

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th July 2026



As the academic year draws to a close, we can reflect over the year to see what an amazing, exciting and eventful academic year this has been! A busy and fulfilling year of so many successes and much to celebrate! Children have all made progress and have enjoyed their time in school and out on our many trips and visits this year.

It is also very noticeable for me to see how all the children of different ages learn together in the classrooms and play so well together at playtimes supporting each other during the school day. Although we might take this for granted, it is a very special and unique feature of our school that I am so proud of. The children are at the heart of Arnesby school working and learning together, living out our school values. Our "small school with a big heart" truly lives up to this idea. As we say goodbye to our leavers this year, I hope that they will always think fondly of their time at Arnesby and how it has prepared them for their exciting future lives.

Thank you parents and carers, to Embrace Trust along with Arnesby Villagers, for all your continued support for our amazing school. I wish you all very happy, relaxing break over the summer . Mrs James

"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest'"

Exodus 33:14

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 8th July—Leavers service in the Chapel at 9.30am

School holiday starts Wednesday 8th July at 3.15pm Gate will open at 3pm

School returns on Wednesday 26th August at 8.35am

Gates close at 8.45am sharp

Saturday 12th September 9am– 12.00pm

Tidy up outside morning in the school grounds

Open days

Friday 25th September, Friday 9th October, Thursday 12th

November 9.30am-3pm

Matthew

Jesus as the King

Mark

Jesus as a servant

Luke

Jesus as the saviour

John

Jesus as God

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

WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES

What a wonderful school fair!



Thanks to everyone who supported our school fair and for the PTA for such a great effort in putting it all together in the heat!!



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Arnesby School — Where every child shines



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

Our attendance is: 96.7%

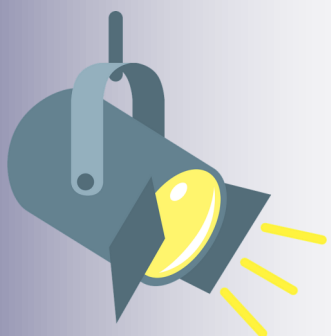
and is the same as the last newsletter

The previous two newsletters were:

96.7% and 96.7%

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

Message from the Governors



Governor Spotlight

Governors are very appreciative of the teachers and support staff in making the school a place where teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do. Arnesby School is a lovely school where children are able to express themselves

honestly and add their own personality to give the school its uniqueness.

It has been a busy year and we wish everyone a good summer holiday. Take a breather, enjoy yourselves and come back raring to go in late August.

Finally a very special tribute to Year 6 who will be moving on to their secondary schools. Do not forget us but use the experience you have had at Arnesby to move forward in the next stage of your education.

Finally, a huge thank you to the PTA for all that they do to support our school.

Have a very good summer holidays.

The Governors

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160 years of our school celebrated in felt



Arnesby School sends a big thank you to Jenny Lees and Rachel Sawyer for all their dedication and hard work producing the hand felted banner to celebrate the school's 160 year foundation. This project has included all the children, making their own piece of felt over two terms (from January to June) which has then been used to create this remarkable and wonderful artwork. Design ideas came from our discussion around the Christian Vision of the school and the association with St. Peter's Church. The skills and craftsmanship of our two friends is shown in the detail of the butterflies and flowers as well as the carefully crafted detail and colour choices for the windows and leaves. The children were impressed that it covers all the seasons of the year too.

A true collaboration between the village of Arnesby and the school. We are so proud and delighted to be given this generous gift and want to thank Jenny and Rachel for their time and thoughtfulness. We all love the banner!



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What's happening in school? Peace Class



PEACE class shining in learning outside.



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What's happening in school? Courage Class



Courage class shining in Design Technology



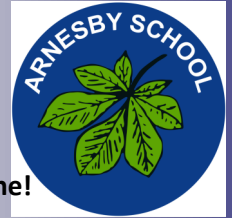
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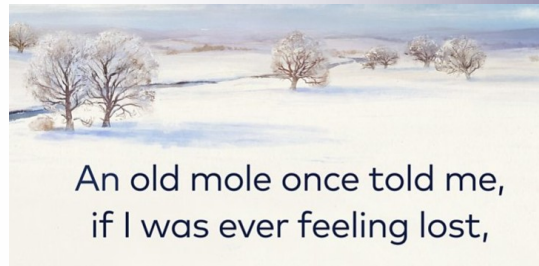
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What's happening in school? Endurance Class



Endurance Class shining in The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse– well done!



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Reading picnic



Thanks to all parents and new parents that supported our annual Reading Picnic on the field. We hope you enjoyed our classes' recital of poems! Despite the heat so early in the day, it was a great event for both readers and listeners.



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Our vision in action– The Pentecost walk



Arnesby is featured in the Leicester Diocese news this month with our unique Pentecost Pilgrimage. Do take a look at the article.

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Arnesby School's Spirit-Filled Steps

Children and staff from Arnesby Church of England Primary School marked Pentecost with their much-loved annual pilgrimage to the neighbouring village of Shearsby, continuing a tradition that reflects the school's values of faith, community, and togetherness.

The whole school took part in the pilgrimage, walking through the picturesque rural landscape that links the two villages.

The route, which follows fields, pathways and overgrown historic footbridges, gave them all the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of God's wonderful world, while strengthening their understanding of koinonia - a key Christian value of fellowship and shared life.

As part of this year's celebrations, each class created crafts inspired by elements of the Pentecost story, which they gifted to St Mary's Church in Shearsby.

Peace Class brought windmills to show the rushing wind that filled the Disciples' Upstairs Room, Courage Class made windsocks decorated with flames and quotes from the book of Acts to highlight both the wind and the tongues of flame, and Endurance Class chose crowns capped with flames in different colours and shapes inspired by different examples of Biblical imagery.

Bronze, then Silver now GOLD!



Over the last three years we have been working very hard to achieve our school games awards.

In 2023-2023 we achieved a Bronze Award, last year 2024-2025 we achieved the Silver and this year we have 'gone for Gold' and have achieved it!

Well done to Donna and Team Arnesby for this great achievement.

Arnesby C of E Primary School
3 days ago

🎉 Congratulations to Arnesby C of E Primary School who have achieved the Gold School Games Mark for 2025/26!!

Progressing from Bronze, through to Silver then Gold in just 3 years is AMAZING evidence of the progression made. Huge well done to the hard working staff and students.
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Arnesby School is Where Every Child Shines

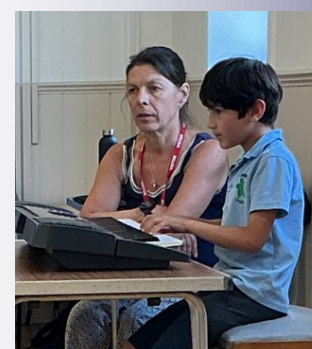
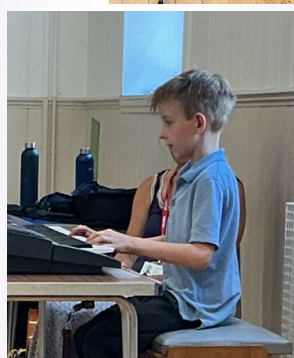
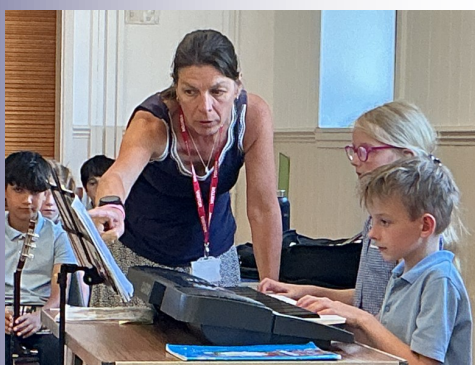


End of year music concert

Thank you to Anne Mee and Cael Mee for organising the end of term music concert for children and parents. The number of musicians in school is rising and they all did very well to perform individually or in pairs to such a large audience.

Thank you to parents and carers who came to support them.

Well done to all children who took part you did brilliantly!



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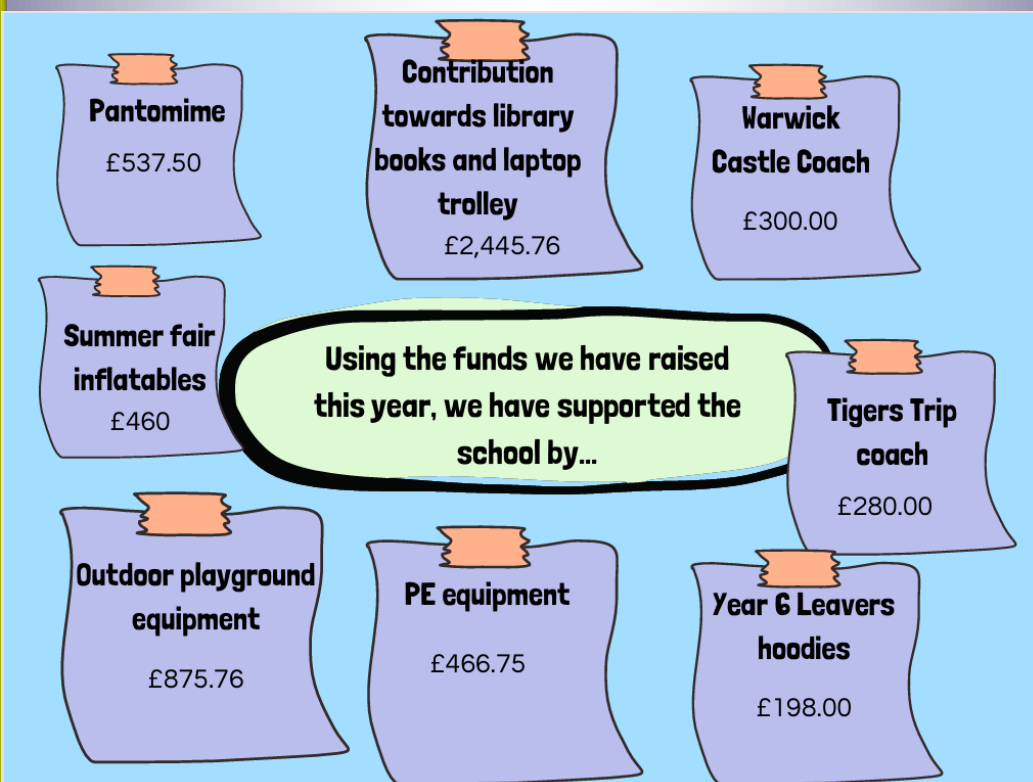
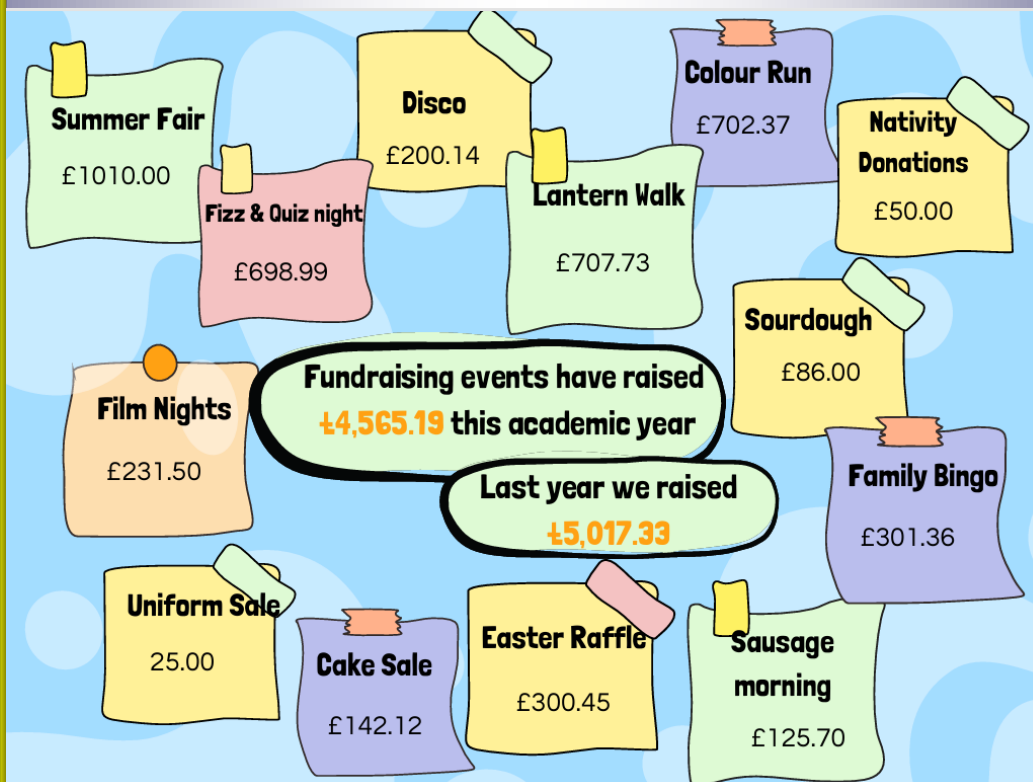


Friends of Arnesby



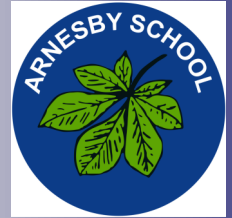
A big thank you to Friends of Arnesby PTA for all their hard work this year.

You have been amazing! We are so grateful for your support. Thank you.



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Summer Holiday Activities

Drop in - no need to book!

Ages 3+
All children must be accompanied by an adult



Take part in our summer challenge! Each week, collect one of our Cathedral character stickers to fill your reward card and win a prize at the end!



WEEK 1

collect the tiger craftsperson character!



Tues 14 and Thurs 16 July
10.30am-12pm and 2pm-4pm
Sewing activity to make a bookmark with binca



All week during opening hours join in our giant community sewing project and help make a fabric stained glass window



WEEK 2

collect the wyvern character!



Tues 21 and Thurs 23 July
10.30am-12pm and 2pm-4pm
Make a dragon finger puppet



Thurs 23 July 2-4pm
Join in our outdoor immersive theatre and experience puppets, play and mythical creatures.



WEEK 3

Collect the sheep character!



Tues 28 and Thurs 30 July
10.30am-12pm and 2pm-4pm
Plant pot decorating and meet the Leicester Peregrine team



Tues & Thurs 2-4pm
Meet the Wildlife Trust
Thurs 2-4pm
Meet a Leicester Longwool sheep

WEEK 4

Collect the medieval boar character!



Tues 4 and Thurs 6 August
10.30am-12pm and 2pm-4pm
Badge making, decorate medieval letters and dressing up!

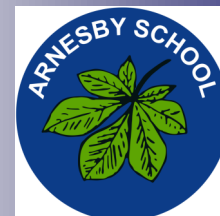
Tues 4 at 11am
Thurs 6 at 2pm

Family walks with the Leicester Civic Society



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WEEK 5 Collect our musical fox character!

Tues 11 and Thurs 13 August
10.30am–12pm and 2pm–4pm

Make a music shaker

Tues & Thurs 2-4pm
Leicestershire Music with an interactive music session



WEEK 6 Collect the peregrine archaeologist character!

Tues 18 and Thurs 20 August
10.30am–12pm and 2pm–4pm

Make a Clay Mosaic

Tues & Thurs 10.30am - 12pm
2-4pm

Have a go at archaeology in our dig box activity

Dino Fest
25 and 26 July
Cathedral Gardens (25 July)
Jubilee Square (26 July)
A weekend of prehistoric fun, giant dinosaurs and much more!



Find out more via BID Leicester

More Summer Fun in Cathedral Gardens



Back to Books Festival
1 August
Come and explore reading, nature and city life through music, art and books in the Cathedral Gardens.

Find out more via Pedestrian Arts











ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



School opens 8.35am

Gates close at 8.45am Learning starts at 8.45am prompt.

The school doors 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.

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 be reminded that any appointments involving medical professionals in school time must be requested please and with proof of the appointment. A letter or screenshot of an appointment will be sufficient for our records. Please share this through contact with the school office.

All absence requests must be made to the school via the correct form stating why an absence is required. Government guidelines, which came into effect of 1 September 2013, prevents headteachers from granting any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A family holiday during term time is not seen as an exceptional circumstance.

Please note that unauthorised absences can result in a penalty notice being issued if your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks or 5 consecutive days (10 sessions is equivalent to 5 days).

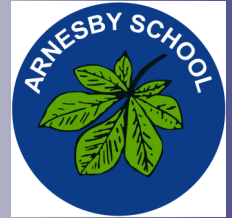
Fines are issued per parent per child at £160 each (discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days). Failure to pay within 28 days the fines being issued may result in parents facing legal action under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Please support the school and your child by requesting leave if you need it.

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Safeguarding



STAYING WELL DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Tips for families



Sun safety



Be prepared for minor illnesses



Stay hydrated



Know where to go



Bug bite prevention



Mental health matters too

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



In an emergency:

CALL 999



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