

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 2nd December 2024



Christmas Cards – This year we will once again be adopting our eco-Christmas card giving celebrations and ask that children just bring in one Christmas card for the whole class to enjoy, rather than one each for all their friends. The teachers will make time to read out the cards in class and celebrate the Christmas wishes together.



Christmas Jumper Day – Our Christmas Jumper Day this year will be held on Friday 13th December and we look forward to seeing the children and staff looking Festive! We will be collecting donations for Save the Children and your support is much appreciated.



Horsham Football Club 'Schools' Days' – Horsham Football Club are offering 100 family tickets with free entry for up to 2 adults and 4 children (Under 16) for their Horsham V Cheshunt match on Saturday 14th December. Kick-off is at 3.00pm at the Fusion Aviation Community Stadium, Worthing Road. Tickets can be collected from the school office from Wednesday onwards and will need to be presented by an adult attending on the match day. Parking and travel details are available on the [HFC website](#) and families are to park safely at the Park & Ride and car share or use public transport.



Year 6 Bikeability – Our Year 6 children are reminded that Bikeability will be held in school from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December. Those taking part will need to ensure that they have a roadworthy bike, a helmet and clothing that is going to be suitable for the weather and we urge parents to check as soon as possible that everyone has all that they will need.



Winter 2024 HAF bookings are now open - Families who are accessing benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) can now make their bookings for the winter Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) Programme, using the West Sussex online booking system. Children and young people who are in receipt of benefits related FSM can access up to 4 sessions this winter free of charge, and each session includes a nutritious meal.

SEND and Pastoral Team Parent Workshops – We are delighted to inform parents of our upcoming parent workshop sessions held in the ICT suite across this academic year. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers on Monday 2nd December at 2pm to share information on 'The Zones of Regulation' and how we use this across the school to support emotional regulation. Details of further sessions can be found on the attached flyer. Please call the office to book your place on the workshops you feel could benefit your child and family.

Starting School – September 2025 - The application process for starting school in September 2025 opened with West Sussex on 7th October and parents are encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system. Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025 to be considered on time.



Carol Service – St Mary's Church - We look forward to welcoming our families to join us at St Mary's Church (Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE) for our **Y3 & 4 Carol service on Tuesday 17th December** and our **Y5 & 6 on Wednesday 14th December**. Both services will start at **2pm**. Children will be departing school at 12.30pm to walk to the church for a 1pm rehearsal on the days of their service, so please ensure they come prepared with a warm coat.

At the end of the service, children may be collected from the church. In order for us to do this swiftly, we ask that families exit the church promptly to wait outside and children will then be dismissed by their class teachers via the front exit. Please do not take your child until they have been signed out by their teacher. Please note, all belongings will remain at school. If your child is to be collected by someone else other than their parent/carer, please can this be notified to the school office by 9am on the day of the service to ensure class teachers have this information with them on departure. Any remaining children who are not collected at the church, will be accompanied back to school by the teachers for usual 3.20pm pick up at Arunside.

We will be collecting for the Salvation Army on both days if anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

We have also been asked by St. Mary's Church, Horsham to let you know about the exciting opportunity for children in Years 3-6 (of all singing abilities) to be part of a Youth Musical Production of 'Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo' at the Parish Church in the New Year.

This will be the fourth consecutive annual youth production that St. Mary's have put together; the previous three have been so much fun and a great success. Children from primary schools across Horsham and the surrounding area have taken part. They are coached by a very talented musical director and have the opportunity to be part of a professional performance in a beautiful church.

The performances will be on Saturday 29th March 2025 (matinee and early evening) and rehearsals will be at St Mary's Church on the Causeway on Thursday evenings from 5.30-6.30pm starting on 9th January. It costs £25 to take part, and this includes a show t-shirt.

Should you require any further details, please email the church on office@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December – Year 6 Bikeability
- Monday 2nd December - Zones of Regulation, Parent Workshop, 2pm – 3pm - ICT Suite
- Friday 6th December - Rocksteady Concert – **9.30am**
- Tuesday 10th December – Y1 Christmas Show – 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited and tickets available on MCAS)
- Wednesday 11th December - School Christmas Lunch Day



- Wednesday 11th December – Y2 Christmas Show – 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited and tickets available on MCAS)
- Thursday 12th December – EYFS Nativity - 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited and Ticket available on MCAS)
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm - Y3&4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents invited)
- Wednesday 18th December 2.00pm - Y5&6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents invited)
- Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holidays
- Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset Day
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st January Reception Class Screening

PTA News

Arunside PTA Christmas Online Raffle – Get Your Tickets Now!

The Arunside PTA Christmas Online Raffle is now live! For just £1 per ticket, you could win incredible prizes just in time for the holidays, all while supporting our school.

A big thank you to our generous sponsors for donating such fantastic prizes!

Tickets are available until Sunday, 8th December, and **the lucky winners will be drawn on Monday, 9th December**. Don't miss your chance to join the fun and support our community — get your tickets here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/arunsideprimary>

Good luck, and thank you for your support!

Christmas Bake Sale – Friday, 6th December

We need your help to make our Christmas Bake Sale a success! Please consider donating homemade or shop-bought Christmassy treats (no nuts please) by dropping them off at school in the morning on Friday 6th December.

The sale starts at school pickup, with all money raised going towards supporting our school. Payment accepted via cash, card, or QR code.

Xmas4Schools - Orders Ready for Collection

If you have yet to collect your Xmas4Schools order please note that these are in the school office and can be collected at drop-off or pick-up times from a member of the School Office Team.