



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, families, governors and staff for making this such a successful and memorable year. Our children have worked incredibly hard and continue to make us proud.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Battison and Mrs Millar who are leaving us to take up exciting opportunities at other schools. We would like to thank them for their dedication, hard work, and the positive impact they have had on our school. We wish them every success and happiness in their new roles.

We have been very busy recruiting and are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Richards and Mr Welsby to our Matthew Arnold team. We are also pleased that Miss Duff will be remaining with us, covering maternity leave for Miss Welsh.

We are holding transition mornings for all children in the last week of term and I know all staff are looking forward to working with their new class.

Nursery—Miss Brown

Reception— Miss McCormick / Mrs Broad

Year 1—Mrs Boyd

Year 2—Mrs Richards

Year 3—Mr Welsby

Year 4—Mrs Roberts

Year 5—Miss Duff

Year 6—Miss Beer

Class 7—Miss West / Miss Newitt

Class 7—Mrs Badger

We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new school year in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September 2026



KS1 and KS2 sports days were brilliant mornings and we were so lucky with the weather. All the children enjoyed joining in the events and it was great to have so many family and friends cheering us on!



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Ready, Respectful, Safe

Residential Visits – Advance Notice

We are pleased to share the dates for our residential visits for the next academic year.

Y3 Barnstonale 24 / 25 March 2027

Y4 / 5 PGL 21—23 April 2027

Y6 Glan-Llyn 24—26 May 2027



We know that residentials are often among the most memorable experiences of primary school. They provide children with opportunities to develop independence, build confidence, strengthen friendships and enjoy learning outside the classroom. We all have a fantastic time!!

To help as many children as possible take part, we provide the dates well in advance. We hope that this early notice will give families plenty of time to plan and spread the cost of the visit through manageable payments.

A payment plan will be available, allowing families to pay in smaller instalments. Our aim is to make the residentials accessible to all children, and we encourage families to start making payments as early as they are able.



Early Years Foundation Stage

In Early Years children have been developing their **Fundamental Movement Skills**. By practising these skills in fun and engaging activities, children develop confidence, coordination, balance and agility. You can help your child continue their learning at home by encouraging active play. Simple activities such as playing catch, riding a bike or scooter, visiting the park, skipping, balancing along a line or practising jumping and hopping all help to reinforce these important skills.



Hopping and jumping from a height has been great fun!

Key Dates

Wednesday 8th July	Enterprise Event 3.20—4.30pm
Friday 10th July	9.00am Reception Graduation
Friday 17th July	9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
End of term	Friday 17th July at 2pm

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