



Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 23rd September 2024

School Census Day – Thursday 3rd October

It will be School Census day on Thursday 3rd October. The returns we submit on this date will be used by West Sussex to assess our funding allocation for the following year. Much of this funding is based on the number of children who book a school lunch on this day and as a result we ask parent to encourage their children to support us with this simple task. Please ensure that the choice of meal has been booked before midnight on Tuesday 24th September. Maximum children leads to maximum funding and we really thank you and the children for your support.

European Day of Languages – 26th September

On Thursday, we will be celebrating the European Day of Learning. If your child has a book at home that reflects their cultural heritage, we invite them to bring this into school to share with the class. The book may be written in a language that is used at home, or simply be about a family's culture. Please do write your child's name in the book so that it can be sent home safely at the end of the day.

After-School Clubs

To secure the place offered on the teacher-led after-school clubs, payments are requested on the MCAS App by Friday 27th September 2023. Any place that has not paid for by this date will be reallocate to another child on the waiting list.

Year 6 – Secondary School Places

We have been asked to make parents aware that applications for secondary school places in West Sussex for September 2025 are now open. The easiest way to apply is online via the West Sussex [website](#). The process is quick and simple to do, and you will receive an automatic confirmation when your application has been submitted. Applications close on **Thursday 31 October 2024** and it is vital that applications are made on time for the best chance of being offered one of your preferred school.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday, 24th September – PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm – School ICT Suite
- Friday 11th October – PTA Firework Display
- Monday 14th October – School Photos (individual)
- Monday 14th October – Deadline for the return of the children's Xmas4Schools Artwork
- Tuesday 15th October – Open Day Tours for EYFS in-take September 2025 9.30 – 11.00am
- Thursday 17th October – Open Day Tours for EYFS in-take September 2025 1.00 – 2.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival (Y3&4 at 9.30 and Y1&2 at 2.30pm)
- Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – **HALF TERM**
- Monday 4th November – Inset Day.
- Tuesday 12th November – Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme
- Tuesday 26th November - Y4 Ukulele Performance to Parents - 2.30pm on in the hall
- Rocksteady Concert – Friday 6th December – 10.30am