



Arunside Announcements



Week Commencing
Monday 2nd February 2026

Climbing frame

This is a polite reminder to parents that they **MUST NOT** allow their children to climb on the play equipment outside of school operating hours. Once the children have been released back into your care, please escort them off the premises.

Thank you for your co-operation

After a VERY wet start to the week, we would like to extend our thanks to the Arunside community for their co-operation and support of our unplanned staggered finish time on Tuesday due to the weather.

Communications with the office

Please email office@arunside.school to ensure your email is seen and directed to the relevant staff member. A number of emails were sent directly to the Comms email account at the start of the week, these were unread due to staff absence.



The flooded school field and playground

Amazon Wish List

We have had the most amazing response to our Amazon Wish List! Items have already started arriving and the list has been getting shorter! Thank you so much! For those who may have missed our appeal - the school Amazon Wish List can be accessed via this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YY1ZY6RW8E5Z?ref=wl_share



Mayes Park



We are currently in the process of seeking an alternative date for the Year 5 Mayes Park visit that was scheduled for Tuesday 27th January. Thank you to those who were so understanding given the late notice cancellation. Hopefully our new date will have improved weather conditions too.

PTA Disco



An email went out earlier this week with all of the details for the PTA Disco on Friday 27th February.



Hayley Georgiou Property Christmas Drawing Competition



Hayley Georgiou Property have now made their decisions and announced the winning pictures drawn by Abigail, Lucia and Sonya. Huge congratulations to the deserving winners and well done to all those who participated!

Family Learning

Family Learning in Southwater

FREE COURSES



Join us for our fully-funded courses, aimed at parents/guardians and their children.

Play, Taste & Create: Food Fun for Little Hands! - Tuesdays - Starts 24th February - 10am-12pm

Ready for some food fun without the fuss of cooking?

To book, click [HERE](#).

Once Upon A Playtime - Wednesdays - Starts 25th February - 10am-12pm

Step into a world of imagination and adventure.

To book, click [HERE](#).

Communication Club - Thursdays - Starts 26th February- 10am-12pm

Feel empowered to support your child with speech and communication challenges.

To book, click [HERE](#).

How To Help Your Child With Learning In KS1 - Wednesdays - Starts 25th February - 1pm-2:30pm

Confidently support your Key Stage 1 children with phonics, reading, and maths at home.

To book, click [HERE](#).



familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk

Family Learning in Horsham

FREE COURSES



Join us for our fully-funded courses, aimed at parents/guardians and their children.

Roar and Explore - Wednesdays - Starts 25th February - 10am-12pm - Roffey Millenium Hall

Exploretthewonderfulworldofanimalsthroughengagingsessionsinspiredbybeloved children's books.

To book, click [HERE](#).

How To Help Your Child With KS2 Literacy - Wednesdays - Starts 25th February - 1pm-2:30pm - Roffey Millennium Hall

This courseisdesignedtohelpparents support theirKey Stage2childrenwith confidence and clarity in learning literacy at home.

To book, click [HERE](#).



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Key Stage 2 Author Visit

Key Stage 2 Parents will have received a letter and pre-order form this week for author David Fuller who will be visiting school in February. Please ensure to complete and return your forms.

Author visit



On Thursday 12th February 2026, children's author David Fuller will be visiting Arunside Primary School to talk to the KS2 children about his books and explain what inspires him as a writer.

Please visit the www.alfie-jones.co.uk website for more information.

David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy.



www.facebook.com/DavidFullerAuthor



@08DavidFuller



www.alfie-jones.co.uk

DeRosa Music Academy

Following a great assembly earlier in the week, please see the below leaflet for DeRosa Music Academy.

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"Children and Adults Welcome"

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LESSONS & INFO

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rewarding & engaging
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Rock Steady

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

It's never too early to start your child's musical journey

Rocksteady lessons are fun, inclusive and accessible for children as young as four years old.

- Perfect for introducing children to the magic of music.
- No music theory involved - just fun band lessons that build confidence, teamwork and a love for music.
- 3/4 size instruments for lessons are provided.
- Takes place in school and no musical experience necessary!

SIGN UP FOR BAND LESSONS

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

Education Today Awards: WELLBEING RESOURCE OF THE YEAR **FINALIST 24/25** **WINNER 22/23**

WHERE BANDMATES BECOME REAL MATES!

For children in reception and Key Stage 1, starting primary school can be a lot to take in as they adjust to their new environment. With decades of experience teaching in primary schools, Rocksteady helps by offering a supportive, inclusive space that encourages new friendships and boosts social and listening skills. Most importantly, Rocksteady offers a space to be creative and have loads of musical fun!

REASONS TO START EARLY

- A great way for children in reception and Key Stage 1 to connect with pupils of a similar age and spark new friendships in the classroom and on the playground.
- Learning music from a young age is shown to improve concentration and memory and boost academic performance.
- Encourages attendance by giving children something fun to look forward to in the week.
- Working together as a band translates to working together in the classroom, so children are better equipped to engage in team activities and social situations.

Termly concerts amplify self-belief and get children used to performing in front of people!

"Engagement with Rocksteady has had a profound impact on our children, both academically and socially, including some of the youngest members of our school. When our children perform in their rock bands each half term, they experience a sense of accomplishment that's truly empowering."

Samantha Hughes, Principal of Cheam Common Infants' Academy

PERFECT FOR BRAND-NEW MUSICIANS!

Choose from: Vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.

So much more than music

Improves wellbeing, confidence and social skills and helps children settle into school.

Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 accessible musical skills.

Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification in their first year!

Hassle free, inclusive and fun!

Takes place in school, 3/4 size instruments provided and no experience needed.

End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as they perform with their band at the end of term concerts.

£44.68 per month (no payment in August). Money back guarantee for the first month. Cancel at any time.

Trusted by hundreds of thousands of parents nationwide

"I had tears watching her perform. Amazing skills which will help her for the rest of her life."
Amrita, Rocksteady parent

"My daughter is now willing to try new things and has something extra to look forward to in her school week."
Ashleigh, Rocksteady parent

"My child has an amazing time and really enjoys making new friends whilst learning to play the keyboard."
Rachel, Rocksteady parent

INCREDIBLE BENEFITS, MUSICAL MEMORIES FOR LIFE!

Perfect for brand-new musicians.	✓
Helps children in reception and Key Stage 1 settle into their new school and make new friends.	✓
Builds confidence, motor skills, social skills and teamworking.	✓
Supports other areas of the curriculum, including communication and language and emotional development.	✓
Encourages musical progress and offers the chance to achieve their first music qualification.	✓
Suitable for all children in mainstream education.	✓

"My children have been with Rocksteady since Y1 and reception, and this has been a major factor in helping them develop their confidence and concentration throughout primary school."
Emma, Rocksteady parent

"My child has had Rocksteady lessons for years, they enjoy it so much."
Carrie-Ann, Rocksteady parent

"He feels part of a team and is proud of himself for the progress he makes each week."
Danika, Rocksteady parent

"My daughter loves Rocksteady! She has fun, learns new skills and builds friendships."
Sade, Rocksteady parent

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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 2 nd February 2026	Bluebell Parent Consultations 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Bluebell Parent Consultations 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Y3/4 Cross Country Team at Christ's Hospital - 10.30am
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Y5/6 Cross Country Team at Christ's Hospital - 12.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Young Voices
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Mayes Park Oak Group 2 Forest School Trip
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Author Visit - David Fuller Key Stage 2
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day
Friday 27 th February 2026	PTA Disco - details TBC
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Late Parents Evening - details TBC
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Early Parents Evening - details TBC
Monday 23 rd - Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 4 Lodge Hill Trip
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 3 Drumming concert 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Friday 27 th March 2026	Rock Steady Concert - details TBC
Monday 13 th April 2026	Inset Day
Monday 1 st June 2026	Inset Day
Monday 6 th July 2026 - Friday 10 th July 2026	Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Trip