

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th January 2026



Thanks to Jon Davies for these stunning photographs!

Happy new year and welcome back to the school and a very wintry start!

Not to be deterred by the weather we have had a great beginning to the term with children enjoying school life showing what a great learning community we are, where every child belongs and we encourage every child to shine!

We have a number of exciting things happening in the diary this term and other dates to confirm to keep us both warm and busy!

Mrs James



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Traditional tales dress up reading day.

Any fairy tale character

Wednesday 21st January

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February 2026 —dress up

Parents evening

Wednesday 4th March and Thursday 5th March

World book day

Thursday 5th March

Leicester Tigers Stadium experience

Tuesday 17th March

Animal Day

Friday 17th April

Matthew

Jesus as
the King

Mark

Jesus as a
servant

Luke

Jesus as
the
saviour

John

Jesus as
God

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What's happening in school? Peace Class



Peace Class shining in fairy tale imagination

This term in Peace Class we have some exciting units of learning to complete. We will be diving into a fascinating new topic in History: Castles. The children will explore what castles are, why they were built, and who might have lived in them. From mighty kings and queens to brave knights and hardworking servants, we'll uncover the many roles and stories hidden within castle walls.



In Science, our focus is Materials. The children will be learning what materials are, where they come from, and how we use them in everyday life. They will explore the properties of different materials — such as whether they are hard or soft, waterproof or absorbent, flexible or rigid — and investigate why certain materials are chosen for specific jobs. There will be plenty of hands-on activities to help them test, sort, and compare materials in fun and practical ways.



Our Art topic this term is Explore the World Through Mono Print. The children will experiment with mono printing techniques to create bold, expressive artwork. They'll learn how to build up images using lines, textures, and patterns, and they'll explore how artists use printmaking to represent the world around them. This topic encourages creativity, curiosity, and a willingness to try new artistic processes.

Reception have had a magical start to our Fairy Tales topic this term. The children have loved diving into the worlds of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. They've been brilliant at retelling the stories, acting out the characters, and exploring the themes through play.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be exploring even more traditional tales. The children are already buzzing with excitement to find out what's coming next.



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What's happening in school? Courage Class

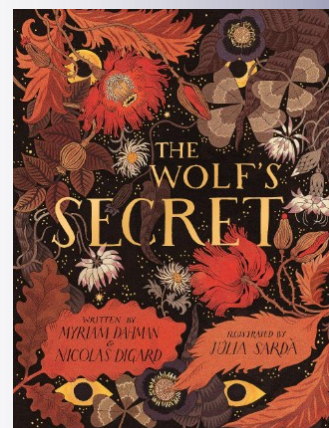


Courage class shining in times tables!

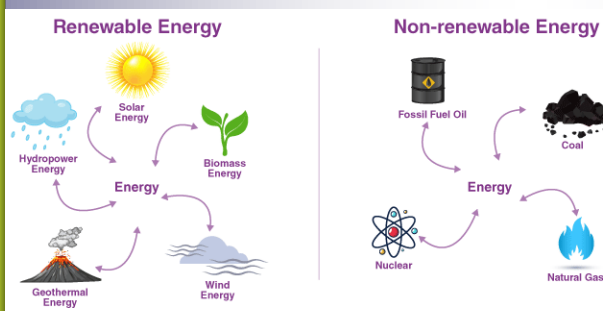


Courage Class have been thinking hard about learning our times tables so that we are super fluent! From TTRS to bingo games we are practising quick recall to help with our maths learning about multiplication and division this term.

In English we are exploring grammar and spelling through the book *The Wolf's Secret*. Ask the children why they stood on one leg for the present perfect tense!



Our topic in Geography is energy and learning about all the types of generating energy for our homes and schools both renewable and non-renewable. In RE we are thinking again about



Christianity and what kind of world would Jesus want today. In science we are learning about forces and healthy eating in PSHE. Our computing topic in Online safety which the children are really enjoying.

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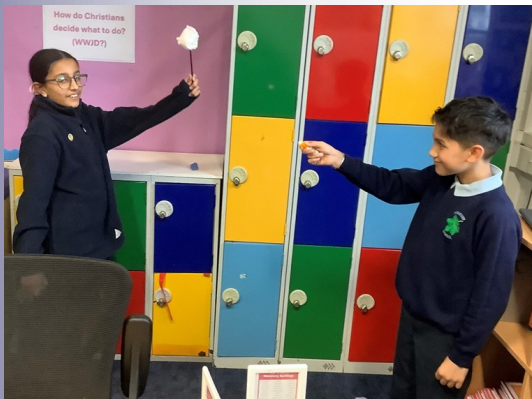
What's happening in school? Endurance Class



Endurance class shining in movement

In Endurance class we have hit the ground running after the Christmas holidays. We've opened a variety of new units to work on this half term.

In History, we've begun our exploration of how Britain has changed between 1066 and the modern day – so far we've looked at the impact of Henry VIII separating from the Catholic Church and establishing the monarchy as the heads of the Church of England and some of the far reaching impacts of this decision that can still be seen in Britain today.



In Science we've begun looking at Space, exploring how the movement of the Earth and Moon in relation to the Sun create things like the day/night cycle, seasons and allow us to track years. We've developed visual demonstrations to help understand these phenomena in more detail.



Rather appropriately, in Spanish we've started looking at ways to discuss the weather including learning how to say whether the weather is good or bad, cold, warm, raining, sunny, snowing etc. Given the somewhat tumultuous weather we've had since coming back to school, this has been rather valuable to discuss.

In PSHE we've been exploring the different ways that we can take control of our own health looking at rest, relaxation and the importance of sleep. We've engaged in relaxing guided meditative stretching and learned about the three layers of sleep and the different patterns that can be observed.

In music we've been looking at metre, learning how to read time signatures in music and tracking beats in a bar using a variety of methods such as body percussion or (oddly) using table tennis balls.



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What else has been happening in school?



DODGEBALL

A team from Courage Class took part in a dodgeball festival at Brockington College.

Thanks to Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Lawson for supporting on the day,

The team showed great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. Well done Team Arnesby, we are all so proud of you!



Bernie said "I really enjoyed it, we all had lots of turns playing".

Leighla said "it was fun, it didn't matter whether we won or not it was all about having fun".

Luke said "I enjoyed working as a team".

Freddie said "It was great, I can't wait to do it again!".

Cohen said "I enjoyed that everyone was kind, no-one argued and we all had fun!".



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Please keep your child attending every day as it makes such a difference to the children's learning and social interaction.

Our attendance is: 96.9% and is the same as the last newsletter

Please help us keep it at 97% or better and not to slip below this!

The previous two newsletters were:

98.2% and 97.3%

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.

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Breakfast and After school clubs



Breakfast and afterschool club's 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
★ Nerf Mayhem

Tuesday
★ Gymnastics

Wednesday
★ Multisports

Thursday
★ Badminton

Term Dates
W/C 5th of Jan to 13th Feb
15:15PM - 16:30PM

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

Please note that Art Club is not running in the Spring Term

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.

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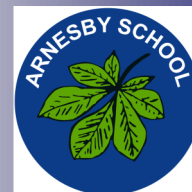


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Keeping Children Safe



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