

## Arunside Announcements

### Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Year 3 International Morning** – Last Friday, our Year 3 children joined the Year 3 class at St John's Catholic Primary for an International Morning. They spent the morning between both sites, celebrating the wealth of cultures and languages we have in both schools. The EAL children (who speak another language fluently) led small groups, teaching greetings and numbers in their home language through games. Mrs Hadden then taught the children a traditional Greek dance and African songs.

Some children knew each other already from outside school and many had made friends by the end of the morning. It was a fantastic experience, and all children learnt about other countries, cultures and languages. We are so lucky to have such diverse communities in both schools. Our Year 3 children were superb ambassadors for Arunside, we are so proud of them!

**Horsham Children's Parade** – Despite being overcast, the annual Horsham Children's Parade was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came to watch, and particularly those who participated in making the props. It was great fun and we look forward to representing Arunside again next year!



**Year 6 Leaver's Assembly** – Please note that this will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.15am

**Parking Complaints** – Please be reminded that the residents in nearby streets need access to their driveways. We have received a complaint (with photographs) from a resident who was unable to leave her home in Brookfield Close due to being blocked in by two parent cars. This is not only inconsiderate, but potentially dangerous in emergencies. Please leave enough time to find a parking space that does not impact the neighbouring community.

#### **Ties for KS 2 Children**

If you wish to avoid the September rush, please call in at the school office on Monday or Tuesday, before or after school to purchase a school tie for children moving into Year 3 in September. £3.00 each!

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**Year 6 Residential** – After an action-packed and exhausting week at Marchants Hill, the Year 6 children have returned from their trip with lots of wonderful memories made and experiences shared. Mr Boyd, Ms Philips and Ms Broadhurst were all delighted with the behaviour, teamwork and maturity shown by the children. These are all great skills to help transition smoothly into secondary school in September. We would also like to thank the teaching and support staff who kindly gave up their free time to attend and ensure the trip was a huge success!



**School Library Closure** - The library will be closing for borrowing on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** this year. It will remain open at lunchtimes for children to come in and read. Children can return books any time after this. They can either pop in and see Mrs Watson in the library or just leave books on the library desk if she is not there. We still have many outstanding loans, so please could you have a good look through book shelves at home. If a book is from the school library it will have a small barcode sticker inside the front cover. If you are unsure, please pop down to the library and ask Mrs Watson. The library will open again in early September.

**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 school holiday. 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.

**Summer Reading Challenge** - Children in Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will bring home their summer reading challenge next week. Please complete as many of the fun activities during the summer as you can to keep your child reading. The completed challenge sheets should be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**PINS Survey** – A reminder for families to complete a survey for the PINS Project run by West Sussex Parent Carer Froum. They are seeking to involve all members of the school community, so children do not need to have a diagnosis or an EHCP for Parents / Carers to be involved. The survey is open until 18/07/25 [Complete Survey Here](#)

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**Reading Books** - We are going to start collecting in class reading books next week so that we can audit what we have and get things ready for September. In Early Years and Key Stage One books will be collected in on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please have a search at home to see if you have any school reading books and if you find any please return these to school.



**Sponsored Spell** - We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored spell and who contributed some sponsor money. We raised an amazing £2008.56! This money has gone towards paying for our outdoor reading area.

**Message from Reaching Families:** Horsham Parent/Carer Support Group for families with children with SEND from Reaching Families - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at The Horsham Family Hub - 10am until 11.30am

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or you think may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join Reaching Families at our Horsham Umbrellas parent/carers support group! Umbrella's provides an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgmental environment within which parents can swap life experiences, share hints and tips, seek advice and share information and resources.

You are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at The Horsham Family Hub, Three Acres, RH12 1RS.

Please do join us anytime between 10am and 11.30am for a warm welcome and a chance to connect with other local parent carers in a safe and supportive space - there is no need to book, just pop in for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note, your child does not need a diagnosis to access our services.

If you would like more information, please email us at [outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)

To find out more about Reaching Families services, please watch our new animation [here](#)



**Chelsea Football Club** – Please see below some flyers with details on how to register your child for the after-school football clubs from September.

**Art Sparks** – Please see flyer for the external Art Club running in September.

### Key Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Inset Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Inset Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning (Taking bookings in September)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – Open Afternoon (Taking bookings in September)



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### Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

#### Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

#### Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

#### Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

#### Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

#### Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

#### NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

#### Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

#### Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

#### Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk)

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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# Training

## Summer 2025

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



## Training Workshops

### June

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Wednesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years+)	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 17th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding and building resilience	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Masking	Wednesday 25th	10.30am

### July

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 10th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 14th	7.30pm

## The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

**Dates:** 25th June / 2nd July / 9th July (3-part course) **Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm**

### All training above will be delivered via Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: [outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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# Umbrellas

## Parent Support Group Summer Term 2025

Would you like to connect with  
other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



### Shoreham Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

3rd Jun / 1st Jul

### Littlehampton Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

7th May / 4th Jun / 2nd Jul

### Worthing Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Durrington Community Centre

22nd Apr / 13th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

### Horsham Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Horsham Family Hub

23rd Apr / 21st May / 18th Jun / 16th Jul

### Chichester Umbrellas

**Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Donnington Parish Hall

24th Apr / 15th May / 26th Jun / 17th Jul

### Burgess Hill Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

The Cherry Tree Centre

29th Apr / 20th May / 10th Jun / 8th Jul

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

[outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

## Umbrellas Online

### Thursdays via Zoom

1st May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Jun	7.30 pm - 9 pm
10th Jul	7.30 pm - 9 pm



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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for boys and girls of all abilities. To book and for further details, please visit the website below and use the course code provided for the correct school year.

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](https://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

School Years 3-4 Course Code: **ASC-APS-X-8**

School Years 5-6 Course Code: **ASC-APS-X-9**

Venue	Activity Dates	Activity Day
Arunside Primary	9/9 – 9/12	Tuesdays (Ex. Half Term)

Timings	Invite Code	Costs
15:20 – 16:20	APSAUT25 (all caps)	£97.20 (inc. VAT)





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School Years 1-2 Course Code: **ASC-APS-X-7**

Venue	Activity Dates	Activity Day
Arunside Primary	8/9 – 8/12	Mondays (Ex. Half Term)

Timings	Invite Code	Costs
15:20 – 16:20	APSAUT25 (all caps)	£97.20 (inc. VAT)







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**Artsparks**

# **Art Club**

@Arunside School  
**Wednesdays**  
**Start Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**3:15 - 4:20**

**£9.50 /session**

**Year 2 - 6**

Contact Kim to book.  
07590210178  
kimventer@gmail.com  
[www.artsparks.art](http://www.artsparks.art)

Watercolours  
Acrylics  
Clay  
Sketching  
Collage  
Pastels