

Arunside Announcements



Week Commencing

Monday 17th November 2025

Remembrance Activities

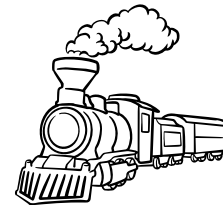
Across the school children have been busy buying and selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion, making poppy-themed artwork displays, singing wartime songs in Remembrance Assembly and representing Arunside at the Armistice Day Parade.



Year 6 Evacuation Day

Each year the Year 6 children take part in Evacuee Day as part of their history topic on World War II. Southeast Communities Rail Partnership teach the children about planning a railway journey and being safe before catching the train to Billingshurst.

The children dressed up as evacuees and ate war-time snacks to experience how the children may have felt. Below are some photos of Lime class who went on their trip yesterday.



Parking Concerns

As mentioned recently there have been complaints from nearby residents who are finding their driveways or designated parking spaces being blocked, and in some cases even used. One resident of Stonebridge Place will be contacting their estate management company to ensure they visit during school runs to issue fines to people parking in designated bays. We have encouraged them to do this, explaining that Arunside parents have already been warned, and this may be the best deterrent.

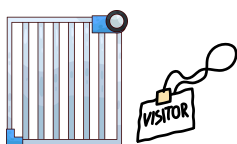


Parents Evening



We hope that Parents were happy to receive teacher feedback at Parents Evening, and had an opportunity to visit the ICT suite for pastoral support and information from our guests Rob Long, who was on hand to discuss the benefits of encouraging children to have a smart-phone-free childhood and Emma McCarthy from West Sussex Parent Carer Forum <http://www.wspcf.org.uk/> signposting families to support in the wider community.

School Premises



Keep Gate Shut

Parents **must not** enter the school building without signing in at the office and collecting a visitor lanyard unless they have been invited to Family Reading or a parent assembly / concert. For safeguarding reasons we also insist that the pedestrian gate is not left open by visitors between the hours of 8.50am and 3.20pm. Staff members are no longer on gate duty at this time.

School Clubs Reminder

Please remember to collect your children from the correct location. If the club your child attends is run by a school teacher in a classroom please collect them from the school playground, not the foyer. **The foyer is for externally-led clubs only.**

Private Tuition

We understand that some parents choose to take advantage of private tuition offered outside of Arunside by Arunside staff. However, please note that these services are not endorsed by the school. It is your responsibility to ensure that your chosen tutors have the relevant qualifications in the chosen subject area, safeguarding experience, DBS checks and insurances to safely and accurately educate and supervise your children.

Anti-Bullying Week

We were pleased to see plenty of students wearing Odd Socks in support of Anti-Bullying week today. In addition to this we will be showing children the following video in PHSE lessons:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/articles/zkv6khv#z8vt8p3>

You may also notice that posters have been placed in the foyer, as a reminder to visitors that we do not tolerate abuse to pupils or staff.



Share The Story

On Monday, KS2 enjoyed a special assembly delivered by the 'Share the Story' Team from the Cornerstone Methodist Church. They performed the story of Zacchaeus and some of our children were invited to join in with the performance. We look forward to welcoming them back in the spring term when they will be sharing a new story with KS1.



Reaching Families - Wednesday 19th November at The Horsham Family Hub - 10.00am-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/carer 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 19th November at The Horsham Family Hub, Three Acres, RH12 1RS. We're excited to be joined by Health Watch West Sussex who will be sharing information on their service and how they can support you. [Healthwatch West Sussex](https://www.healthwatchwestsussex.org.uk) is the local independent "watchdog" for health and social care in West Sussex. Their role is to make sure people who use health or care services are listened to, and that their feedback helps improve the services provided. They will be joining us to capture feedback to help improve services across West Sussex.

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

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

Road Safety!

Please ensure you exercise caution when crossing the nearby roads. A parent has made contact with us to explain that both they and their child were nearly struck by a speeding car this week. Whilst we cannot control this, and sometimes incidents happen too quickly to take details, please do report any antisocial driving to [Operation Crackdown](#), whenever possible.

Chelsea Football Club - Christmas Activities

See poster for details of activities at the Chelsea FC Cobham Training Ground over the festive season.



Eco Warrior Challenge

Battery Battle is ON! ⏰

Get Ready to be an Eco-Hero!

Hey Eco-Warriors! Do you have old, used batteries hiding in your drawers at home? Don't let them go to waste! Bring them to school and help your class win the **Battery Battle!**

This is a great way to help the planet by making sure old batteries are recycled safely.

The Challenge:

- **When:** The Battery Battle starts on **Monday, November 17** and runs for **2 whole weeks!**
- **What to Bring:** **ALL** your old, used household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.)
- **Who to Hand Them To:** Give your batteries safely to your class **member of the Eco-Logic League** or your **Class Teacher**.

🚫 **Important:** Please ask a grown-up to help you find the old batteries! We can only take used batteries that need to be recycled.

How to Win! 🏆

The competition ends on **Friday, November 28**. That's when we'll weigh all the batteries!

The class that brings in the **most weight in batteries** will be crowned the most **ECO-LOGICAL CLASS** and will win a spectacular...

🍰 **BISCUIT CELEBRATION!** 🍰

Let's work together to be the most eco-friendly school around!

Good luck, and start collecting! 🌱

Pastoral Support Events

SUPPORTING PARENTS & CARERS

'Supporting my child with their worries'
parent workshop



The pastoral team are pleased to invite our local Early Help team to present a workshop for any Arunside parents.

Booking is essential as there are 15 places available for the workshop which will be on;

Wednesday 26th November
2.15pm-3pm
ICT Suite

To book a space please email Sara Lee on fwo@arunside.school or visit the school office

SUPPORTING PARENTS & CARERS

Mrs Lee and Mrs Roberts invite you to a Wellbeing coffee morning here at Arunside School. Drop-in, no need to book!



Wednesday 3rd
December



9am-11.30am

Join us for an informal coffee morning. It's a chance to chat, connect, share ideas, and hear about ways to support wellbeing at home and in school. Everyone is welcome — just drop in for a coffee and a friendly conversation.



Easy Lunch Christmas Lunch Menu



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 10th December, your school will be hosting a Christmas Lunch for the children, provided by **The Easy Lunch Company**.

Menu

Roast Turkey/Quorn Roast
Roast Potatoes
Vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Christmas Brownie

If you wish your child to have the Christmas lunch, please book online
www.theeasycompany.co.uk

Please ensure that you place your order online by Saturday 30th November.
No cash payments can be taken, and late orders cannot be accepted.

Please book a 'standard' meal for turkey or 'meat free' for quorn roast.
Meal price is £3.20

Please note that if you have already booked a standard or vegetarian hot meal for this date the only hot meal provided will be the Christmas lunch.

No Jacket potatoes are provided on Christmas lunch day, booked jacket potatoes will be sent as a standard Turkey lunch. Packed lunches will be provided as ordered so you need to amend your booking if you want turkey or quorn.

Registered Special Meal requirements will be catered for accordingly.

Pudding on Thursday 18th December will be yoghurt instead of the advertised cake.

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

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! FROM EVERYONE AT EASY LUNCH





Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 17th - Thursday 20th November 2025	Book Fair
Tuesday 25th November 2025	Year 4 Ukulele concert 2.30pm
Wednesday 26th November 2025	Pastoral Workshop - Supporting children with their worries 2.15 - 3.00pm
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9.00am - 11.30am
Monday 8th December 2025	Flu Vaccines
Monday 8th December 2025	Year 1 Christmas Production (Times TBC)
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 2 Christmas Production (Times TBC)
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Easy Lunch Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11th December 2025	EYFS Nativity (Times TBC)
Friday 12th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children
Friday 12th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert 9.30am
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Years 3 & 4 Carol Service (Times TBC)
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Years 5 & 6 Carol Service (Times TBC)
Monday 5th January 2026	Inset Day
Mondy 23rd February 2026	Inset Day
Monday 13th April 2026	Inset Day
Monday 1st June 2026	Inset Day

Rock Steady

Rock Steady wish to extend an invitation to students who are not currently signed up with them to have a free taster session. Please see poster below and get in touch with them directly.



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Michelle

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Bekki

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START THEIR
MUSICAL JOURNEY



0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
info@rocksteadymusicschool.com



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CHELSEA F.C

TRAINING GROUND

DECEMBER HOLIDAY COURSES

Chelsea FC are opening the doors to our Training Ground this December for a number of fun Holiday Courses.

Give your young player the Chelsea Academy experience at Cobham this Christmas! Our December sessions at our Training Ground bring together elite coaching, an inspiring environment, and the perfect mix of challenge and fun.

We have a variety of courses available to all players:

2 Day Holiday Courses
Half Day Holiday Courses
Tournament Days
1:1 Training Sessions

To book please click the below link which will take you directly to our customer booking page.

[Training Ground December Holiday Courses](#)

VENUE	DATES	AGE
Cobham Training Ground Surrey, KT11 3PT	15th December - 2nd January	5-12 Years (1:1 Sessions 7-18 Years)
TIMES	PRICE	LEVEL
09.30-15.00 (Excl 1:1's & Half Day Sessions)	From £75	Beginner - Intermediate



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

Umbrellas

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

Training

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

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

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

Benefits Advice Service

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

NDP Navigation Service

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

Facebook Group

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

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

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas

Parent Support Group

Autumn 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.



EMPOWER

INFORM

SUPPORT

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

16th Sep / 14th Oct / 11th Nov / 9th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

17th Sep / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 17th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

25th Sep / 23rd Oct / 20th Nov / 11th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

23rd Sep / 21st Oct / 25th Nov / 16th Dec

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



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

11th Sep

7.30 pm - 9 pm

9th Oct

7.30 pm - 9 pm

6th

7.30 pm - 9 pm

Nov

7.30 pm - 9 pm