

Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 29th September 2025

PTA Colour Run – Last Friday was Arunside school's first ever Colour Run. We are delighted to report that this was a huge success and the weather was perfect. Without the great work from Arunside PTA this would not have been possible.



Non-Uniform Day - Friday 10th October is going to be a Non-Uniform Day in support of our fast-approaching

Arunside PTA Fireworks Night, Friday 17th October! We kindly ask that your child brings in a donation for the Tombola stall — sweets, chocolate, toys, or gifts (all in original packaging). For the grown-ups, we are also very grateful for donations of wine, bubbles, spirits, etc., for the popular Bottle Tombola. Donations can be handed to PTA

members at the main gate, or to Year R gate for Reception parents. Please ensure **all** alcohol is handed over by an adult. Alternatively, you can bring donations to the school office at another time if Friday drop-off isn't convenient.

WSSC School Admissions – Do you have children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022? Do you have a child currently in year 6? Please see provided leaflet below and find attached a checklist for ensuring you are ready for the transition.

European Day of Languages - Friday 26th September is the European Day of Languages. This year, the children have an opportunity to create a poster to submit to a competition run by European Day of Languages using the motto 'Languages open hearts and minds'. Please could any posters be given to Mrs Jacks by Wednesday 8th October in order for them to be submitted to the website in time. Please find more information below:

Initiative 2025: Languages open hearts and minds!



Create a poster illustrating the 25th anniversary motto of the European Day of Languages "Languages open hearts and minds". This reflects that learning languages harnesses both the emotions and the brain. As well as potentially boosting brain power and connecting people, learning languages can facilitate the exchange of ideas, emotions, and experiences – strengthening empathy and respect for different ways of life.

You can use symbols, quotes and artwork to convey messages and let your creativity run wild!

Send us an image (jpg or gif) of the poster you produce to be showcased on the EDL website. There will be prizes for the top 5 most creative entries and 25 of the posters will proudly be displayed at the premises of the European Centre for Modern Languages!

Free Parent Webinar 30th September - Reminder of the 'Sleep, Screens & Stressed-Out Kids' delivered by Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Dr Daniel Weisberg – **Sign up link:** <https://ro.am/events/cayp>

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October 2nd Census Day Menu – Help us to help your children – West Sussex School Meals Funding Guidance Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives. Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding Arunside can access. We have included the Easy lunch meal for this day for you to see, and hopefully book for your child.

Glorious Food – Glorious Planet September 27th – See attached flyer sent to us by Sussex Green Living our eco council / eco day collaborators.

Key Dates for the Diary

Friday 10 th October – Non-School Uniform Day
Friday 17 th October – Arunside PTA Fireworks Night
Tuesday 14 th October – Open Morning – book via office
Thursday 16 th October – Open Afternoon – book via office
Monday 8 th December – Flu Vaccines
Monday 5 th January 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 23 rd February 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 13 th April 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 1 st June 2026 – Inset Day

Admissions – key dates

Monday 6 October 2025

Online applications open.

You must provide an email address to apply. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

Thursday 15 January 2026

National closing date for starting school applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Thursday 16 April 2026

National offer day.

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied.

Making an online application

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



To make an application using the online system you will need:

- an email address; and
- create an account on Parent Portal if you do not already have an account.

Your Username will be your email address.

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- be at least 8 characters long;
- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: * ! \$); and
- have at least one number.

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call 03330 142 903.

Starting school in September 2026

Deadline:

Thursday 15 January 2026



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How to apply

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 it is now time to apply for their school place. You need to apply online by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with your preference schools and allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school, if applicable, and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can't access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling **03330 142 903**.

Please note, you must provide a valid email address with your application in order to receive the outcome of your school offer.

You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of **Thursday 15 January 2026**.

If your application is received after the closing date of **Thursday 15 January 2026** your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Applications received after the closing date of **Thursday 15 January 2026** are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by the Pupil Admission Team on time.



Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority for local schools. If you chose an oversubscribed school, the further away you live the less likely you are to be offered a place.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, we always advise parents to include their catchment school, if applicable, as one of their three preferences.

Apply online at:
[westsussex.gov.uk/
admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

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Tasting Lunch

On Thursday 2nd October, **The Easy Lunch Company** will be providing a tasting lunch for all children.

Menu

Cheese and tomato pizza slice
and
Cheesy tomato and basil pasta shells
with
Mixed salad

*** Orange Polenta Cake ***

PLEASE CONTACT EASY LUNCH IF YOU INTEND TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN FOR THE TASTING LUNCH IF THEY DO NOT USUALLY HAVE A HOT LUNCH AND THEY HAVE A SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH US.

All registered special diet children will be catered for accordingly.

A jacket potato option with baked beans is also available to order as usual.

All main and meat free option lunches will be supplied as the tasting menu.

KS2 lunches please book online

www.theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk

If you require any further information about the Tasting lunch, please call Emma at The Easy Lunch Company 01403 741177 or email emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk



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SUPPORTING PARENTS & CARERS

Would you like to support your child with emotional regulation? Would you like a toolkit to support the whole family?

BLUE ZONE GREEN ZONE YELLOW ZONE
RED ZONE

Come along and learn more about Zones of Regulation in a short presentation and workshop with Mrs Lee & Mrs Roberts.

Arunside School
Thursday 16th October
9.00-10.00am
To book a space please call or visit the school office.

