



## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**Arunside Sponsored Spell** – As per the letter you received earlier this week, we are thrilled to be raising funds towards building a brilliant outdoor reading area. Please encourage your children to get involved and help them with their spellings.

**Concerned about your child's online safety?** - Join us for an informative session led by Alan O'Donohoe from Exa Networks on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in the school hall. This 30-minute workshop will provide valuable advice and practical strategies to help you keep your child safe online. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. Please sign up via the school office.

Want more information? <https://youtu.be/wewNLspbud8>



**Sports Day Super Stars** – Well done to all of our children for being so well-behaved and supportive of one another during Sports Day 2025. It was great to see the students giving plenty of encouragement to their friends and team mates. Thanks also go to the PTA and the volunteers who helped to make it run smoothly, keeping everyone refreshed with drinks and ice pops (while raising vital funds for the school). Feedback we have received from parents was also very positive and much appreciated.

Red Robin were the overall winners for in the morning and afternoon sessions but all participants should be proud - it was **very** close!



**Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers** - West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meals (FSM) eligible children, will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child per week of the upcoming May Half Term. These will be available next week and recipients will be emailed in the usual way. For children who are not FSM eligible but who's families need urgent support with food in West Sussex, the [Community Hub](#) is operating.

**World Cycling Day** – See flyer below for details, this is a great opportunity for young cyclists to gain confidence.



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**Lunchbox choices** – A friendly reminder that food and drink supplied to children for packed lunch should ideally be healthy and nutritious. We have noticed a few children bringing in sugary food and drinks on a regular basis and ask that other options are given.

**Lost Property** - On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we will place Lost Property items on the back playground at collection time (weather permitting), it will then be placed outside Reception on Tuesday morning. On the Friday we will be taking any unclaimed winter items to a local charity shop.

**Story Club** – Reminder to parents who signed up to the Year 1 & 2 Story Club at the start of term, this is going to begin on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**SEND Orchestra** – See attached flyer from West Sussex Music about a **free** opportunity for children and young people with SEND and/or additional needs in Key Stage 2 and above (up to 25 years). This includes children & young people from special schools, mainstream schools, colleges or home-schooled.



**Science Selfie is back for the May half term!** - Take a photo of yourselves doing something science-y over the break and email it in, with the subject **#ScienceSelfie**, to this email address: [scienceselfie@arunside.school](mailto:scienceselfie@arunside.school)

Your photos could be of you and your family doing anything from:

- Exploring balancing on equipment at the park
- Exploring mixing and dissolving while baking
- Identifying plants or animals in your garden
- Exploring materials in your home, in your garden or at your local park
- Practicing using equipment like scales and measuring jugs
- Making unusual materials like slime
- Reading some science news
- Exploring how fast you can make a toy car travel
- Whatever you like!

If you would like some inspiration for outdoor STEM activities, take a look here:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/outdoor-science/>

There will be a winner selected from Early Years, Key Stage One, Upper Key Stage Two and Lower Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes!

Deadline for the photos will be **Friday 6th June**.

Winners will be announced in the Wonderwall Assemblies on Friday 13th June.

We can't wait to see your #ScienceSelfies!

### Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photographs
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fete
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Inset Day