

Arunside Announcements



Week Commencing
Monday 16th March 2026

Message of appreciation

After a challenging week within our community we wanted to express our gratitude to everyone for the way they have dealt with the sad loss of a much-loved student.

The children have handled the passing of their friend with great maturity and compassion for one another. Sycamore class have compiled a book of condolence to pass onto the family, and when the time is right, we plan to organise something fitting to celebrate their life.

We thank the whole Arunside family for their understanding as we navigate this time with care and sensitivity; and we will update everyone regarding any plans in the near future.

It really is true that at the worst of times, we often see the best in people.

Thank you from all the staff x

EYFS Careers Visitors

Thank you to those who have already put their name forward! We will be in touch soon to see if we can find a date that suits.

In the interim we will keep the advert up, so we have reserves in case dates are not suitable. Please do come forward if you haven't yet done so.

The Early Years Team are looking for volunteers to come in and give a 30 minute talk about their careers. We are aiming for one visitor each week and are looking for:

- Dentist/dental nurse,
- Paramedic/doctor/Nurse
- Police
- Vet/vetinary nurse
- Farmer



If you can help us with this please do make contact with office@arunside.school and advise your availability. Once we have compiled a list we will be in touch to arrange visits.

March into Reading

Don't forget to log onto:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJVW57E> to record how many pages your child has read at home!

Thank you for your continued support!

March into Reading
Horsham Reading Challenge
Let's Get Reading!
Read as much as you can throughout March - let's see how much **Horsham** can read together!

MCAS outstanding balances

- Year 5 trip to London
- Year 6 PGL Trip to Marchant's Hill
- Swimming Lessons

These are all still awaiting payments on MCAS. Please bring your balances up-to-date.

The Family Grapevine Magazine

The Family Grapevine magazine is now going online for environmental purposes. Please click on the link to view the Spring 2026 edition: <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/west-sussex/magazine/spring-2026/>

Year 6 visit from a Criminal Psychologist

Year 6 were very lucky to be joined by Mrs Meeson yesterday who spoke to us about her job as a Criminal Psychologist. The children got to understand her job investigating why people commit crimes and understand the importance of taking all evidence into account and being objective.



Parent Representatives



Please contact the office if you are keen to get involved. We are still waiting for more candidates to come forward..

Calling the office to advise of change to pick-up routine

Please ensure to call the office **before** 2.30pm to advise of alternative pick up arrangements.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you to those who have kindly been donating. We have received even more items in the post this week!

For those who are looking to donate, the school Amazon Wish List can be accessed via this link:

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



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing up on World Book Day. The children looked great in their costumes! Also, thank you for all the 'Book in a Jar' entries. They were fantastic and we appreciate the thought, effort and time that went into making them. Below are the winning jars, and the children have been informed.



Early Years Winner



Year 1 - 2 Winner



Year 3 - 4 Winner



Year 5-6 Winner

Recognition from GLF West Sussex Teaching School Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we are recipients of the GLF Teaching School Hub - Giftsh Advocate Badge - Engaging.

This is in recognition of demonstrating consistent engagement with NPQ's over the past 5 years!

**TSH ADVOCATE
BADGE-Engaging**

GLF West Sussex Teaching School Hub award the Advocate Badge in Engagement in recognition of schools who demonstrate consistent engagement in TSH programmes

- Engaging in multiple programmes - Initial Teacher Training, Early Career Framework & National Professional Qualifications ✓
- Exemplary engagement in ECF/ITT or NPQs - schools who engage in multiple programmes/have participants that show exemplary engagement on programmes ✓
- Consistent Engagement in ECF/ITT or NPQs over time- ✓

@GLF_TSH

We can now proudly add their logo to our website and headed letters!



Parent Workshop - Date Change

Please note there has been a date change to the friendship workshop.



SUPPORTING PARENTS & CARERS

Are you worried your child is struggling to make friends?

Not sure how to help when friendships go wrong?

Join us for a coffee and chat workshop: Helping your child with friendships.

ArunsideSchool
Thursday 16th April
2.00-3.00pm To book a space please call or visit the school office.



Proposed improvements to Blackbridge Lane

For those who are interested please do look into the proposals online and have your say.



Have your Say on Active Travel to School Improvements in Blackbridge Lane, Horsham supporting your local area.

West Sussex County Council welcomes feedback from residents, and the wider community on our active travel improvements.

To have your say or find out more including designs, project background and more:

Visit: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/ltip-engagement>

Your feedback will be vital in helping to help shape how future schemes are progressed, To get involved, please visit our website above.

Or email us at activetravel@westsussex.gov.uk or call us on 01243 642105



PTA - Barracudas Deal

We're excited to share a special offer for our school community for 2026 holiday camps in Horsham. Use our exclusive PTA discount code: ARUPTA26 when booking and receive £20 off your booking (when you book a minimum of 2 days at the Horsham camp).

Even better, every time this code is used, £5 will be donated directly to our school PTA – helping us raise valuable funds for school projects and activities.

📌 How to use the offer:

- Book at the Horsham camp
- Book at least 2 days
- Enter code ARUPTA26 at checkout to get £20 off

Please feel free to share this with other parents in your class WhatsApp groups or Facebook groups so more families can benefit while supporting the school.

⚠️ Please note: this code is for our school community only and shouldn't be shared on public discount or voucher websites.

Thank you for supporting Arunside PTA!

BARRACUDAS
ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES AT
HORSHAM!**

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR
ARUNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**USE CODE ARUPTA26
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*MINIMUM OF 2 DAYS
*Not to be used in conjunction with other offers.

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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Mayes Park Chestnut Forest School Trip 1/2
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
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Y5-6 Cross Country at Christs Hospital
Friday 27 th March 2026	Rock Steady Concert - details TBC
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Friendship Workshop 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Anxiety Workshop - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Monday 1st June 2026	Inset Day
Monday 13th April 2026	Inset Day
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May 2026	SATS Week
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Year 5 Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey Trip
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Behaviour Management Strategies Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am
Friday 3 rd July 2026	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 6 th July 2026 - Friday 10 th July 2026	Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Trip
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Y5 Production Show 1 of 2 6.00pm
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Y5 Production Show 2 of 2 1.45pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Wellbeing Coffee and Chat Drop-In 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 1 Arundel Castle Trip

Next Thing Education

Easter Holidays Tech and STEM Camp

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Looking for something exciting and educational for your child this Easter? Give them a week they'll never forget!



We're bringing a Tech & STEM Camp to Arunside School, RH12 1RR on 30th March - 2nd April a thrilling week packed with hands-on experiments, high-tech gadgets, and mind-blowing inventions that you can take home with you. Kids aged 5-11 will build, code, and create while exploring the world of STEM in the most fun way possible!

Why Parents & Kids LOVE Camp

- ✓ Hands-on learning - Kids don't just watch, they build, create, and take home their own projects!
- ✓ Inspires creativity - From coding to circuits, each day brings new challenges!
- ✓ Boosts confidence - Children gain problem-solving skills while having a blast!
- ✓ Real-world STEM - Kids discover how science & technology shape the world around them.

What Will They Get Up To?

-  Robot Lab – Build and program robots
-  Lego Engineering – Create moving machines
-  3D Creations - Use 3d Tech to make a 3d masterpiece!
-  Minecraft Redstone – Learn circuitry in a virtual world
-  Movie Making – Bring stories to life with tech!

 Where & When? Arunside School, RH12 1RR on 30th March - 2nd April

 Timings: 9am – 1pm

 Price: From £25 per session with multi-day discounts!

 Spaces are booking up quickly – Book Now to avoid disappointment! 

<https://www.nextthing.education/product/arunside-school-easter-camp-2/>

HAF Places: If your child is eligible for FSM, we have a limited number of fully funded spaces available as part of the local council's Holiday, Activities and Food Programme! These are available from 09:00 - 13:00 each day and go live on 2nd March, Spaces are limited - book via this link once bookings are live - <https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

Give your child an unforgettable experience where they'll learn, laugh, and wow every single day!

We can't wait to see them there! 

The Next Thing Education Team



EASTER CAMPS 2026

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on **tech fun**, **iPad creativity**, and **take-home inventions!**

Example camp activities

Camp runs 9 am - 1 pm

 ROBOT LAB	 LEGO Engineering	 ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	 3D CREATIONS	 VIRTUAL REALITY
 COOL CIRCUITS	 VIDEO GAME DESIGN	 MOVIE MAKING	 MINECRAFT REDSTONE	 MINECRAFT MAZE

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity 🔥, fuel creativity 🧠, and empower young minds 🚀 for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders 🌟. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★
"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

 Water Tornado	 Motor Fan	 Levitating Ball
 Robotics & Coding	 Circuitry & Electronics	 Tech Fun

30TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES!

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £25 PER HALF-DAY!
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 1 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education



HALF DAY CAMPS THIS EASTER 9 AM - 1 PM

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