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Arnesby School Newsletter
13th November 2026

Autumn has definitely arrived in Arnesby.

The tree on the grass triangle outside the school has dropped many of its leaves to carpet the ground as the sun sparkles through the branches from a pale blue sky. What is missing from this picture is sound!

It was playtime when the photograph was taken and the voices of happy children playing together in the school playground was both unmistakable and uplifting.

Misty mornings as well as learning challenges are ahead but as we also remember those fallen in wars on our behalf, we are so thankful for the environment we have at Arnesby, our friendships and respect for one another as we all work, learn and have fun together.
Mrs. James



UPCOMING EVENTS:

INSET day Friday 20th November – School closed to pupils

Monday 30th November - Our termly reading event – Read in your Christmas Jumpers! Come to school in winter/Christmas jumpers over uniform and bring your favourite Christmas book

Nativity performances - Tue 8th and Wed 9th December – Note date change (9.30am start – no tickets needed)

Lantern Walk - Thursday 10th December 4-6pm

Pantomime visit – Friday 11th December

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox.
An amazing **14** filled shoeboxes from Arnesby are now on their way to people in need.

Filling a shoebox with simple gifts shows disadvantaged people that they are not forgotten this Christmas!

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Remembrance Day









Our Remembrance day service at the Baptist Chapel with wreaths made by the children. Thank you to Johnny and our Chair of Governors Mr. Rendall, all families and friends for your support and attendance.







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British Values in Action



School Lunches

The notes in our School Council boxes showed that children expressed a wish to change the arrangement of tables and chairs in the Village Hall at lunchtime.

The School Council discussed this and decided to conduct a democratic vote to ensure that all children sit at a table and most have a choice of where they sit. (Our youngest children are still getting used to lunchtimes and they have designated spots to ensure that they are supervised with cutting food when required etc.)

We are all hoping that the new arrangements will encourage a quieter lunch hall with children taking their time to eat with their friends and not racing through their food to be outside sooner. We hope that more children will be encouraged to have school lunches from the new provider too.

Well done to the School Council for suggesting and actioning some great ideas.







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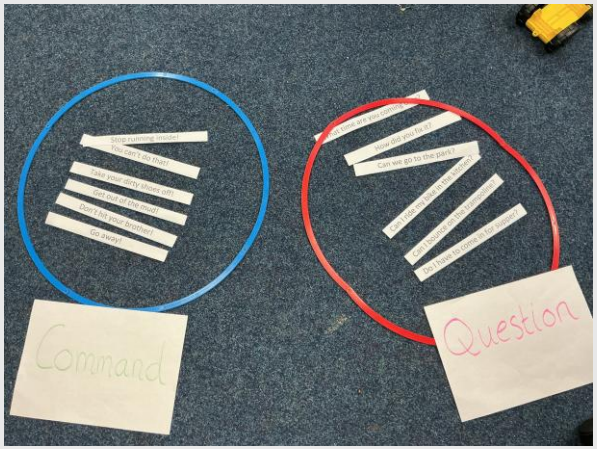
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PEACE CLASS?

Peace Class have been busy learning about 2D and 3D shapes this week. We have had some amazing constructions built both stationary and wobbly!
As Reception have been learning about Diwali they have made some diwa's and they are now ready for painting.

In English, Year 1 have been learning about commands and questions, sorting them and thinking about how they differ. Children have also worked on phrasing a question to find out what they want to know!



History is focussed on homes in the past compared to now. How food preparation has changed and what we know about hygiene and always washing our hands.









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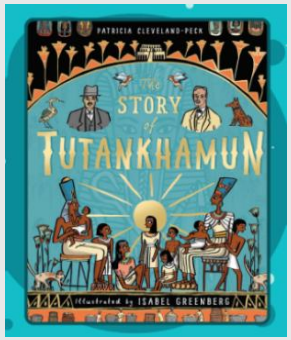
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COURAGE CLASS

Courage Class children are really enjoying stop frame animation in computing. At this stage, they draw a series of images on their whiteboards and collate them into sequenced images. You can see the concentration and determination to produce a good video clip!













In drama the children were imagining that they are Howard Carter or part of his excavation team, when they discover Tutankhamun's tomb!



The TTRS times tables competition has helped the children with their maths learning this week on multiples.



We have been thinking about members of our family who were in the 2nd World War, their regiments and jobs they did, as part of learning about Remembrance Day. Children brought in photographs of their relatives to share as we made a wreath. Well done Courage Class!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENDURANCE CLASS?

The weather may be getting colder, but the work is still hotting up in Endurance class.

In VIPERS we've finished reading ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane***, a bittersweet story about a china rabbit who undergoes an emotionally fraught and physically demanding voyage to learn all about how to love and be loved in return.

We've started reading our next book, ***Beyond the Frozen Horizon*** – a gripping tale of adventure and hope and the importance of doing the right thing even when it's hard.

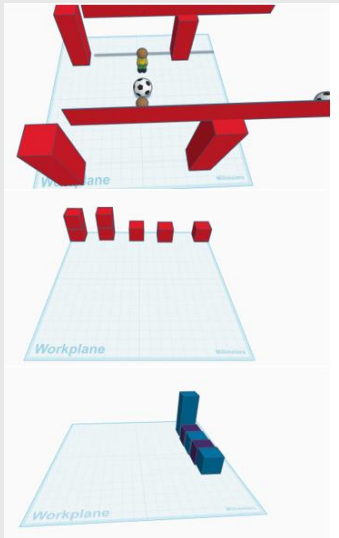
In Maths, we've been working with fractions. Year 5 have been finding equivalent fractions, identifying how to make equivalent fractions and will be looking at how to use equivalent fractions in addition and subtraction questions soon.

Year 6 have nearly completed their unit on multiplying and dividing fractions including looking at how to find fractions of amounts and how to find the whole when you have only been given a fraction.









In DT, we've started looking at using Computer Aided Design (CAD) to develop architectural structures. We've been using TinkerCAD software and while the children are only now beginning to familiarise themselves with the programme, already we can see some of their creativity really beginning to shine.

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Where Every Child Shines - learning and playing together



Music lessons are working well in school with children enjoying their lessons for guitar, and keyboard.

Playground ball games and clapping games are currently favourites.











Matthew	Mark	Luke	John



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Working together in PE















Thursday afternoon in Gymnastics saw KS2 learning, practising and performing straight rolls, tuck rolls, straddle rolls and forward rolls. Children changed pairs as coaches for each other, to help to improve their performances. Each child also had individual feedback at the end of the lesson about their learning, sportsmanship and how well they work together.

KS1 and reception were showing how they made shapes such as an arch, dish, tuck, straddle and star. A typical PE lesson showing such great listening and hard work from all the children– very well done.

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Reminders

School lunch ordering
Thank you for your support with our new school meals provider and preordering meals.
Please could you discuss your choice with your children and then confirm with them on the day the lunch that you have chosen.
We are finding a number of children asking to change their choice on the day and as a school we do not override parent choice.
Thank you.

Coats for colder weather
Please could all children bring a coat to school for breaktime and lunchtime as the weather is very changeable, and we like to give the children some fresh air during the day.
Please could KS2 children bring a mid morning healthy snack of fruit as this helps their concentration during the morning.



NATIVITY change of date
Peace Class Nativity will now be on Tuesday 8th December and Wednesday 9th December in the Village Hall at 9.30am.
Unfortunately, the Village Hall is booked the morning of the 10th December.



10th December is Christmas Jumper Day and the Lantern Walk (4pm – 6pm) starting from school.

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Breakfast and After School clubs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We would be grateful if parents and carers could complete the feedback form for the clubs Autumn 1
we have a new programme for After School Club which will continue to run from 3.20-4.30pm for Autumn 2

Activities will be facilitated by members of staff and volunteers (with a DBS check) and changes every half term. Each club will run for approximately 7 weeks depending on the length of the Half Term. The cost of each session is £5 to be paid in advance, preferable for the half term block and 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 Autumn Term (Autumn 2) 26th October – Thursday 17th December inclusive (8 weeks) the clubs will be as follows:

Monday – Homework Club
Tuesday –Music Club- mixture of instruments
Wednesday – Drama Club
Thursday Mindfulness
Friday – No Club

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 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.

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Arnesby Attendance

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.



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 !

12.11.26 Currently our attendance is 98.3%

The last newsletter was 98.7% . Well done everyone – keep up the great work!

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Safeguarding



There is a rise in parents and carers uploading photographs of their children into AI tools. Some reasons are to enhance image quality, remove imperfections, remove watermarks from school photographs and add features i.e. backgrounds. While AI can offer genuine benefits, parents and carers need to be aware of the risks surrounding using children's images in this way.

What Does AI Take from a Photograph?

When you upload an image to an online AI tool, you are essentially abiding by their terms and conditions of what that service can do with that image. While it may seem like they are just using it for the purposes of what you require, you may be handing over more than just a photograph. Depending on what tool you use, images can be:

- Stored on cloud servers
- Retained for long periods of time
- Used to improve or train AI models
- Shared with third-party providers

Parents and carers often have very little visibility over what happens to an image once it has been uploaded and while many AI tools offer privacy controls or customisable experiences with how data is handled, these settings vary significantly between platforms and are not always obvious or enabled by default.

What Parents and Carers Need to Check

Many parents use AI tools because they are convenient, quick to use and in some cases, free and can help save money. However, short-term convenience should be balanced against long-term considerations. Before uploading any image of a child, ask:

- Where will the image be stored?
- Will it be used for AI training?
- Can I delete it later?
- Does the image reveal any personal information?
- Is what I'm doing legal? (Removing watermarks is illegal)

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