been learning why it's important to make good food choices and how different foods help our bodies stay strong and healthy.



What We've Been Doing:

- We explored the main food groups and identified foods that belong to each group.



- The children described the taste, feel, and smell of different foods using fantastic descriptive language.
 - We tasted a variety of food combinations to decide which flavours we liked best.
- Next, we will use what we've learned to design and make wraps that include proteins, carbohydrates, and dairy, creating delicious and balanced meals!

The class showed creativity and enthusiasm during these activities, and it's been wonderful to see them thinking carefully about healthy choices.



Looking Ahead:

Next week, we'll begin making our wraps and evaluating our flavour combinations.

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What's happening in school? Courage Class



Courage class shining in working together

Courage class have been writing their own story based on Stig of the Dump and linked this learning with Stone Age Britain.



We are working hard to learn our times tables and have used the heat maps on TTRS to show us which ones we are not yet secure with!

In Design Technology the children have cut out the book sleeve fabric and using their paper pattern that we have already made. Mrs James was very impressed with how the children problem solved and worked together to ensure their fabric was



ready and the right size for sewing. We had a look at how we will stitch the pieces together using a seam al-



lowance and are now ready to start sewing!

In science children are learning about light and dark and what a periscope does and in RE we are looking at Christianity and learning about the Trinity and different symbols that represent it, linked with Baptism and the importance of water as a symbol.

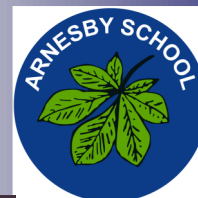
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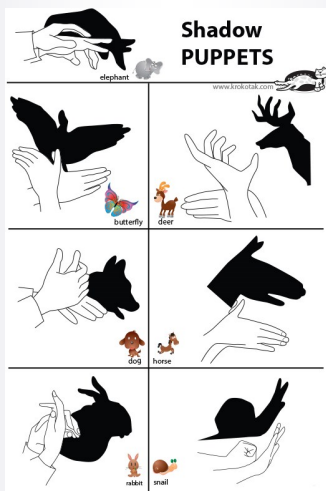
What's happening in school? Endurance Class



Endurance class shining in building bridges

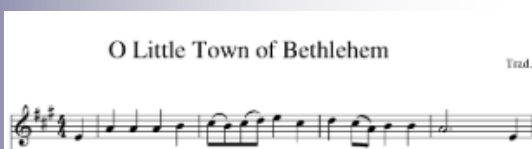
It's been a very busy half term for us in Endurance class. We're drawing to the end of many of our units that we've been working on for the last half term. We've looked at writing fantasy stories, exploring sensory imagery and figurative language to strengthen descriptions of atmosphere and setting. We've also looked at why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah – exploring miracles, messianic prophecies, expressions of divinity such as the Transfiguration and Christmas.

In DT we've been building bridges using a variety of different materials. This week we looked at using spaghetti to make truss bridges, making use of triangles to strengthen what would otherwise be quite a weak material.



In science we have been learning about light. This week, we explored what caused shadows, why they were the same shape as the object that cast them as well as how to vary their size. We did this by playing around with making shadow puppets.

In music we've been practicing playing sheet music using real music theory to underpin our learning. The children have spent the half term learning what is meant by time signature and key signature, dynamics, learning to read the notes on the stave and translate that into a performance on the glockenspiel of *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem*.



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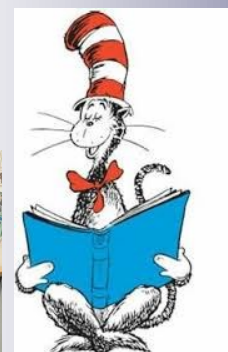
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What's happening in school?

Hats on for READING!

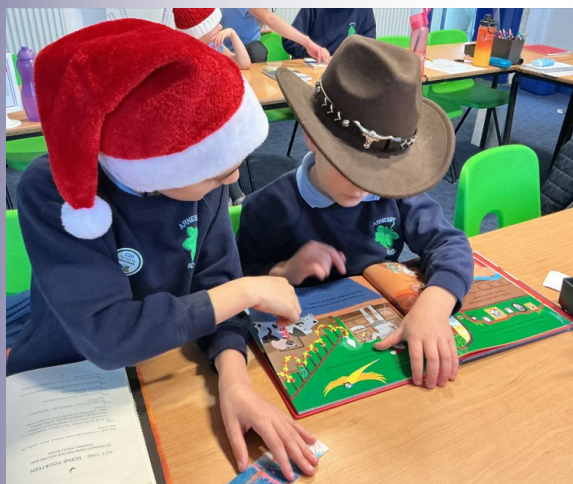
Reading is one of our highest priorities in school as it is a gateway to access all learning. With this in mind we have a termly activity focusing on reading involving the whole school.



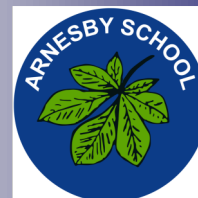
On Friday we shared favourite books in our houses with our friends wearing some amazing hats!

It was great fun as the children had a

variety of books to share. See if you can spot who is reading under each hat!



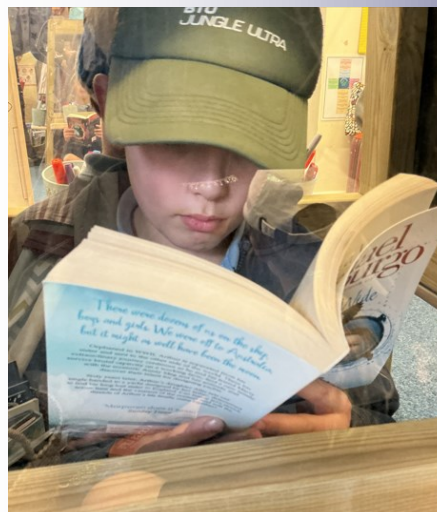
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School Council

The School Council have been asked to decorate the village Christmas Tree again this year. We have some new baubles this year and had so much fun adding them to the tree.



We hope they survive the wind and rain!

Well done to the school council for reaching as high as they could!



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What else has been happening ?

Wreath making

Hollis and her Dad have made a wreath for the school at a workshop run by the Arnesby Baptist Church. It is hanging proudly on our school gate and is an early indicator of the festive season to come. Thank you Hollis for your hard work—it looks great!



The Embrace Staff conference (our INSET day in November) was a great success and we were able to share experiences and learning.

Paula Jones (Embrace CEO) and John Haggart (Chair of Trustees) also joined us and heard all about the wonderful children at Arnesby!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



School opens 8.35am

Gates close at 8.45am

Learning starts at 8.45am prompt

The school has new doors which now automatically lock at 8.45am.

Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and **MUST** go directly to the school office for sign in.

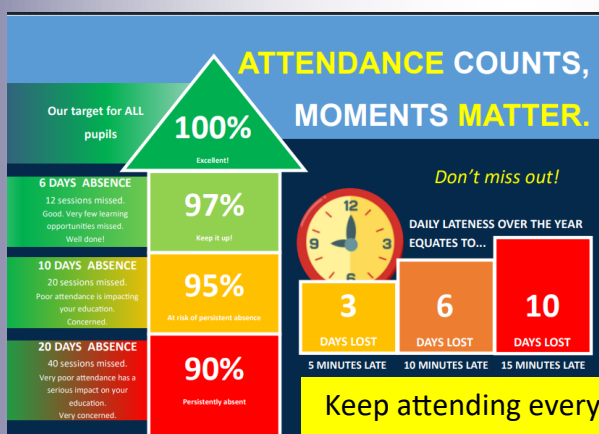
Children do **NOT** go to the class.

We would appreciate parents dropping their children at the gate to ensure children go smoothly into class as morning tasks start at 8.35am.

If you need to leave a message, please see either Mrs James or Mrs Lawson at the gate or phone the school office.

Please keep supporting 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 start of the day activities and tasks wakes up the brain and gets us all ready for a busy school day !

Thank you.



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

Our attendance is: 97.3% and has decreased since the last two newsletters

Please help us keep it at 97% or better!

The last two newsletters were:

97.8% and 98.2%

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Breakfast and After school clubs



Breakfast and afterschool clubs are an important part of the schools offer. We have worked with the school sports offer through Super Star Sports to give each day a focus sport. These sports will run for the half term and we will change the focus next 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
★ Dodgeball

Wednesday
★ Nerf

Thursday
★ Football

From October to December
15:15PM - 16:30PM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

To book your child on, please speak to the school office. Alternatively, to book, please use your My Child at School account.

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.

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Keeping Children Safe



Be bright be seen!

Walking at Night

Reflective clothing reflects the light from cars and bikes

Wear reflective clothing because fluorescent colours don't show up in the dark

Torches help you see and be seen

Reflective wristbands, accessories and bags all help to keep you seen at night

Be Safe Be Seen!

Let's look out for each other

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Riding at Night

Bright Clothing

Rear Light

Front Light

Rear Reflector

Front Reflector

Pedal Reflector

Wheel Reflector

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Online safety

As a result of FOI requests to all police forces across the UK, the NSPCC have obtained data which shows that online grooming offences are at a record high with 7,623 offences recorded from January to March this year alone. Remember, these are the KNOWN figures, the real number is likely to be much higher. Where a tech platform was identified around 40 percent took place on Snapchat, 9 percent on WhatsApp and 9 percent on Facebook and Instagram. Where the gender was known, girls made up 80 percent of victims, with the youngest age being 4. One victim is one too many, please continue to be vigilant and curious at home.

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