

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 20th October 2025

Staff Updates - We have now recruited a Deputy Headteacher to fulfill Mrs Hadden's role when she leaves us at Christmas. We are delighted to share that the role has gone to Mrs Broadhurst. The interview process was rigorous, with fierce competition and her promotion is very well-deserved! Oak Class parents will be relieved to hear that Mrs Conyers will be replacing Mrs Broadhurst in the classroom. She is well-known within the Arunside School community, and the children will be in very capable hands under her care.

We are also thrilled to announce that Mrs Wells is expecting a baby! We are sure, you will join us in offering her our heartfelt congratulations and will make the most of the time we have with her before she goes on maternity leave in February 2026.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications – Please note the deadline for submitting applications is **Friday 31**st **October 2025** (during Half Term). To date West Sussex County Council have received only 50% of required applications for children living in Horsham and Billingshurst.

Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop – This is now live to pay for on MCAS. Thank you to those who have already kindly paid a donation.

EYFS + Year 1 Phonics / Reading Meetings, Thursday 6th November 2025 -

Parents in EYFS and Year 1 are invited to attend a 30-minute meeting in the ICT Suite to discuss phonics and reading. The teachers will be holding two sessions, at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Please visit the office to sign-up and advise which session you can attend.



WhatsApp Groups — It has come to our attention that parent WhatsApp groups are discussing individual students and behaviour-related concerns. If you as a parent have anything to raise, please do come to the school in the first instance. Online chat groups are not the place to air grievances, as we have seen recently in Stockport, mis-information can be very dangerous. You risk facing criminal investigation if you are found to be naming children on these forums. This behaviour also creates uneasiness for parents who are solely in the group to stay connected to the parent community and share useful information.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME - Important information for parents/guardians - The Immunisation Service are visiting Arunside to administer the Flu vaccinations on Monday 8th December. Parents have been sent a letter which contained information about the forthcoming session along with instructions on how to complete the online consent form.

Parents Evenings – Please note these will be open for bookings on MCAS from 4.00pm on Monday 20th October 2025. Thursday 13th November is our early evening session with 10-minute appointments being available from 3.40pm -6.00pm and the late session is on Tuesday 11th November with appointments from 5.00pm – 7.30pm.

Year 6 Residential – Deposits due by Friday 31st **October -** The non-refundable deposit of £90 for the Year 6 residential trip to PGL is due by Friday 31st October 2025. Paying the deposits will allow us to ascertain the interest that parents have in taking up the residential opportunity and will secure a place for your child. If no deposit has been received by this date, the School will assume that parents do not wish to send their child on this trip.



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Lost Property – Reminder to please ensure you check the lost property boxes for any missing items before we get rid of them at the end of half term.

Crafty Christmas Creations After School Club – This will be available to years 3 and 4 on Wednesdays after Half Term. Bookings are now available on MCAS.



Multi Sports After School Club with Mr Ginns – This will be available to years 5 & 6 on Wednesdays after Half Term. Bookings are now available on MCAS.

Antisocial Driving Concerns- We are disappointed to learn that parents are parking illegally (and dangerously) on the zig zag markings outside school. There are also reports of parents bumping-up onto the pavements and not considering wheelchair or pram users. Arunside will be reporting these drivers via Operation Crackdown, a Sussex Police web reporting tool for the public to report this type of concern. We encourage those affected to do the same. Please allow plenty of time on the school run to find a suitable space that does not impact the local neighbourhood or Arunside community.



Harvest Assemblies Years 1-4 Parents are warmly invited to this years Harvest Assemblies as follows:

- Year 3 + 4 Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 9.15am
- Year 1 + 2 Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 2.45pm

Thank you for the Harvest donations that we have already received. We will stop collecting on Tuesday 21st October.

Sports Stars UK Half Term Camp – Please see flyer below with details for a sports camp in North Heath.

Key Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21 st October – Years 3 + 4 Harvest Assembly at 9.15am
Tuesday 21 st October – Years 1 + 2 Harvest Assembly at 2.45pm
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October Half Term
Thursday 6 th November – Year R & 1 Phonics meetings 2.30pm and 5.30pm
Friday 7 th November – Years 5 + 6 Remembrance Assembly at 9.15am
Tuesday 11 th November – Parents Evening (Late)
Thursday 13 th November – Parents Evening (Early)
Tuesday 25 th November – Year 4 Ukulele concert 2.30pm
Monday 8 th December – Flu Vaccines
Monday 8 th December – Year 1 Christmas Production times TBC
Wednesday 10 th December – Year 2 Christmas Production times TBC
Thursday 11 th December – EYFS Nativity times TBC
Tuesday 16 th December – Years 3 + 4 Carol Service times TBC
Wednesday 17 th December – Years 5 + 6 Carol Service times TBC
Friday 12 th December – Rocksteady Christmas Concert 9.30am
Monday 5 th January 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 23 rd February 2026 – Inset Day
Monday 13 th April 2026 – Inset Day



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Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset Day

