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

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Chief Product Officer at Arbor

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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.

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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

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What we *released in Autumn*

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

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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

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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.

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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

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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 ▶ 0:43 ||||•|||||||||||||||||||||| 🔊

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)
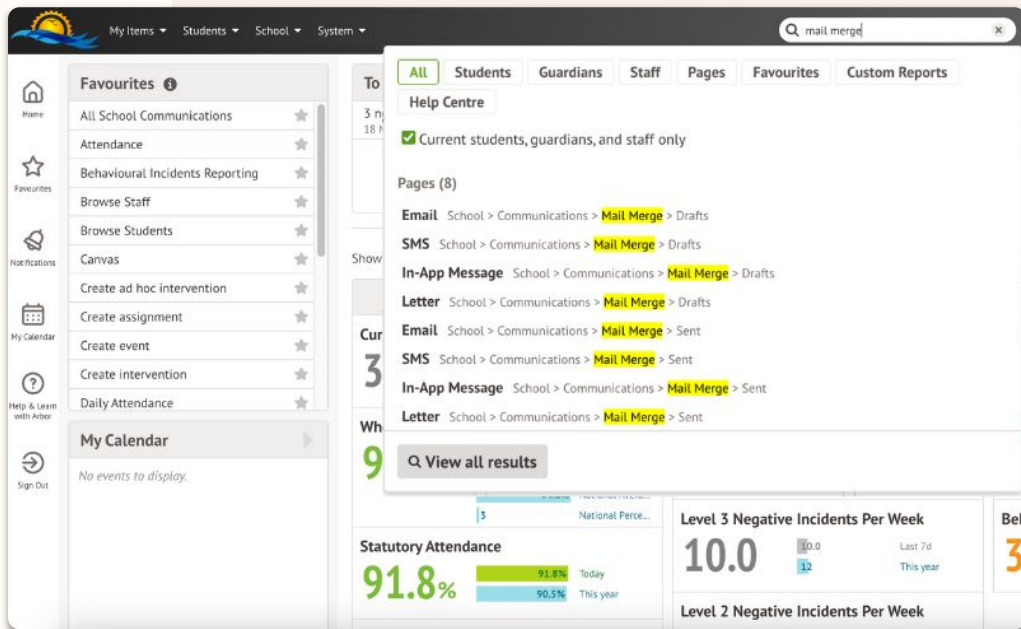
Reject Absence   ✦ Accept Absence

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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

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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?

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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.
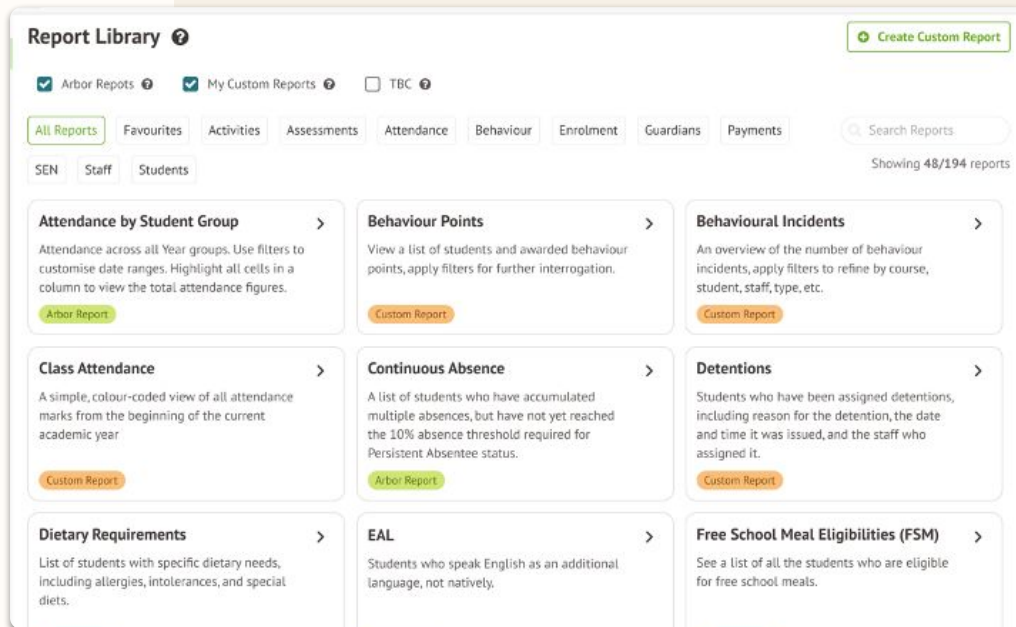
Trust-level data visuals

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

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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

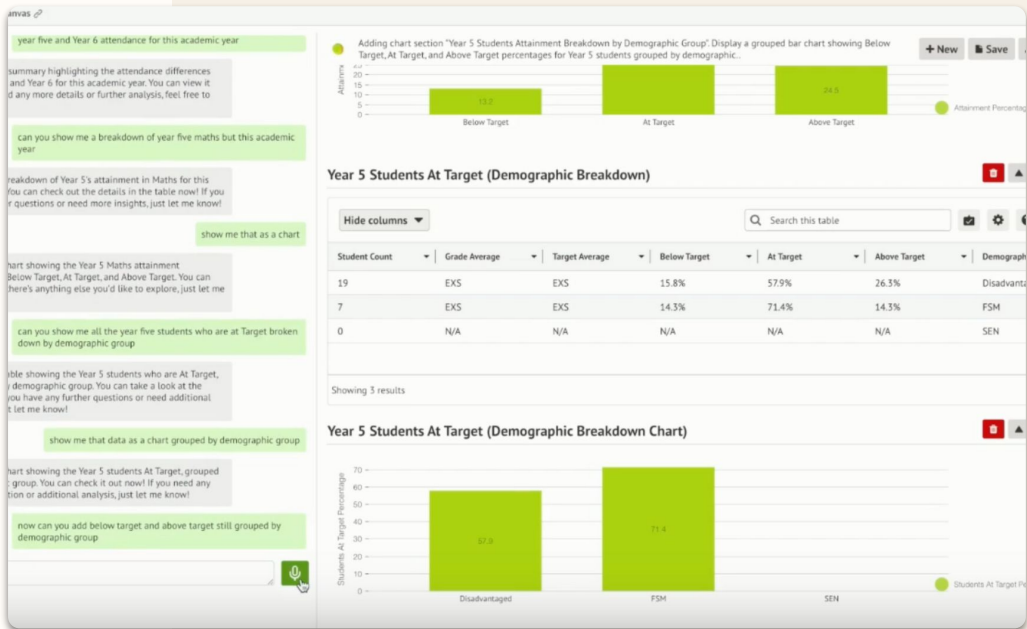🛠️ Build custom reports quickly and easily with templates

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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

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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
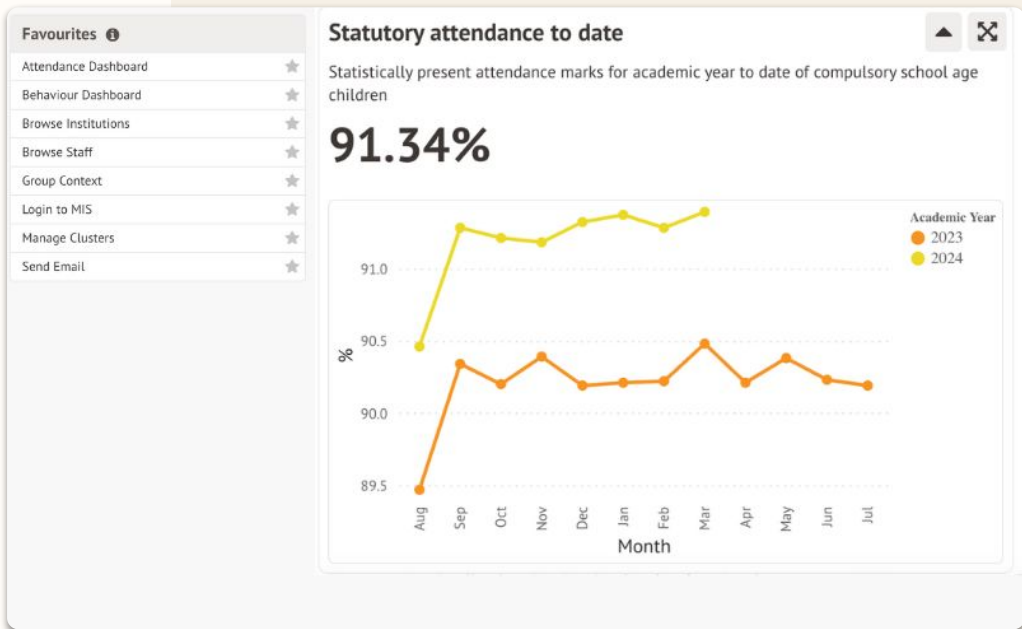

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Spotlight on:
LA MIS

⏱️ 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

Favourites ⓘ

Attendance Dashboard	☆
Behaviour Dashboard	☆
Browse Institutions	☆
Browse Staff	☆
Group Context	☆
Login to MIS	☆
Manage Clusters	☆
Send Email	☆

Statutory attendance to date

Statistically present attendance marks for academic year to date of compulsory school age children

91.34%

Academic Year
- 2023
- 2024

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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 your 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.

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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

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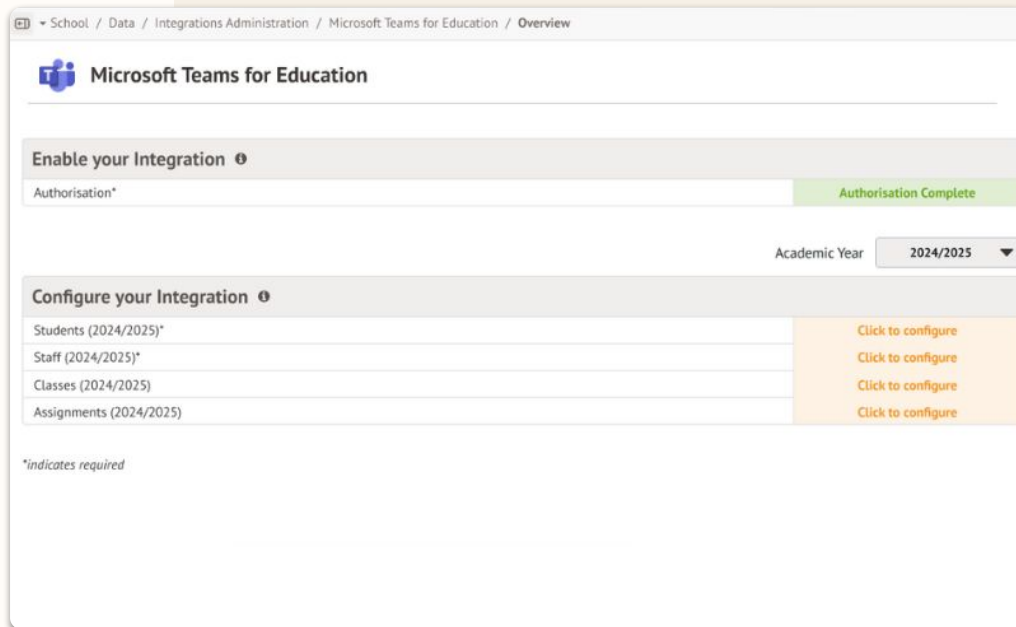
Spotlight on:
MAT Pushdowns

🔒 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
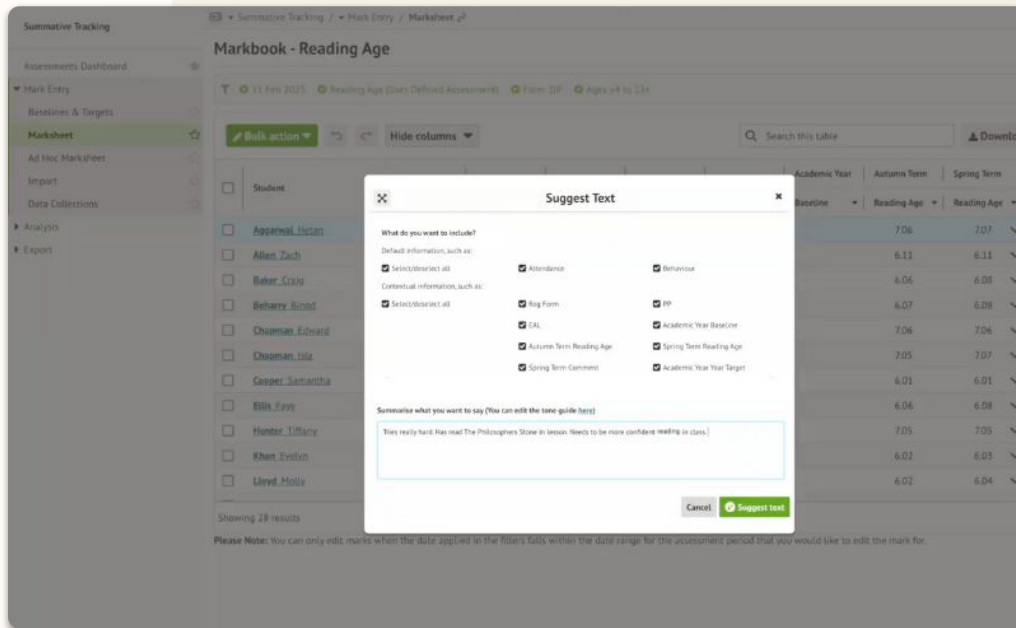

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Spotlight on:
✨Suggest Text

📝 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

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Arbor's Spring Product Roadmap

Coming soon

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Join our customer community, *Arbor HQ*

Arbor HQ is your go-to space to network with fellow Arbor users, share top tips, learn from each other and discover the latest product releases.

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