

Arbor Roadmap

Spring 2025



A note from our Chief Product Officer

Welcome to our Spring Product Roadmap!

This roadmap guide lays out the key features and improvements we're currently developing, and looks back at some of our releases from last term.

We listen to the Arbor community to decide which areas we can develop to have the biggest impact, and we add these to our termly roadmap.

Please note that this roadmap reflects our current plans. As we test and refine our solutions, the specific features we release may differ from what's outlined here. This guide doesn't include pricing information, and some features may incur additional costs or be available only within specific MIS packages.

Our team is continuously working to deliver major innovations and ongoing improvements to Arbor. The focus in this guide is on the major changes - don't forget, you can find all our releases in our Change Log.

All the best,



Bex Campbell
Chief Product Officer at Arbor



How we plan the **Arbor Roadmap**

At Arbor, we're always looking for new ways to help schools and trusts work better. Our Product Team divide their time between two types of work:

1. **Strategic:** Powerful new features that often require work over multiple school terms, and have a transformative impact on how you use your MIS
2. **Responsive:** Continuous improvements based on your feedback and ideas

We work in this way to make sure we're balancing our long-term goals on transforming the way you work, with the ability to react quickly and proactively to your needs.



What we *released* *in Autumn*



91

features released in
the last term

Click on each month's tile to see our strategic releases from Autumn Term:

September

Product Update

October

Product Update

November

Product Update

December

Product Update

What we *released* *in Autumn*

Just some of our responsive releases from Autumn Term:

Absence logging

Parents can now log absences via the Parent Portal and Parent App.

Trips

Ability to edit trip details up until the trip end date or time.

Parent App

New basket means parents can purchase multiple items at the same time, and save time checking out.

Browse institutions

See both Arbor and non-Arbor schools in MAT MIS, plus school characteristics from GIAS.

Ofsted Inspections

Get direct access to all inspection sub-category outcomes for all your schools in MAT MIS.

National Data Connector

New deprivation indices dataset, giving a more holistic understanding of student background.

Wraparound Clubs

Simplified information for parents including displaying club names at registration and week day on cancellations.

Payments Reporting

Improved payments reconciliation reporting - filter by payout date, and group by description.

More BI Connector data

Over 1,800 new data points, including Payments, Behaviour Points and Applicants.

Population Forecasts

Analyse year group level student forecasts in your BI tool to support your MAT growth strategy.

MAT staff

Browse MAT staff profiles in List View for improved searching, filtering and sorting.

[Click here to stay up-to-date with releases on the Arbor Change Log](#)

What we're *working on in Spring*



Three themes to shape our Spring roadmap:

Fly through your to-do list

Surface clear and impactful data

Build consistent ways of working

Fly through your to-do list

We don't want you to be bogged down by busywork that could be automated and off your plate. Let Arbor take care of the repetitive tasks and number crunching, so you have more time for the work only you can do.

This term we're making it easier to find what you need, quickly - like managing and sending your school comms. We're also adding more AI-powered tools to collaborate on tasks with you. Instead of doing everything yourself, **Ask Arbor** to help you to draft that email or write that report for your governors.



Inbox and outbox

Speed up your comms workflows, and easily filter and search for comms.

✦ Auto Absence

Hand over your attendance tasks to Arbor and we'll do the legwork for you.

Search in MAT MIS

Jump straight to where you need to be in the system.

✦ Ask Arbor

Find answers faster, and carry out your daily tasks in moments.

Spotlight on: Inbox and outbox

 Keep on top of school comms with a separate inbox and outbox

 Filter your comms by date range, message type, or sender to find exactly what you're looking for

 See your comms in a clearer layout, with more helpful previews and faster loading

Communications / School Mailbox / Outbox

School Outbox

Arbor Admin: Re-Index Download Log Communication

Refine search Exact match. Start date 1st Jan 2024. End date 7th Feb 2025. Message type(s) Email or Imported email or SMS or Mail merge letter or Letters or Meeting or Telephone call or In-app message. Filter by recipient Guardian or Student.

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Recipients	Sent on behalf of	Sender	Subject	Summary	Message type	Sent/generated
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	SMS to Nathan Adams	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	SMS	4th Feb 2025, 07:59
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	SMS to Nathan Adams	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	SMS	4th Feb 2025, 07:58
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	Incident Follow-up	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	Email	4th Feb 2025, 07:57
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	SMS to Nathan Adams	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	SMS	4th Feb 2025, 07:56
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	Incident Follow-up	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	Email	4th Feb 2025, 07:55
Nathan Adams	Waterford Primary School	Lizzie White	SMS to Nathan Adams	Dear Nathan, Emily has b...	SMS	4th Feb 2025, 07:52
Amelia Wilkinson	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Amelia, Well done to ...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12
Callum Taylor	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Callum, Well done to ...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12
Kyle Robinson	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Kyle, Well done to Kyl...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12
Tiffany Simpson	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Tiffany, Well done to T...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12
Aniruddh Tiwari	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Aniruddh, Well done t...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12
Henry Rogers	Waterford Primary School	Mia Richards	Super attendance this w...	Hi Henry, Well done to H...	Email	27th Jun 2024, 09:12

Showing 100 of 495 results

Spotlight on:

✦ Auto Absence

 Automate your absence management and remove the need to manually input notes

 Save hours of time and let Arbor take on the burden of listening to and transcribing voicemails

 Review, approve, or reject pending absence notes based on your expertise

Auto Absence Note

Voicemail 

Student **Will James** Form **10KV**

Dates absent **6 March 2025**

Transcription

Hi, I'm just ringing because Will is not feeling very well today so he's not going to be in school. Hopefully, he'll be back tomorrow. Thanks, bye.

Pin this to the top of the student profile (until end of absence)

[Reject Absence](#) [Accept Absence](#)

Spotlight on: Search in MAT MIS

🔍 Filter your search results by the type of information you're looking for, like pages, reports, or any student across your trust

➡ Get to exactly where you want to be in MAT MIS in fewer clicks

★ Navigate to your favourites faster by searching for them, including the ones you've renamed

The screenshot shows the MAT MIS search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text 'mail merge'. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'All', 'Students', 'Guardians', 'Staff', 'Pages', 'Favourites', and 'Custom Reports'. The 'All' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there's a 'Help Centre' button and a checkbox for 'Current students, guardians, and staff only' which is checked. Below that, it says 'Pages (8)'. The search results are listed as follows:

- Email School > Communications > Mail Merge > Drafts
- SMS School > Communications > Mail Merge > Drafts
- In-App Message School > Communications > Mail Merge > Drafts
- Letter School > Communications > Mail Merge > Drafts
- Email School > Communications > Mail Merge > Sent
- SMS School > Communications > Mail Merge > Sent
- In-App Message School > Communications > Mail Merge > Sent
- Letter School > Communications > Mail Merge > Sent

At the bottom of the search results, there's a button that says 'View all results'. Below the search results, there are several performance metrics:

- Statutory Attendance: 91.8% (Today) and 90.5% (This year)
- Level 3 Negative Incidents Per Week: 10.0 (Last 7d) and 12 (This year)
- Level 2 Negative Incidents Per Week: 3 (This year)

Spotlight on: Ask Arbor

? Ask Arbor a question about any information in your MIS and get an answer in seconds

📊 Find student attendance, behaviour, or demographic data in just a few clicks

📅 Locate free rooms, view timetables, and make decisions quickly

< Back **Ask Arbor** ✨

Ask a question or select a sample prompt to get started

Create a report with behaviour by gender and year group for Year 10

I need to find the location of a student

What has the attendance been like for boys and girls this term?

🗨️

Surface clear and impactful data

Your MIS holds a huge amount of data about your school and students, and this data should be as easy to interpret as possible.

This term we're focused on making your data easy to understand and get to, with AI-powered tools to help you interrogate data and spot correlations. We're also making reports easier to find and create, and bringing powerful visual analysis tools to MAT MIS.



Report Library

Find all of your reports in one place, and filter by built-in or custom.

LA MIS

Understand what's going on across your LA with a real-time view of your schools.

✦ Canvas

Build reports and get insights from written prompts or questions.

Trust-level data visuals

Gain deeper insight into trust-wide data with powerful new visuals and charts.

Spotlight on: Report Library

➔ Get to all your reports from one place, including built-in Arbor reports and your own custom reports

📊 Filter your reports by type, date, and more

🔧 Build custom reports quickly and easily with templates

Report Library ? Create Custom Report

Arbor Reports ? My Custom Reports ? TBC ?

All Reports Favourites Activities Assessments Attendance Behaviour Enrolment Guardians Payments

SEN Staff Students Showing 48/194 reports

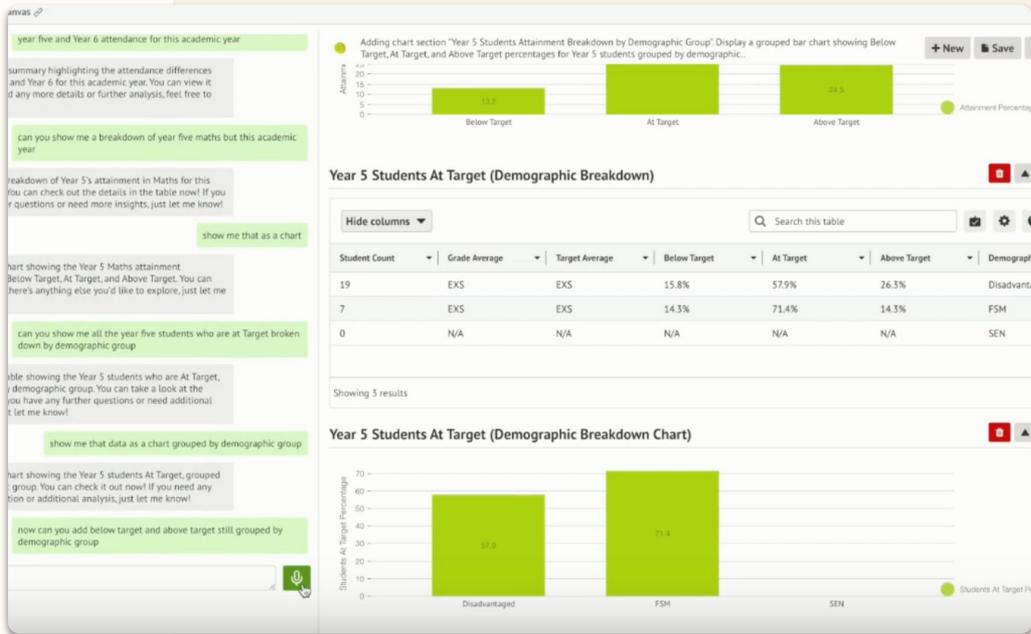
<p>Attendance by Student Group ></p> <p>Attendance across all Year groups. Use filters to customise date ranges. Highlight all cells in a column to view the total attendance figures.</p> <p>Arbor Report</p>	<p>Behaviour Points ></p> <p>View a list of students and awarded behaviour points, apply filters for further interrogation.</p> <p>Custom Report</p>	<p>Behavioural Incidents ></p> <p>An overview of the number of behaviour incidents, apply filters to refine by course, student, staff, type, etc.</p> <p>Custom Report</p>
<p>Class Attendance ></p> <p>A simple, colour-coded view of all attendance marks from the beginning of the current academic year</p> <p>Custom Report</p>	<p>Continuous Absence ></p> <p>A list of students who have accumulated multiple absences, but have not yet reached the 10% absence threshold required for Persistent Absentee status.</p> <p>Arbor Report</p>	<p>Detentions ></p> <p>Students who have been assigned detentions, including reason for the detention, the date and time it was issued, and the staff who assigned it.</p> <p>Custom Report</p>
<p>Dietary Requirements ></p> <p>List of students with specific dietary needs, including allergies, intolerances, and special diets.</p>	<p>EAL ></p> <p>Students who speak English as an additional language, not natively.</p>	<p>Free School Meal Eligibilities (FSM) ></p> <p>See a list of all the students who are eligible for free school meals.</p>

Spotlight on: Canvas

 Co-create detailed, share-able reports and analysis with Arbor AI

 Build visual charts and graphs from written prompts or questions

 Save time, with no need to be a whizz at Excel or PowerBI



Spotlight on: Trust-level visuals

💡 Gain a deeper understanding of your schools with powerful new trust-wide analysis and insights - directly in your MAT MIS

🏠 See multiple data visualisations in just one Arbor dashboard, with more granular filtering options

🏠 Compare your schools or any group of students across your trust to Arbor's National Benchmarks, at-a-glance

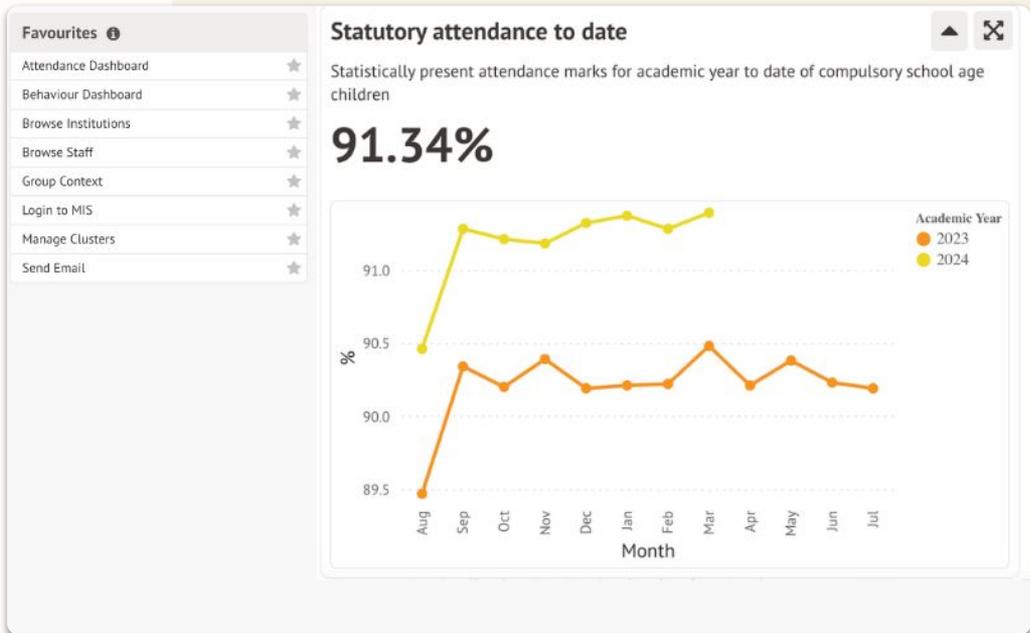


Spotlight on: LA MIS

🕒 Get real-time access to school data and insights with our brand new MIS, specifically designed for Local Authorities

🤝 Built-in data sharing agreements that control the level of data sharing with your schools

📁 Log in to your schools' MIS to provide fast and efficient support and troubleshooting



Build **consistent** ways of working

We believe your MIS should be more than a database. It should support collaboration between staff, and help you roll out policies, standardise data, and create a consistent experience for staff, parents and students.

This term we're working on more ways for data to flow between your systems - like our new Microsoft integration. We're also building more trust-level pushdowns, and other tools to help you create consistency across your school or trust.

Microsoft integration

Join up Teams with your MIS for more seamless class management.

MAT MIS Pushdowns

Tailor the permissions of different roles across your whole trust in just a few clicks.

Suggest Text

Combine student data with written prompts to help you craft text that matches your tone guide.



Spotlight on: Microsoft integration

👤 Update your users and classes in Arbor, and it'll automatically flow into Microsoft Teams

📖 See the full picture of your student's progress with Teams assignments and homework in Arbor

📱 Give teachers, students, and parents one place to see homework and assignments - Arbor, regardless of the system it's been set in

The screenshot shows the 'Microsoft Teams for Education' overview page. The breadcrumb trail is 'School / Data / Integrations Administration / Microsoft Teams for Education / Overview'. The page title is 'Microsoft Teams for Education'. Under the 'Enable your Integration' section, the 'Authorisation' status is 'Authorisation Complete'. An 'Academic Year' dropdown menu is set to '2024/2025'. The 'Configure your Integration' section contains a table with the following items:

Students (2024/2025)*	Click to configure
Staff (2024/2025)*	Click to configure
Classes (2024/2025)	Click to configure
Assignments (2024/2025)	Click to configure

*indicates required

Spotlight on: MAT Pushdowns

 Customise the permissions of specific business roles across your trust

 Tailor permissions by phase, then implement across your trust in just a few clicks

 Get better visibility of the existing permissions across your trust, and edit them in bulk

Pushdowns / Pushdowns / Business Roles / Teacher

Teacher - Overview

Business Role Overview

Name	Teacher
School staff	Yes
Teaching staff	No
Permissions management	Managed by Gotham City MAT

All Extra Curricular Finance School Staff/HR Student Profile

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Permission Category	Permission	Access Type	Access	Description
Extra Curricular	Send Communications All	Action	✓	Send emails and letters to participants of :
Extra curricular	Send Communications Assigned	Action	✗	Send emails and letters to participants of :
Staff/HR	Receive Communications All	View	✓	Receive emails and letters to participants :
Staff/HR	Receive Communications Assigned	Policy	✓	Receive emails and letters to participants :
Staff/HR	Deny Communications All	Setup	✗	Deny emails and letters to participants of :
School	Behaviour: Administer	Action	✗	Administer school behaviour setup
School	Behaviour: Log behaviour incident	Action	✗	Log a behaviour incident

Education 332, 2024/11/14

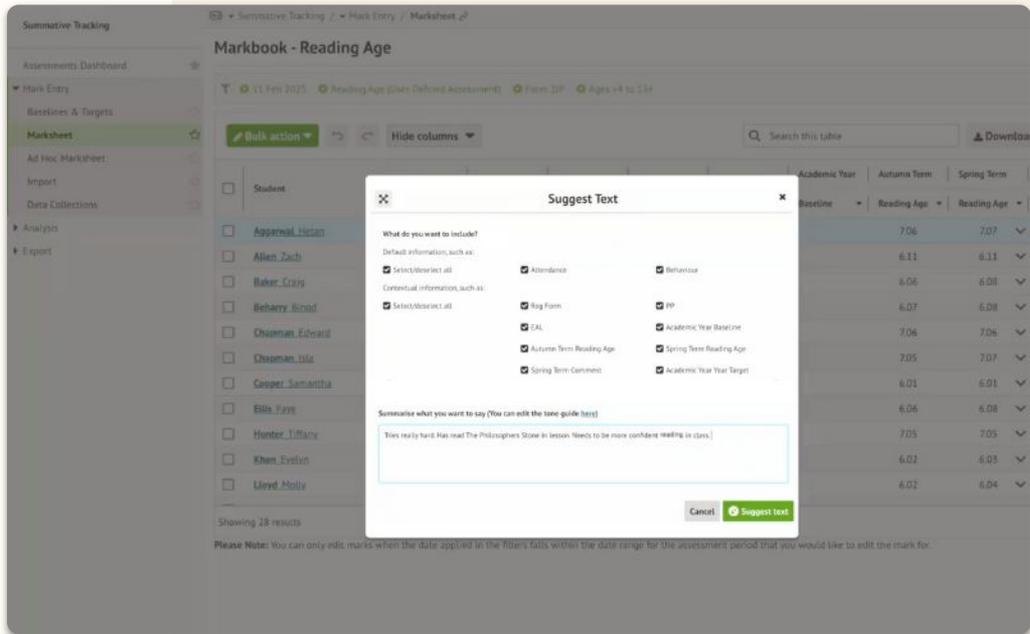
Spotlight on:

Suggest Text

 Save time and get Arbor to help you write longer, personalised pieces of text

 Pick the student data you want to include, add a feedback note, and Arbor will create a report card in seconds

 Craft text in line with your school's tone guide for consistency across your comms



The screenshot shows the 'Markbook - Reading Age' interface. A 'Suggest Text' modal is open, allowing users to generate feedback text based on selected student data and assessment criteria.

Markbook - Reading Age

11 Feb 2025 | Reading Age (Over Defined Assessment) | Form 2P | Ages 4 to 14

Suggest Text

What do you want to include?

Default information, such as:

- Select/ deselect all
- Attendance
- Behaviour

Contextual information, such as:

- Select/ deselect all
- Big Form
- EAL
- Academic Year Reading Age
- Spring Term Comment
- EYF
- Spring Term Reading Age
- Academic Year Baseline
- Academic Year Target

Summarise what you want to say (You can edit the tone guide here)

Oliver really hard. Has read The Philosopher's Stone in lesson. Needs to be more confident reading in class.

Showing 28 results

Cancel **Suggest text**

Please Note: You can only edit marks when the date applied in the filter falls within the date range for the assessment period that you would like to edit the mark for.

Student	Academic Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term
Apperawal, Hasan	Baseline	Reading Age	Reading Age
Allen, Zach		7.06	7.07
Baker, Craig		6.11	6.11
Beharry, Binod		6.06	6.08
Chasman, Edward		6.07	6.08
Chasman, Isha		7.08	7.06
Cooper, Samantha		7.05	7.07
Ellis, Faye		6.01	6.01
Hunter, Tiffany		6.04	6.08
Khan, Evelyn		7.05	7.05
Lloyd, Molly		6.03	6.03
		6.02	6.04

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Coming soon

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