

Headteacher Newsletter



Easter Message 2026

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that another term is drawing to a close. As always, the children have been busy, engaged in enriching learning experiences and enjoying themselves. You will get a glimpse of their achievements and activities through this newsletter.

This term has also brought challenges, including some very difficult moments that we are still coming to terms with as a school community. Please know that your kind messages of support have been deeply appreciated by all of us, especially the family affected. Our thoughts remain with them during this time. The school continues to thrive and grow, thanks to the ongoing support of our community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed—whether through supporting the PTA, fulfilling governor responsibilities, volunteering, or leading workshops. Our strength truly lies in this collective spirit, and we feel your support every day.

You may have seen our recent request for parent representatives for each class. We are still hoping more parents will come forward to join this group, which we plan to launch in the summer term under the name “A Peek Behind the Curtain.” This is a genuine opportunity for you to share your views, raise any concerns, and help us shape the future of the school. Being part of this group means you will be among the first to hear about new initiatives, understand what drives the school, and learn how you can support us. It will also be a forum to discuss how we can better support your child at home and share updates from the national education agenda. We hope you will help spread these messages across the wider school community, so everyone feels valued and involved as part of the Arunside family. You can express an interest by emailing us on office@arunside.school, or just pop into the office.

On a personal note, if you would like to learn a little more about my approach to leadership, I invite you to listen to my podcast, The Intentional Head with Kirsty Fitzscott on Spotify—I am featured in episode 1. It may offer some insight into my vision and values as headteacher.

Looking ahead, we are hopeful for more sunshine in the summer term and have many exciting events planned, including Sports Day. I wish you all a very Happy Easter. Whatever your plans, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and most importantly, enjoy special moments with your children.

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Message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of Governors, I'd like to invite you to future Class Rep Meetings with our Head Teacher. We are still looking for class reps for the following classes: Daisy, Poppy, Dandelion, Willow, Holly, Oak, Rowan and Lime.

If you are interested, please email the school team office@arunside.school to let them know.

There will be a one-hour friendly meeting with refreshments once every half term during school hours. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for your voice to be heard — sharing what's going well, raising questions, and helping shape the experience of every child at our school. When parents and school work together, the difference it makes to our children is remarkable.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking staff team, and your support and engagement means the world to them. Whether you've never attended before or are a regular face, please do come along.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Warm regards,
Xin Liang
Chair of Governors*

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

Without volunteers Arunside would not be able to function as successfully as it does.

There are many ways you can donate your time to help the school.

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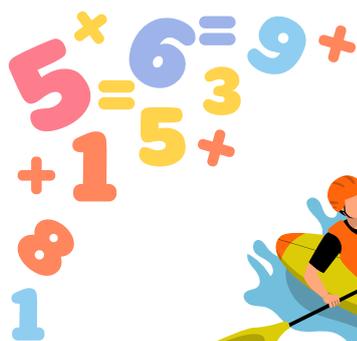


Bluebell Class welcomes Miss Coleman!

I am absolutely thrilled to have joined the wonderful team at Arunside, teaching Bluebell Class! It has been such a lovely start, and I want to say a big thank you to all the children who have made me feel so welcome.

My favourite subject to teach is maths, and I love sharing stories and reading with my class.

Outside of school, I enjoy volunteering with my local Sea Scouts and going to the theatre. I am really excited for the summer term at Arunside!



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In addition to the normal school day, the students have been taking part in many exciting activities.



Horsham Dance Festival at The Hawth



Young Voices choir performed at Wembley Arena



Hedgehogs came to visit!

EYFS



We have had lots of fun in EYFS this term. We loved celebrating our first World Book Day and were lucky enough to be joined by the Year 4s for some buddy reading, where we shared our favourite books with our partner. We all transformed into scientists for British Science Week and conducted many science experiments, we particularly enjoyed designing our own dinosaurs. We have been busy cooking as well, making lots of yummy treats including gingerbread men and easter nests. Finally, as always, we have enjoyed playing in our role-play area and acting out some of the fairytales we have been learning. A fantastic term for EYFS.

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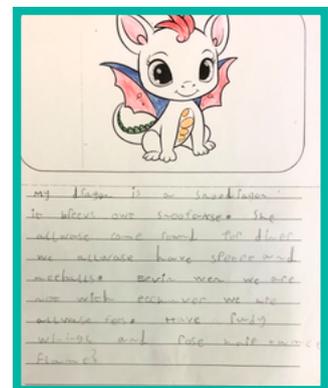
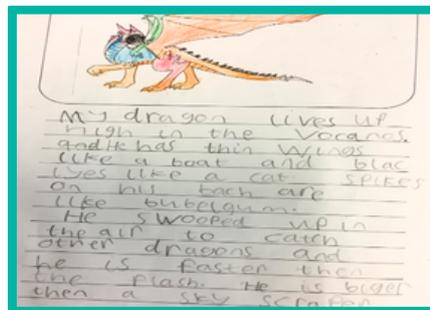


Spring Term Highlights

Year 1

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed creating their 'Tell me a Dragon' class books. As part of their English lessons the children learnt about adjectives, adverbs, suffixes, verbs and similes. They used what they learnt to create wonderful descriptions of their own dragons. The work was all put together to make a class book which has been shared at family reading.

In D.T they have been learning about joining fabrics and have all designed and made their own Easter egg pockets (? Can't think what we called them?) using felt. In Geography we compared the UK to different continents which the children found fascinating



Y1 Visit to Holy Trinity Church



World Book Day activities



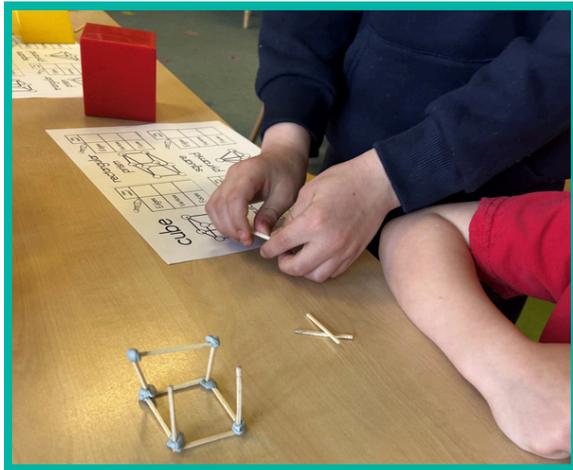
Tanbridge students visit Year 1 for "March into Reading"

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Spring Term Highlights

Year 2



Clover class enjoyed creating 3D shapes as part of their work on shape in maths this half term. The children were able to build these by identifying the number of edges and vertices each shape



Year 2 Dandelion class had a great time dressing up for World Book Day. We also enjoyed a number of lovely activities, including partner reading with Year 5, a fashion show and guessing our teachers' favourite books.

Year 3



Year 3 spent 10 weeks learning the djembe drums with Mr Gilmore and learning about musical skills such as tempo, pitch and dynamics. We were so proud of the children's performances of Djembe song, Kuku and In the Jungle in front of lots of grown ups. We were also proud of some of the parents for getting involved too!



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Y4 Residential to Lodge Hill



On March 23-24, Year 4 had the privilege of visiting Lodge Hill for their one-night residential. They took part in a bevy of exciting activities including snowtubing, tunnelling, archery, orienteering and zipline. A great and exhausting time was had by all!



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Year 5 and 6

Thank you to all the year 5 students who have been rehearsing hard for the upcoming production. Don't forget to reserve tickets using this link: [Reserve tickets](#) When we haven't been learning lines, we have been:



Making pulleys while exploring forces



Oak Class Easter mystery challenge with Kingdom Faith Church



Oak Class World Book Day



Settling disputes the viking way



Well done to the year 5 and 6 students who took part in the Cross Country event at Christ's Hospital this week. Out of 18 schools Arunside girls came 3rd and the boys came 15th.

Whilst busy prepping for their SATS, the Year 6 team have still been very active. This term selected students have visited care homes, participated in cross country competitions, danced at the Hawth in Crawley, taken part in Young Voices Choir and met with a criminal psychologist!



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Sunny days ahead!



With brighter days come strong sun rays! Please refamiliarise yourselves with our [Sun Safety Policy](#) to ensure you protect your children sufficiently in preparation for outdoor play and activities.



Easter Reading Challenge

The spring Reading Newsletter has now gone out to all families. Don't forget years 4-6 have an Easter Reading Challenge.

March Into Reading

There is still time to log onto: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJVW57F> to record how many pages your child has read at home!

Thank you for your continued support!



PE Timetable

Please use the copy included in this newsletter. It can also be accessed via the school website, using the following link: <https://arunside.school/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Sheet-2-1.svg>



The Easy Lunch Company

Please ensure to read the latest newsletter as there are changes to the booking system.

Eco Council - Sussex Green Living

[Sussex Green Living](#) will be running their Growing Hub and Art Hub on the last Saturday of each month at United Reformed Church in Horsham between 10am and 2.30pm. This weekend is Easter Crafts, bring a fluffy sock if you can.



Parent Readers

Please do get in touch if you have regular weekly availability from 9am -11am or 1pm-3pm to read with students. This is such a rewarding role and is very much appreciated. School readers must undertake safeguarding training and pass a DBS check

Rock Steady Concert



We hope that parents of Rock Steady performers thoroughly enjoyed the performance today.

Clocks spring forward this weekend

Clocks go forward by one hour on Sunday, 29 March 2026. At 01:00 GMT, the time will switch to 02:00 BST (British Summer Time).



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Parent Support

Since Half Term we have:

- Hosted a coffee and chat for parents of SEN children
- Continued our work with the West Sussex Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)
- Opened the Wellbeing hub during both parents evenings
- Continued working with Optimus Education on the Wellbeing Award for schools
- Provided 1:1 parent support where needed
- Many children have continued to have targeted provision such as; Music therapy, ELSA, Drawing and Talking or 1:1 check-in's

Next Term we will be offering:

- Parent drop-in wellbeing sessions
- A workshop for behaviour strategies
- An afterschool club for some pupils based on looking after your own wellbeing

WSPCF PINS Parent Carer Survey - End 2026



West Sussex Parent Carer Forum and The Autism and Social Communication Team have been working on the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools Project (PINS) in your child's school. Whilst PINS focuses on neurodiversity, we welcome responses from all parent carers, as the project aims to strengthen inclusion across the whole school community.

Many of you filled in our survey at the beginning of the project and we would be grateful if you could do it again now as this helps us to measure the impact of the work we have done. You do not need to have filled in the survey the first time to do it now.



To complete this survey
Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code



FREE

EASTER EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

Storrington and Sullington Neighbourhood Wardens
in partnership with WSCC Horsham Family Hub

Friday 10 April
10am - 11.30pm
or 1pm - 2.30pm

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!

Enjoy the Sensory Dome with sensory toys and games. We also have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play and quiet area. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

BOOK TODAY

For bookings and enquiries please call: 01403 213590
For any further information please email:
Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk



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Arunside PTA



An update from the PTA for 2025/2026

Fundraising totals:

- [Easyfundraising](#) (since September 2025): £74.10
- [Horsham Lottery](#): £233 (since December 2025)
- Christmas Raffle: £1,533.49
- Uniform Sales: £239.69
- World Book Week - Book Sale: £279.41
- Xmas4Schools (cards, mugs, tea towels etc.): £398
- Disco: £754.49
- Cake Sales: £143.74



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You shop, retailers donate to

Arunside School PTA - Horsham

every time you shop online

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Search for us on: [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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Hayley Georgiou Property

Hayley Georgiou Property is a local Horsham-based estate agent. Hayley and her team will donate £250 to Arunside Primary School PTA for every completed home sale that comes from an Arunside family or referral!

If you (or someone you know) are considering selling, be sure to mention Arunside Primary School when you contact them – it's a win-win for everyone!

www.hayleygeorgiouproperty.com



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Barracudas

Looking for a holiday club for the Easter or Summer break? We have a great offer from Barracudas to share with you!

Use our PTA code ARUPTA26 when booking Barracudas Horsham and get £20 off (when booking a minimum of 2 days or 1 day for 2 or more siblings).

£5 is donated to Arunside PTA every time the code is used

How to use:

- Book Horsham camp (Millais or Christ Hospital)
- Book at least 2 days
- Enter code ARUPTA26 at checkout

Find out more at <https://www.barracudas.co.uk>

For our school community only – please don't share on public voucher sites.

What we are funding:

Children's Parade in May: £350

Classroom spends: £843.33

Library Book Covers: £104.69

Religious Education Trips: £705

Christmas Parties and Christmas tree: £223.99

Y6 SATS Workbooks: £427.90

5 new picnic benches £2427.45



Future Events:

14th April: Welcome Back to School Bake Sale!

3rd July 2026: Summer Fete (5.00pm - 7.30pm)

BARRACUDAS
ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT HORSHAM!

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR ARUNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

USE CODE ARUPTA26 FOR £20 OFF!

MINIMUM OF 2 DAYS

FOR EVERY BOOKING MADE, BARRACUDAS WILL MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL !!!

- 4 to 14 year olds!
- 80+ Activities!
- Choice each session!
- Specialist Courses!
- Flexible bookings!

OFSTED REGISTERED

[barracudas.co.uk](https://www.barracudas.co.uk)
01480 467 567

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Trustpilot

thank
★ you ★





Key Dates for The Diary



Date	Details
Monday 13th April 2026	Inset Day
Tuesday 14th April 2026	PTA Welcome Back Bake Sale
Thursday 16th April 2026	Friendship Workshop 2.00pm – 3.00pm cancelled
Thursday 23rd April 2026	Y5 Presentation for PGL trip 2027 3.30pm
Thursday 30th April 2026	Anxiety Workshop – 2.00pm – 3.00pm cancelled
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026	SATS Week
Monday 1st June 2026	Inset Day
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Year 5 Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey Trip
Wednesday 16th June 2026	Y5 Production Show 1 of 2 1.30pm
Thursday 17th June 2026	Y5 Production Show 2 of 2 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Behaviour Management Strategies Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am
Friday 3rd July 2026	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 6th July 2026 - Friday 10th July 2026	Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Trip
Thursday 16th July 2026	Wellbeing Coffee and Chat Drop-In 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 1 Arundel Castle Trip

PE and Forest School Timetable 1st Half Term

Arunside PE Timetable Summer 1



	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 or Swim		
Tuesday					PE		FS	FS		PE				PE
Wednesday				PE					FS	FS		PE		
Thursday		PE	PE					PE	FS	FS				
Friday					PE					PE				PE

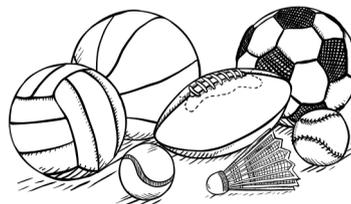
After School Clubs

Arunside Teacher- led clubs will be bookable via the MCAS app and will be running from Monday 20th April 2026 - Friday 10th July 2026 (excluding insets and holidays)

External Clubs will set their own dates and arrangements, please contact them directly.

Day of Week	Club	Times	Year Group	Places	Cost	Booking arrangements
Monday	Aspire Higher Ballet Eve Fagan Hall Confirm dates with Eve directly	3.30 - 4.30	Y2-6	20	£7.50 per week	Please book through: Enjoydanceclass@gmail.com Tel: 07497770074
Tuesday	Forest School Mrs Yuille and Miss Roberts Rainbow Fence NOT RUNNING: May 12th + 19th or June 23rd + 30th	3.20-4.15	Y1	15	£10	MCAS App
	Chelsea Football Field / Playground 14th April - 30th June	3.20-4.20	YR-4	28	£83.20 per term	Email: soccerschools@chelseafc.com YR - 2: click to book Y3 - 4: click to book Invite Code: APSSSUM26
	Kidslingo French Mrs Davis - ICT Suite 14th April - 14th July	3.20 - 4.15	Y1-6	16	£8.00 per session	Booking link
Wednesday	Art Sparks Kerry Sampson -STEM Room 15th April - 15th July	3.15 - 4.20	Y2-6	15	£9.50 per session	Please book through kimventer@gmail.com Tel: 07590210178
	Kidslingo Spanish Mrs Davis - ICT Suite 15th April - 15th July	3.20 - 4.15	Y1-6	16	£8.00 per session	Waiting list
	Happy Minds- Wellbeing Mrs Lee and Mrs O'Pray Clover Class	3.20 - 4.15	Y2-4	12	£10	MCAS App
	Fortitude Academy Tae-kwon-do	Ninjas (3-5): 17:00 - 17:30 Dragons (6-8): 17:30 - 18:15 Juniors (9+): 18:15 - 19:15 2 week Free trial. Sibling discounts. Monthly cost £38.50 + joining fee				Booking link email: j_baldery@gmail.com
Thursday	Sports Stars UK - Summer Sports Field/Playground 16th April / 16th July	3.20 - 4.20	Y1-3	20	£65 per term	https://www.sportsstarsuk.com/book-clubs/
	Code Club Mr Heath - ICT Suite	3.20-4.15	Y3-4	12	£10	MCAS App
Friday	Southern Martial Arts Karate Hall 17th April - 17th July	5.00 - 6.00	Y1-6	30	£6.50 per session	Theresa on 07958 123777 theresa.southernmartialarts@gmail.com
	Sports Stars UK - Dodgeball Hall 17th April - 17th July	3.20 - 4.20	Y3-6	20	£65 per term	https://www.sportsstarsuk.com/book-clubs/

Hola!
Bonjour



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 west sussex county council

Unusual Animals

Are you passionate about pangolins, infatuated with iguanas or an axolotl admirer? Scuttle to the library for stories of weird and wonderful creatures, plus a fun craft activity!



Wednesday 8 April
10.30 - 11.30am

Suitable for children aged 4 - 7 years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

 West Sussex Library Service

Horsham Library
Lower Tanbridge Way, RH12 1P
01403 224353
horsham.library@westsussex.gov.uk

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Easter Holidays




Holiday Camps

- NEW! Junior Basketball Camp (10-15 years)
- Junior Squash Camp (8+ years)
- Junior Trampoline Camp (3-5 / 5-8 years)
- NEW! Junior Padel (8+ years)
- Intensive Swimming Courses (4+ years)

Drop In Activities

- Jump 'N' Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Family Swim / Aqua Splash (Check the Pool Timetable)

Find out more:





01403 241712
info@bluecoatsports.co.uk
www.bluecoatsports.co.uk
Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex, BN12 9RQ

NEW! Junior Padel (8+ years)
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Easter, 08:00-09:00

NEW! Junior Basketball Camp (10-15 years)
Tuesday 31st March, 09:00-14:00

Junior Trampoline Camp
3-5 years:
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd April, 10:00-10:45
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th April, 14:00-14:45
5-8 years:
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd April, 11:00-11:45
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th April, 15:00-15:45

Junior Squash Camp (8+ years)
Monday 30th March, 09:00-12:00
Tuesday 31st March, 09:00-12:00

Jump 'N' Play (up to 6 years)
Arts & Crafts (5-8 years)
Check our website to view our Easter sessions

Find out more:





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Easter Wordsearch

Solve the wordsearch and find the hidden message within the leftover letters!

- CHICK
- BUNNY
- EASTER EGG
- CHOCOLATE
- HUNT
- LENT
- SPRING
- LAMB
- CROWN
- ANGEL
- CROSS
- GOOD FRIDAY
- BONNET
- JESUS
- FLOWER

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Have a wonderful Easter Break!

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 14th April 2026

