



Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing
Tuesday 24th February 2026



Have a lovely Half Term Break!
Don't forget we return to school on a TUESDAY!

Parents Evenings

These will be available to book on MCAS from Tuesday 24th February at 3.00pm with the exception of Bluebell Class who met with Mrs Wells before she took maternity leave.

We have allocated time for one appointment per child, please do not book multiple slots.



Parent Representatives

Become a Class Rep – Take a Peek Behind the Curtain!

Would you like to be more involved in your child's school life and help shape their experience? Join our Class Rep group and get a unique "peek behind the curtain" at Arunside Primary.

As a Class Rep, you'll:

- Hear updates from the Headteacher about exciting projects and school challenges.
- Share your ideas and feedback to help improve communication and events.
- Help promote workshops and find out what parents really want.
- Be a vital link between parents and the school community.

Meetings are friendly, creative, and focused—lasting no longer than one hour during school time, once each half term. Plus, refreshments will be served!

Your voice matters. Join us to support our school and make a positive difference.

Interested? Please contact the school office to find out more.

Outstanding Payments on MCAS

Please do log into MCAS to check for any outstanding balances. There are a number of people who have missed payments on residential trips and swimming lessons. Please check on the app and bring your account up-to-date.

World Book Day

Book tokens have now been distributed and details have gone out for our plans on March 5th. Lessons will continue as normal on this day, meaning if your child has Forest School or PE please do remember to bring a change of clothes.



Year 2 Hedgehog Visit



Year 2 had a lovely morning with Graham meeting Harry and Henry the hedgehogs.

We learnt about what hedgehogs need to survive, their natural habitat, when they hibernate and what this means, the dangers they face and how we can help protect and look after them



Year 6 Visit Broadbridge Park Residential Care Home

As part of an Arunside community project, some of our Year 6 children visited Broadbridge Park Residential Care home on Monday. The children and residents had a wonderful time, talking, crafting and playing games. We will be taking some Year 5 children to visit after half term!



Emergency Drill Practice

Today we practiced an emergency drill in school. These are mandatory exercises that have to be carried out for Health and Safety purposes. We are pleased to say it was a great success, and the children followed the instructions very well.

The children were told to stay in the classrooms in silence with the doors locked. We gave age-appropriate reasons for the drill, and hope this may explain any unusual or imaginative conversations from the younger children about what they did in school today.



PTA Disco

Don't forget Friday 27th February is the PTA School Disco. If you have any queries, please direct them to pta@arunside.school



PE and Forest School Timetable

We have included the PE Timetable for the 2nd half of Spring Term in this newsletter. This is also available to view on the school website. [PE Timetable](#)

Arunside PE Timetable Spring 2



	EYFS		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Monday					PE				PE				PE or Swim	
Tuesday					PE		PE				FS	FS		PE
Wednesday						FS Clover	FS Clover				PE			
Thursday		PE			FS Dandelion	FS Dandelion				PE	PE			
Friday					PE			PE						PE

Language Angels Log In Y2-6

Don't forget to try your log-ins on Language Angels <https://languageangels.com/login>.

Milk Top Mania

On behalf of the [Eco-Logic League](#), a very well done for collecting milk tops over the last two weeks to benefit Friends of Water Search and Rescue!

We won't be revealing the final results of the competition because we will be hosting a "Guess the number of milk tops!" contest at the summer fete this year. However, the winning class was ROWAN who collected nearly half of the school's total number of milk tops!

Arunside has over-filled an entire 84 litre Really Useful Box with some overflow into a second basket!

Well done to everyone for their contributions, and well done to Rowan class who will be celebrating with biscuits this week!



Pastoral Support



What a fantastic and busy half term it has been — we are so proud of all our children for their hard work, kindness and resilience 

Half term is a wonderful opportunity to rest, recharge and focus on wellbeing. Sometimes children can feel tired or a little overwhelmed after a busy few weeks, so this break is the perfect time to slow things down.

Here are a few simple ideas to support wellbeing at home:

-  Get outside for some fresh air (a park trip, nature walk or garden time)
-  Share a story together
-  Get creative with drawing, baking or crafts
-  Enjoy a family board game
-  Make space for little chats about feelings and worries

Small moments together can make a big difference.

We hope you all have a safe, happy and restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next adventure!



Free School Meals

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	Bookings open for Parents Evening 3pm on MCAS
Friday 27 th February 2026	PTA Disco
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day - Dress Up, Book In a Jar Competition, Bring Favourite Book.
Friday 6 th March 2026	PTA Pre-Loved Booksale
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Mayes Park Chestnut Forest School Trip 1/2
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Friendship Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am
Monday 23 rd - Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 4 Lodge Hill Trip
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Mayes Park Chestnut Forest School Trip 2/2
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 3 Drumming concert 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Friday 27 th March 2026	Rock Steady Concert - details TBC
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Anxiety Workshop - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Monday 1 st June 2026	Inset Day
Monday 13 th April 2026	Inset Day
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May 2026	SATS Week
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Behaviour Management Strategies Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am
Monday 6 th July 2026 - Friday 10 th July 2026	Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Trip
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Wellbeing Coffee and Chat Drop-In 2.00pm - 3.15pm