



Arunside Announcements

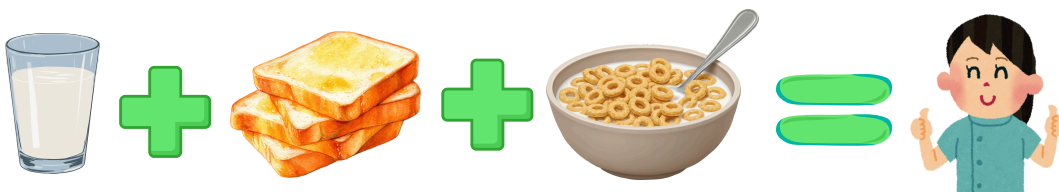


Week Commencing
Monday 18th May 2026

SATs Week

The SATs tests are **OVER!** Well done to all of our Year 6 children for coping so well with such a busy and stretching week.

Thank you to the kind parent volunteers who gave their spare time, ensuring the children got off to a great start, fueled by our annual SATs breakfast club (generously funded and organised by [The Arunside PTA](#))!



Active Uniform

The results from our Parent Survey are in and 71.2% of parents voted in favour of adopting an active uniform. We will use this information to aid us in adapting our uniform policy.

The drivers for this exploration are rooted in the development of our school environment and the evolving needs of our pupils.



The key reasons we are considering this change include:

- Implementation of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning): We are currently moving to adopt the OPAL framework, which significantly increases active play outside. This means children will be climbing, running, and exploring in all weather conditions, and we want their clothing to be durable and practical for that high level of physical engagement.
- Removing barriers to attendance: For many children, traditional formal uniforms can be a sensory or comfort barrier to attending school. We want all our pupils to feel comfortable and ready to learn from the moment they arrive.
- Modernising our policy: It has been a number of years since we last revisited our uniform policy. It is important to ensure our requirements reflect the needs of a modern primary curriculum.
- Prioritising parent and pupil voice: We want to give our parents a genuine voice in how the school operates. We are currently in the consultation phase because we want to know exactly what you and the rest of our community think before any permanent changes are made.

Additionally, we are considering maintaining a version of the smart uniform for special events, such as Christmas Carol Concerts or when children are representing the school.

Pupil Premium Criteria Change

Please note that the criteria for Pupil Premium eligibility will be changing from September 2026, making it accessible to even more students.

Pupil Premium

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

We receive additional funding for the school year for every child that is eligible for the Pupil Premium. If a child qualifies for the Pupil Premium, they are able to access additional support in school. They can keep accessing this support for a further 6 years, regardless of how long they remain directly eligible for Pupil Premium. At Arunside some of the additional support available is:

- Free school meals
- Reduced cost, or free access to after-school and enrichment activities
- Support with cost of residential visits
- Support with some items of school uniform if required

Please read on to find out how to check if you are eligible and if so, how to apply for this financial support.

Your child is eligible for free school meals (this should not be confused with the free school meals offered to children in KS1, it is an entirely different entitlement) if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you are eligible but want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

Please ask if you need support to complete the online application via the West Sussex County Council website when the changes come into effect in September.

Amazon Wish List



Thank you to those who have kindly been donating.

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

Trips

Do you have a trip coming up that you haven't paid for? Did you fill in the form?

- Year 1 - [Arundel Castle](#)
- Year 2 - [Preston Manor](#)
- Year 3 - [Butser Farm](#)
- Year 5 - [Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey](#)
- Year 6 - [Marchants Hill](#)
- Year 3 - [Mayes Park Estate - Holly Class Group 1 June 23rd](#)
- Year 3 - [Mayes Park Estate - Holly Class Group 2 June 30th](#)

If you do not intend for your child to go on these trips please tell the office team so they can make a note not to send reminders.

Year 6 Final Art Project - bottles required

Mrs Sofoglou is still seeking 2-litre bottles for the year 6 final art project. Please donate them (rinsed and empty) if you have any at home.



Arunside PTA need your help for Sports Day

Sports Day – Thursday 21st May

Volunteers Urgently Needed

Our Sports Day is fast approaching, and we are desperately in need of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. Without enough helping hands, unfortunately we won't be able to run the refreshment stand.

If you can spare any time at all during the day, we would be incredibly grateful for your support — please do sign up via the link below or email pta@arunside.school.

[Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#)



We're looking for help with:

- Setting up the refreshment stall (from 8am)
- Running the stall during the morning races (9.15am - 11.45am)
- Distributing ice lollies after the morning races between the classes (from 11.30am)
- Running the stall during the afternoon races (1.15pm - 3.15pm)
- Distributing ice lollies after the afternoon races between classes (from 3pm)
- Packing away at the end of the day (straight after the races)



Every bit of help makes a huge difference. Thank you for supporting the children and helping us make Sports Day a fantastic event for everyone!

Sussex Cricket

Please see poster advertising how to gain a 20% discount on Sussex Cricket T20 Blast Tickets for upcoming matches.



A promotional poster for Sussex Cricket T20 Blast tickets. The background is a vibrant blue with a yellow stylized 'S' logo at the top. The main text 'WATCH THE SHARKS' is in large, bold, yellow letters, with 'SCHOOL TICKET DISCOUNT' in white below it. The central image shows a man and a woman in blue and white striped Sussex Cricket jerseys. The man is shouting with his mouth open, holding a blue flag. The woman is smiling and holding a white cricket ball. In front of them are a young girl in a white 'LIVE IT UP' t-shirt and a blue wig, and a blue shark mascot wearing a yellow cap. The bottom of the poster features a blurred image of a cricket field with spectators. Text at the bottom reads: 'USE CODE: 'PRIMARYSCL' OR 'SECONDARYSCL' TO SECURE A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL T20 VITALITY BLAST TICKETS'. Logos for 'SUSSEX CRICKET FOUNDATION' and 'Vitality BLAST!' are in the bottom corners.

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SCHOOL TICKET DISCOUNT

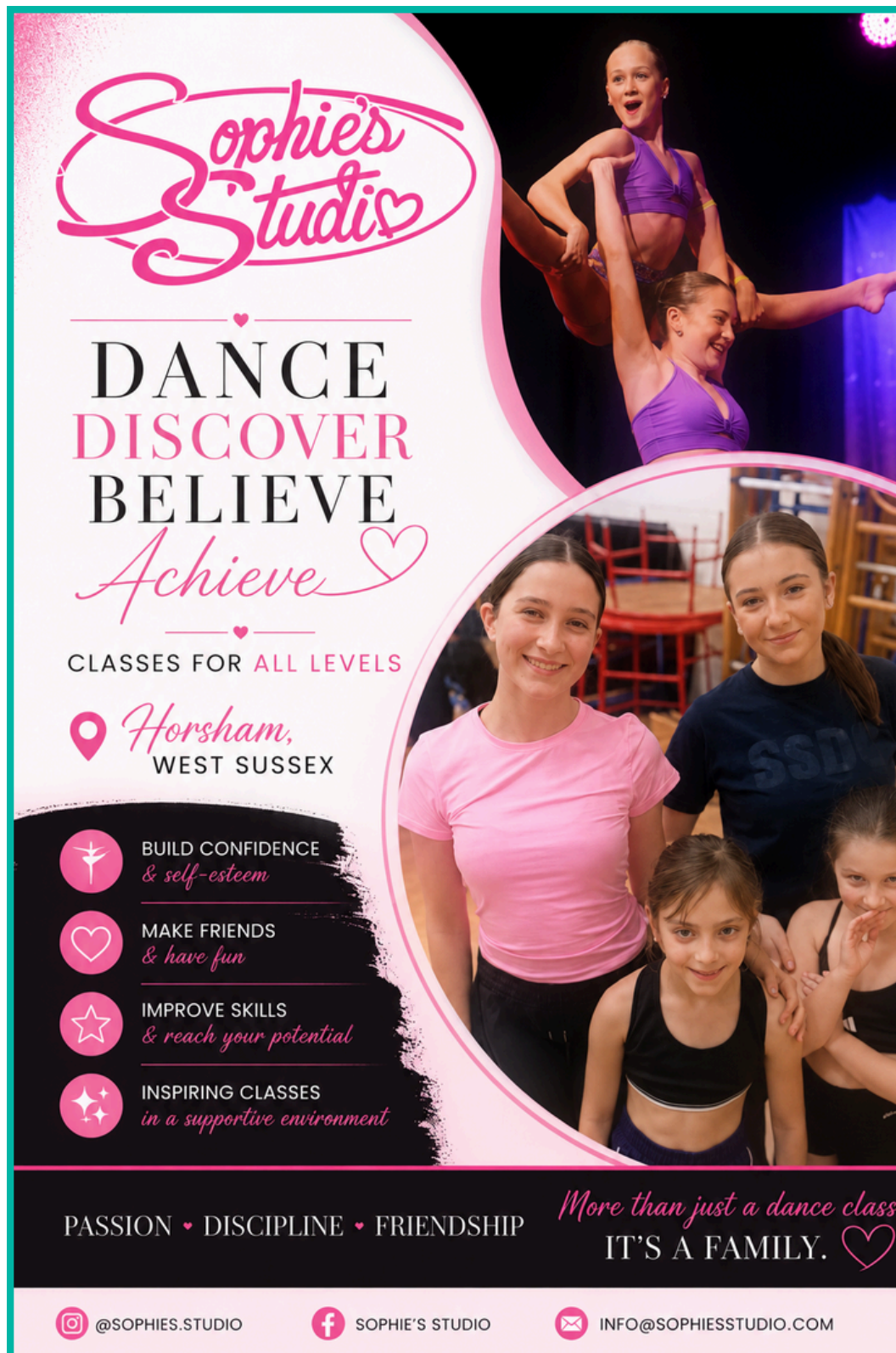
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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Tuesday 19th May 2026	Mayes Park Willow Class Forest School Trip 2 of 2
Thursday 21st May 2026	Sports Day Morning KS2 9.15am - 11.45pm Afternoon EYFS + KS1 1.15pm - 3.15pm
Monday 1st June 2026	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Y3 Butser Farm Trip
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Extra Forest School Session (selected students)
Friday 5th June 2026	Class Photos
Tuesday 9th June 2026	Royal Courts of Justice Trip
Tuesday 9th June 2026	Y5 + 6 Cricket Competition Horsham Sports Club
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Y5 Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey Trip
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Y3 + 4 Striking and Fielding Competition
Friday 12th June 2026	Y2 Walk to Kingdom Faith Church
Monday 15th June 2026	AIM High Writing Day at Heron Way
Tuesday 16th June 2026	Y5 Production Show 1 of 2 at 1.30pm
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Y5 Production Show 2 of 2 at 6.30pm
Thursday 18th June 2026	Y5 + 6 Cricket Competition Southwater Cricket Club
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Mayes Park Holly Class Forest School Trip 1 of 2
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Behaviour Management Strategies Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am
Friday 26th June 2026	Y3 + 4 District Sports (morning 9.15am - 12.00pm) Y5 + 6 District Sports (afternoon 12.45pm - 3.30pm)
Monday 29th June 2026 - Friday 2nd July 2026	Book Fair Week



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Tuesday 30th June 2026	Mayes Park Holly Class Forest School Trip 2 of 2
Tuesday 30th June 2026	Y5 + 6 Rounders Competition at Millais
Friday 3rd July 2026	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 3rd July 2026	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Sunday 5th July 2026	Horsham Childrens Parade (Y5 children representing)
Monday 6th July 2026 - Friday 10th July 2026	Y6 PGL Marchants Hill Trip
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Year 2 Preston Manor Trip
Thursday 16th July 2026	Wellbeing Coffee and Chat Drop-In 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 1 Arundel Castle Trip
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Last day of term