

Arnesby School Newsletter

18th September 2026



We've had a busy few weeks since the last newsletter and have welcomed an Ofsted Inspection last week. Thank you for all your support and responses to the parent survey, your voice really makes a difference. Embrace Trust provided staff with support in a multitude of areas, and the school team are grateful for all their support. The Ofsted report will be shared with you as soon as possible.

The environmental tidy up morning was a real school community event with lots of parents and children ready to work! We constructed, repaired, tidied, brushed, dug, cleaned, planted flowers and have sown seeds and bulbs ready for the open days and looking forward into spring too. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy! Thanks also to the PTA for providing refreshment and delicious sausage baps too.

Our new children have settled in well and we are all full steam ahead with learning. The After School Club is growing as more children access our offer and we are always looking for new ideas that the children can enjoy after school to help working parents.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Mrs. James

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Open days for prospective parents: Friday 25th Sept, Friday 9th Oct, Thursday 12th Nov 9.30am-3pm

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 30th September

Parents evenings Tuesday 6th October, Wednesday 7th October

Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card Friday 16th October

Children in Need day Friday 13th November

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PEACE CLASS?

This week in Peace class the children have continued to settle well into school life and have been working incredibly hard across all areas of their learning.

In our maths learning, Year 1 children have been working with numbers to 10, building their confidence in recognising, ordering, and representing numbers in different ways. This unit focuses on children's ability to recognise, represent and manipulate numbers to 10. Children are learning to recognise and count different representations of numbers to 10 and use a ten frame to help structure counting and reasoning as you can see in the pictures.

As children become more confident with counting, they will be introduced to the appropriate vocabulary of counting: the word 'digit' and the written names of each number. They will move on to counting backwards and recognising 'one more' as a number increasing and 'one less' as a number decreasing.

Our Reception children have been learning about numbers to 4. This unit focuses on children's ability to recognise, represent and manipulate numbers to 5. Children begin by counting groups of objects up to 3, then 4, before looking at 5. Our children will learn to recognise and count different representations of numbers up to 5 and use a five frame to help structure the counting and reasoning. Why not have a go at finding 4 different things at home!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COURAGE CLASS?



Courage class have started the term learning about place value in Maths, sentence construction and types of sentences in English this week using Cinderella of the Nile along with The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover book for VIPERS reading which compliments our history topic on Ancient Egyptians.

Varjak Paw is our class book this half term and we continue to practice our handwriting skills in all subjects.

In Computing, we've been uncovering how digital devices work and designing our own creations.

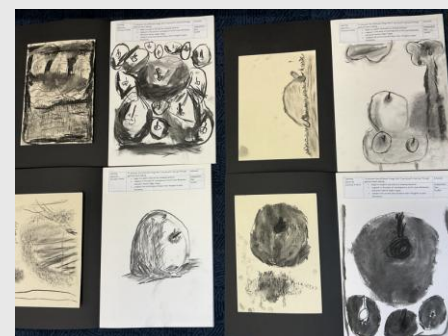
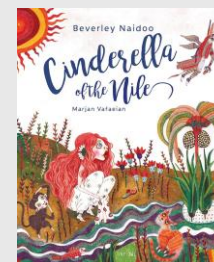
Science learning is states of matter, so please ask the children to show you how the particles move in a solid, liquid and gas which we practiced in the playground!

In RE we are looking at Hinduism this half term thinking about what Hindu's believe God is like.

In PE we are learning the skills of netball and fitness for stamina.

In Art, we've been learning about charcoal and its properties in artwork. Have a look below at our first drawings in charcoal which show light and shade.

Well done Courage Class to a great start to the term.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENDURANCE CLASS?

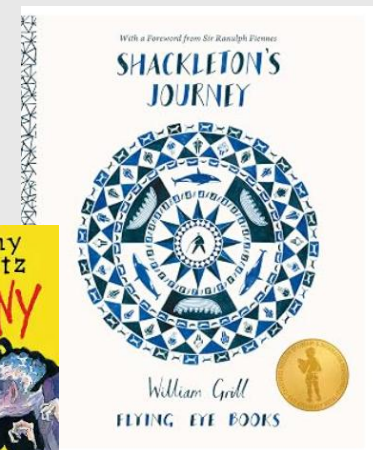
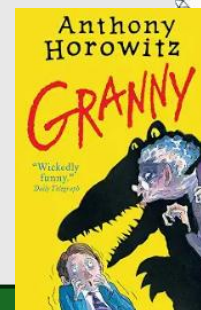
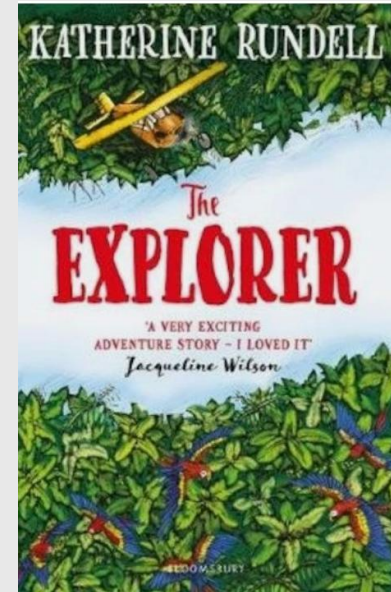
In Endurance Class, over the past few weeks we have been focussing on our English skills.

In VIPERS, we have been reading the Katherine Rundell novel **The Explorer** about four children who find themselves lost in the Amazon Rainforest. We've been looking at: strengthening our vocabulary (like questioning why the author has chosen to use the word "sceptically" as often as she has); developing our inference skills (establishing what we know about characters despite not being told directly); making evidence based predictions (using the book as well as other sources to justify our arguments); using textual knowledge to explain certain actions within the plot; retrieving information provided in the text; and summarising key plot points and characters succinctly.

In our writing lessons, we have been looking into **Shackleton's Journey** aboard his appropriately named vessel, *The Endurance*, for the purposes of writing a recount. We have examined different word classes including modal verbs and adverbs of possibility, as well as looking at ways of writing in both formal and informal English.

And our love of reading doesn't stop in lessons. As our class book we've been reading Anthony Horowitz's hilarious children's classic **Granny**. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the miserable misadventures of Jordan Warden, his father Gordon Warden, and his mother Maud N. Warden.

Well done Endurance Class for learning well and working hard.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - LEGO



Lego Club has seen the children building a creative display of structures following a theme of the week.

The first week we looked at Pirates and what was on and around a Treasure Island. Can you see from the map where X marked the spot?

Our second week found us castle building complete with castle, drawbridge, knights and dragons.

This week we have been building aliens and things that might live on an alien planet!

Children are enjoying the time to build lego creations from different sets and themes. They said:

"I Love it!"

"Its amazing!" "You can be quite creative.....not quite creative..... really creative!"

"You can use your imagination and create in the theme. I like the theme; it makes it easier to focus on building"



Arnesby Attendance



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 !

18.9.26 Currently our attendance is 98%



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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Notices and reminders



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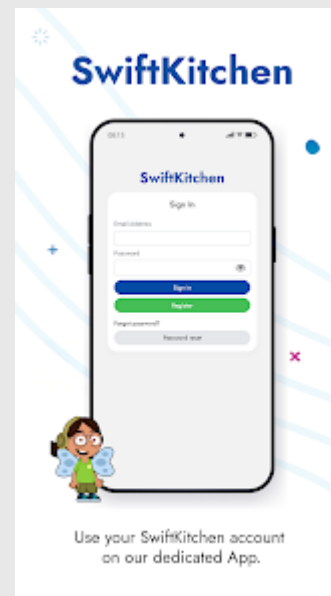
SwiftKitchen

A quick reminder that all school dinners must now be ordered through the **SwiftKitchen** app.

Please remember that the cut-off time for ordering a meal for the same day is 9.00am. To make things easier, you can place orders up to six weeks in advance, helping to ensure your child receives their preferred meal choice.

Usual meal costs apply. Children in Key Stage 2 are required to pay for their school meals unless they are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals or Expanded Free School Meals. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue to receive their meals free of charge.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to implement this new system. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet set up an account, please let us know so we can provide you with the necessary 'welcome letter'.



Leave of Absence During Term Time

A reminder to all parents and carers that if your child is going to be absent from school during term time, you must complete a **Request for Leave of Absence During Term Time** form.

Forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our school website. We kindly ask that completed forms are submitted as far in advance as possible.

Breakfast and After School clubs - September 2026



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The feedback from parents around After School care and activities over the last year is varied and we have often had very few, one or no children in a club that the school has paid for. We can no longer continue this arrangement and therefore this year we have a new programme for After School Club which will continue to run from 3.20pm-4.30pm

Activities will be facilitated by members of staff and volunteers (with a DBS check) and will change every half term. Each club will run for approximately 6 weeks depending on the length of the Half Term. The cost of each session is £5 which is a slight increase on last year's cost owing to the rise in expenditure. This needs to be paid in advance for the 6-week block and can be booked through My Child at School in the usual way. This will allow us to plan more effectively and ensure that we have the necessary equipment and resources ready and available.

For the first part of Autumn Term (Autumn 1) from September 1st to October 16th inclusive (7 weeks) the clubs will be as follows:

Monday – Brain boosters - Board games

Tuesday –Power teams - Multi-sports

Wednesday - Beginners Hockey (not 30/9)

Thursday – Building Club - Lego

Friday - Netball

(As an introductory offer a 7-week block will be charged as 6 weeks)

The next half term may include Homework Club, and Music Club and will run from Monday – Thursday. Mrs. James welcomes any new ideas or volunteers to contact her directly or through the school office, particularly to offer and support a 6-week block of new experiences for children and to contribute to a full week of After School Club offer.

At the end of each half term, we will ask for feedback to ensure that the activities we are offering are benefiting the children. Informing school of any non-attendance owing to illness or more than 2 days of the club date, you will be refunded as a credit. Any non-attendance of the club date within 48 hours prior to the club starting, no credits will be issued. For those children in the receipt of Free Schools Meals, this is not Universal Infant Free School meals, the school will cover the cost of the club. For these children, please contact the school office to book a place.

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Breakfast club



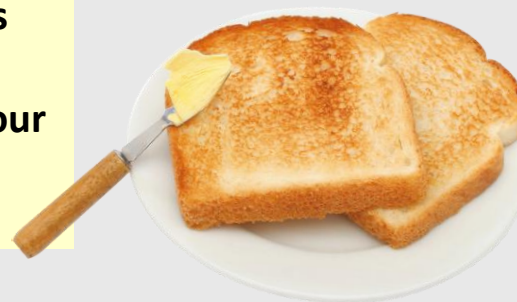
BREAKFAST CLUB

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

Children are given a light breakfast including a choice of cereals, toast and a drink. Breakfast club costs £4 per day per child and can be booked through My Child at School.

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.

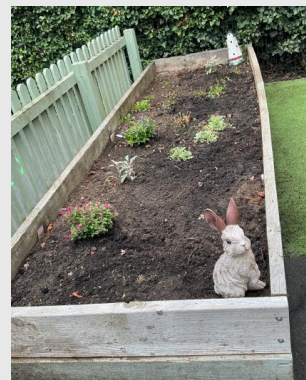
For those children in receipt of Free Schools Meals not Universal Infant Free School meals the school will cover the cost of this club. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office.



Environment tidy up!



Thank you to everyone who came to lend a hand. Here are just a few photographs of the morning's work!



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Safeguarding



Benedict's Law

Benedict's Law is a set of national protections designed to improve allergy safety in schools. The measures were developed following the death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021. His family established the Benedict Blythe Foundation and worked with clinicians, allergy charities and policymakers to lead a campaign for government to address long-standing gaps in how schools manage life-threatening allergies.

Benedict's Law aims to ensure that children with allergies can attend school safely and that staff have the knowledge and tools to respond quickly when emergencies occur.

Embrace Trust have provided Arnesby School with an emergency allergy medication kit which is easily accessible to all staff and demonstrates our commitment to keeping our pupils, staff and visitors safe.

This kit has been described as the allergy equivalent of a defibrillator, providing rapid access to potentially life-saving emergency medication when every second counts.

Staff have also had training from the National College to ensure that our understanding is current and well informed.



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