

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 9th December 2024



Forest School, Change of days - Forest School days have been swapped next week due to Christmas performances. Year 1 Bluebell class will now have FS on Wednesday 11th December and Year 2 Dandelion class will have FS on Thursday 12th December.



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, on Worthing Road. Tickets can be collected from the school office and will need to be presented by an adult attending on the match day. Parking and travel details are available on the [HFC website](#).

Families are kindly asked to car share and park safely at the Park & Ride (RH13 0AR) or to use public transport, (Bus 98 or 23).

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 18th 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.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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!