



Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 16th December 2024

After School Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Our schedule for the after-school clubs has been finalised for the 2024 Spring Term and the booking form can be accessed [here](#). Bookings with external providers must be secured via the links shown on the schedule. However, to reserve a place on one of our internal, teacher-led clubs, please let us know your child's first and second choice. This will hopefully enable us to offer children a place in at least one club. **PLEASE DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN TWO CLUBS.** In the New Year we will notify you of any places that we have reserved for your child and you will be asked to make the relevant payments on the MCAS App.

Rescheduled Parents Evenings – Buttercup Class

Parents of children in Buttercup class are advised of our rescheduled parents' evenings that will take place on Thursday 4th January, Tuesday 9th January or Thursday 11th January. All appointments will start at 3.30pm on these dates. To locate the booking system on MCAS, please navigate to the Parents Evening tab on the left hand side. You will then need to click in the drop down box on the left that states 'Buttercup Class' to choose one of the three dates available to see the appointments.

Christmas Reading Challenge

Children in our Early Years, Year 1, 2 and 3 will be bringing a Christmas reading challenge home next week. Please encourage your child to complete the fun reading activities over the Christmas break. The completed challenge sheets should be returned to school by Friday 5th January and given to your child's teacher. The class that returns the most will be rewarded with a film, drinks and snacks.

A Tale of Two Orphans – A St. Mary's Production

As a follow-up to our Christmas Carol Services at St. Mary's Church, we have been asked to make parents of children in Years 3-6 aware of opportunity for their child to be part of a Youth Musical Production that St. Mary's will be putting on in the New Year. This is the third annual production for the church and the previous two have been a great success and a lot of fun!

Children from primary schools across the town have previously taken part and are coached by a talented musical director and his team. The performances will be on Saturday 23rd March and rehearsals will be at church on Wednesday evenings from 5.30-6.30pm, starting on 3rd January. More information is available from jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

Forest School Newsletter

Parents are invited to read our Forest School Newsletter [here](#).

Collection for the Salvation Army

We thank everyone who gave so generously to our collection for the Salvation Army after our Christmas Carol Services. The total amount raised was £431.95 and the Salvation Army were very grateful when we dropped this off this week.

PE days for Spring Term 1

Below are the PE days for Spring Term 1:

EYFS - Wednesday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2 - Monday and Tuesday
Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 4 - Monday and Friday
Year 5 - Monday (if not swimming) and Thursday
Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday

Week 11

Fun With Words!

Can you think of a Christmas related word to go with each letter of the word 'HOLIDAYS!'
e.g. H – holly/happy

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Inset-day
- Wednesday 3rd January 2023 – First Day of Spring Term 2024