

# Headteacher Newsletter

## End of Year 2025-2026



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an exceptional year for Arunside School and to thank everyone who has contributed to its success.*

*First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our amazing children. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year. They continue to make excellent progress from their individual starting points, demonstrating determination, resilience and enthusiasm in all that they do.*

*This year's outcomes are a testament to their hard work and the support they receive both at school and at home. We are delighted that 75% of our Reception children achieved a Good Level of Development, 87% of Year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils achieved an impressive average score of 23.4 in the Multiplication Tables Check. Our Year 6 Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined result stands at 74%, significantly above the predicted national average of 62%. Once again, all of our results are above national averages and reflect the high aspirations we hold for every child.*

*As you read through the pages in this newsletter, I hope you enjoy reflecting on the many experiences, achievements and memories made throughout the year, whilst also looking ahead to the exciting opportunities that await in September on the transition page, where I encourage you to click on your child's class as a link to further information.*

*A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. As they prepare to leave us and begin the next chapter of their education, we would like to thank them for the tremendous contribution they have made to our school community. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.*

*I would also like to thank our incredible team of teachers, teaching assistants and support staff. Their dedication, commitment and care make Arunside such a special place to learn and such a joy to lead. I am enormously grateful for everything they do for our children every day.*

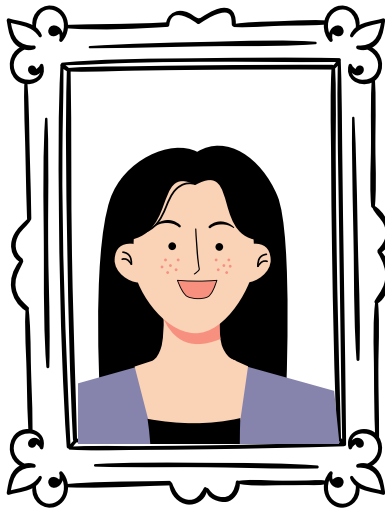
*This year we say goodbye to Mrs Myllikoski, Miss Higman, Mrs Conyers and Mr Hills. We thank them for their commitment to Arunside and wish them every success and happiness in the future. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Miss Clarkson, Mrs Jayner, Mr Ian Mills and Mrs Martin to our school community. I would also like to congratulate Miss Coleman on her appointment as a permanent member of staff, which is thoroughly deserved.*

*My sincere thanks also go to our PTA, volunteers and wider school community, who continually go above and beyond to support our learners and raise valuable funds that enrich the experiences we can offer our children. We are equally grateful to all of our parents and carers for the trust, encouragement and partnership you provide. Your support enables us to do our very best for every child.*

*Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful, restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September for another exciting year of learning and success.*

*Thank you for being part of our Arunside family.*

# Message from the Chair of Governors



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I wanted to reflect on the year that has passed and to thank you for your continued support.*

*It has been a pleasure to see the school thrive this year, both inside and outside the classroom. From sporting fixtures and musical performances to trips and everyday moments of progress in the classroom, our children have had so many opportunities to learn, grow and have fun. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, led by our Headteacher Mrs Jagger, whose commitment to every child's wellbeing and progress does not go unnoticed by governors.*

*I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the part you play in school life — whether that's through supporting your child's learning at home, attending school events, volunteering your time, or simply ensuring your child arrives each day ready to learn. Schools work best as a partnership between home and school, and your support has made a real difference this year.*

*Huge thank you too to our amazing PTA, whose fundraising and events have contributed to Opal play, school trips, amongst other things, that greatly enriched children's experience at Arunside.*

*At this time of year, we say goodbye to some members of our school family. We wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to secondary school, and hope they take with them happy memories of their time here.*

*As governors, we remain committed to supporting the school's vision for the year ahead, and to working alongside staff, parents and the wider community to ensure every child at Arunside can flourish.*

*Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the first week of September.*

*With very best wishes for the summer*

*Warm regards,*

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*Chair of Governors*





## Welcome to Arunside Miss Clarkson

*My name is Miss Clarkson, and I am excited to be joining Arunside this September. I have been teaching for 6 years and couldn't imagine doing any other job! I grew up in Epsom and have recently moved to Horsham. In my spare time, I love attending dance classes, and I also enjoyed running dance club at my previous school. I have always loved drawing and painting, so one of my favourite subjects to teach is Art. My favourite books are the Magic Faraway Tree stories because of the adventure and magic they contain. A fun fact about me is I love Disney. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at Arunside!*



## Volunteer Readers/ Listeners

We rely on support from volunteers to regularly come and listen to our students reading. Volunteers need to be reliable, committed, patient and happy to undergo a DBS check.

If you or a family member are able to commit to a regular routine and are available to attend one of our mandatory safeguarding workshops in September, please click on the link: [Volunteer Application Form](#)

Our Safeguarding Training dates are:

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30-11.30am**
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2.15 - 3.15pm**
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm - 2.30pm**



## School Toilets

Please note that for safeguarding purposes, parents are not allowed to accompany their children into the class toilets.

## Change of Name



Sending congratulations to Miss Donhue who will be getting married over the summer holidays. When she returns she would like us to use her new name - Mrs Burney!

## After School Clubs

We have already provided a timetable of planned clubs from September to study and discuss with your children over the holidays. You can access it by clicking on this link: [Autumn Clubs 2026](#)  
Externally run clubs can be booked directly with the providers, but any clubs that are run by school staff (paid for on MCAS) will be available to book shortly after we return. School-run club places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note we do not hold waiting lists.

## Next Years' Year 6 PGL Trip

We are grateful to those who have paid their deposits for the Year 6 PGL trip for next year. We now have enough students to make the trip viable. The deadline for deposit payments has been extended to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.

GOODBYE

## Mrs Conyers

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Conyers, who has helped cover Oak class this year. She will be missed, and we wish her all the best.

## Mrs Myllykoski

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Mrs Myllykoski. She has been a valuable member of the Arunside community and we will all miss her greatly.

## Miss Higman

Miss Higman has decided not to return to Arunside after her Maternity Leave, and work a little closer to home. We hope she enjoys her new role.

## Mr Hills

An integral member of our premises team is retiring this term. Mr Hills maintains our beautiful flowers and keeps the school grounds neat and tidy. We wish him all the best.



# OPAL



Our OPAL Play project is coming along wonderfully, and it has been fantastic to see the children embracing the new opportunities at playtime. The scooters and digging area have been particularly popular, with the children enjoying the chance to be active, creative and imaginative. A huge thank you to the Friends and Family of Arunside and to everyone who has supported us through donations and our [Amazon Wishlist](#). Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is helping us to continue developing our play provision. Thanks to your support, we have recently purchased two new basketball hoops, which are already proving to be a big hit with the children! Looking ahead to the Autumn Term, we are excited to introduce even more activities and hope to continue expanding our play opportunities throughout the next academic year.

We recently carried out a whole-school pupil survey, and we were delighted to hear that the children told us they are enjoying playtimes much more since the introduction of OPAL.

We have also launched a dedicated [OPAL page](#) on our school website. Please do take a look! We will be updating it regularly with news, photos and information so you can see how our OPAL journey continues to grow.





# Summer Term Sporting Highlights

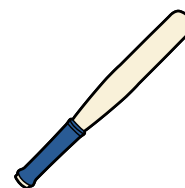
## Cricket



In June some of our Year 5 & 6 students took part in a cricket competition at Southwater Cricket Club. The team did really well, winning a majority of the games they took part in.

## Rounders

A team of students from Year 5 & 6 went to Millais at the end of June to take part in a rounders competition.



## Sports Day

In May we held our annual Sports Day, organised by Mr Ginns. The whole day was a great success, and luckily the weather was on our side!



EYFS + Key Stage 1 was won by **Red Team**

Key Stage 2 was won by **Blue Team**

Most points earned for the whole day was won by **Green Team!**

## Striking and Fielding Event

In June some of our Year 3 & 4 students took part in a striking and fielding event at The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath. Ten Arunside students attended and took part in cricket, rounders and stool ball.



## District Sports

Following the cancellation of the first District Sports Day (due to the heatwave) we managed to get years 3, 4 and 5 back on track to attend the rescheduled dates. They all did so well and made us proud to be part of Team Arunside!



Year 5 did brilliantly, with three students coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and one placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their categories.



Year 3 and 4 came 4<sup>th</sup> overall

## Summer Term Highlights

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

### Royal Courts of Justice

Year 5 and 6 children visited the Royal Courts of Justice in London, where they took part in a mock court trial based on a real cyberbullying case. The pupils stepped into the roles of lawyers, witnesses, and jurors, gaining a fascinating insight into how the justice system works.



### Broadbridge Park Care Home

As part of an Arunside community project, some of our children visited Broadbridge Park Residential Care home. The children and residents had a wonderful time, talking, crafting and playing games.

### Forest School trips to Mayes Park



Children in Year 3 were taken to Mayes Park Estate in Warnham as an enrichment activity for Forest School. They learned about food production, took part in pond-dipping and worked with clay, using the land as a classroom. You can view the latest newsletter here: [Forest School Newsletter](#)

### Rocksteady Concert

Earlier this month parents of Rocksteady music students were invited to a performance, showcasing their work this term.



### Aim High at Heron Way



Four children from Year 3 & 4 were invited to work with the author Kathryn Evans at Heron Way. Kathryn is a children's novelist, and strongly encourages cross curricular writing. She supported the children to write about a subject that they were passionate about, while focusing on the essentials of creative writing.

### Science Competition - "If you were an engineer, what would you do?"

Arunside students did incredibly well this year, with 31 children being shortlisted for awards (an increase of 9 students on the previous year)! Out of these 31 pupils, 2 came Highly Commended and 3 were category winners. Those children were invited to collect certificates and trophies at an awards ceremony hosted by Canterbury Christ Church University!



### Horsham Children's Parade

As always, the year 5 children represented the school brilliantly, making us proud to be part of the Arunside community!





# Transition to new classes in September

To assist parents and children in transitioning to their new classes in September, please [click the name](#) of your child's next class to view key information.



## Welcome to your new class!



Year 1 - [Bluebell Class](#)



Year 1 - [Poppy Class](#)



Year 2 - [Clover Class](#)



Year 2 - [Dandelion Class](#)



Year 3 - [Holly Class](#)



Year 3 - [Willow Class](#)



Year 4 - [Hazel Class](#)



Year 4 - [Sycamore Class](#)



Year 5 - [Chestnut Class](#)

Year 5 - [Oak Class](#)



Year 6 - [Lime Class](#)



Year 6 - [Rowan Class](#)



# Summer Term Highlights

## Eco-Logic League



Eco-Logic League ran their final recycling drive of the year benefitting Purple Community Fund. We collected over 2kg of ring pulls! In recognition of David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, our Year 6s created an interactive display. We also had the opportunity for a day out at Knepp where the children observed storks and their chicks in their nests and got to go into the beaver enclosure to see how they impact the ecosystem!



## Parent Support

### This Term we have:

- Hosted a Wellbeing drop-in session
- Provided SEND Workshop information on behalf of Reaching Families
- Initiated our Parent Representatives group, which will work towards building positive and productive engagement between the school and parent communities.
- Produced Parent Surveys for OPAL play and the Active Uniform Consultation, to ensure that parents are given a voice in our decision-making processes.





# Summer Highlights

## EYFS

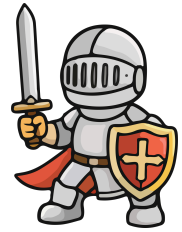
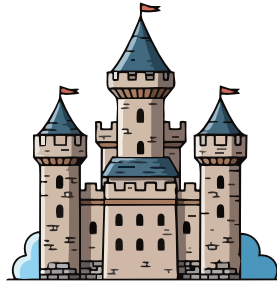
We are celebrating another fun filled term in EYFS. We have loved learning all about People Who Help Us and have been lucky enough to have visits from a number of special people, including a veterinary nurse, dental nurse, hygienist, police officer and firefighter, who talked to us about their jobs. The visitors commented on how well the children listened and were impressed by the questions they asked. The children have also had a visit from Zoolab as part of our Minibeasts topic. The children got to meet a giant snail called Gary, a millipede, spider and snake. Finally, as always, the children have loved exploring the different areas in EYFS and learning through play!





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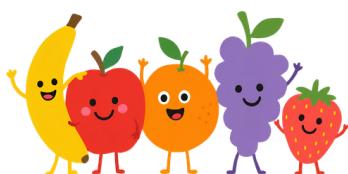
## Year 1



Year 1 had a great time making fruit smoothies! The children learnt to identify fruit, learnt about where fruit and vegetables grow and then chose fruit for their own fruit smoothie. They were shown how to cut the fruit safely and helped to blend the fruit. They all looked delicious!

The children have also been busy learning about the season of summer and recognising the differences between it and the other seasons. They spent time outside looking at different shades of colour in nature and named the parts of a leaf.

We ended the term with a lovely trip to Arundel Castle.





# Summer Term Highlights

## Year 2

Year 2 has had a fantastic summer term filled with wonderful learning experiences and adventures. Our RE curriculum took us on valuable visits to both the Horsham Mosque and Kingdom Faith Church, where a particular highlight for many was enjoying the soft play area!

To bring our Victorian history topic to life, we also spent a brilliant day exploring the historic house and beautiful gardens at Preston Manor in Brighton.

Back in the classroom, the children have become young scientists by learning what plants need to thrive and planting their own sunflowers, which they love checking on every day. It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence and independence this term, mirroring the excellent progress of their sunflowers, and we all finish the school year with many happy memories.





# Summer Term Highlights

## Year 3



Year 3 have been very busy this term! We began our term stepping back in time, tracing the footsteps of our ancestors from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The absolute highlight was our trip to Butser Ancient Farm, where the children didn't just learn about prehistory; they lived it! We returned to school proudly sporting handmade Bronze Age jewellery and chalk carvings. When we weren't busy being archaeologists, we were busy working as botanists. We learned all about the science of flowers and pollination, and loved being visited by Giles, AKA the Bee Man! Not only this, but Year 3 have worked incredibly hard on their writing this year, and this term they produced some wonderful stories, poems and newspaper reports. We couldn't be prouder of how much the children have grown. Their teamwork, independence, and sheer joy for learning have shone through every single day. Thank you for a fantastic year, Year 3!



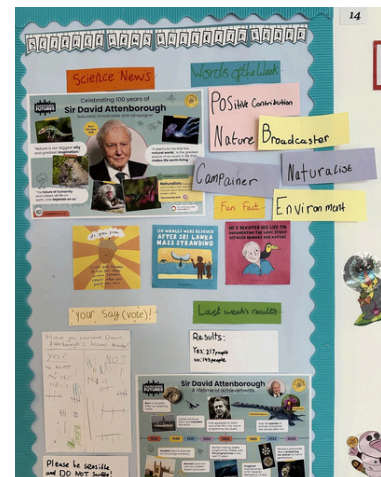


# Summer Term Highlights

## Year 4



This term Year 4s have had a lot of exciting opportunities. They all had a turn at being journalists, reporting live on the escape of Prisoner 42 from our book *Who Let the Gods Out?* by Maz Evans. In connection with our topic of Greeks, all the Year 4 children had the opportunity to make a Greek amphora out of clay which they then decorated using era-relevant techniques! We also had a visit from Horsham Museum to learn about our local history and took part in river and town walks.





# Summer Term Highlights

## Year 5



What an action-packed, unforgettable Summer Term it has been for Year 5! In the classroom, the children have worked incredibly hard preparing for the transition to Year 6 by securing their times tables and arithmetic, recapping key grammar, and mastering six-figure grid references. Beyond the classroom, they enjoyed fantastic adventures, visiting the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey in London, and walking to Tanbridge for a hands-on science enrichment class on forces, where they made lava lamps and experimented with party poppers and Newtons. Chestnut Class made a massive splash during their swimming sessions, with every single child proudly earning a badge, including 25m to an amazing 1000m. To top it all off, Year 5 showcased their incredible talents on stage, putting on a smash-hit production of Oliver! and performing beautifully at both the Summer Fete and the Broadbridge Park Care Home. We are so proud of their hard work and growth!







# Y6 LEAVERS Class of 2026

The time has finally come for our year 6 students to take the leap to secondary school in September. We are incredibly proud of the kind, resilient and hard-working students that they have become.

They demonstrated mature attitudes during the SATs and learned key life-skills during their recent trip to Marchants Hill, where friendships were forged, independence was encouraged and teamwork led to great experiences.

We hope the children have equally enjoyed their time at Arunside with us, and are keen to continue developing into well-rounded, caring and enthusiastic students as they step into their next adventure!







# THANK YOU!

TOGETHER WE'VE MADE A HUGE IMPACT!

## OUR FUNDRAISING IN NUMBERS 2025-2026



**TOTAL INCOME**

**£17,346**

### THINGS WE FUNDED IN 2025-2026

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Children's Parade 26             | OPiAL Play          | Lunchtime Trolleys       |
| Classroom Allowance              | Library Book Covers | Xmas Parties             |
| Classtrip contributions          | PTA Admin Costs     | Xmas Tree                |
| New Carpets & Play Tables (EYFS) | 2 x Gazebos         | Y6 SATs Breakfast (2025) |
| Picnic Benches                   | RE Trip             | Y6 Workbooks             |
| Hoodies (2026 Yr6)               | Buddy Bench         | Open Mornings            |

Better Together for Our Amazing Arunside Children!



# Summer Wordsearch

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## Words to find:

BEACH SUN HOLIDAY ICECREAM  
POOL TRAVEL SAND SURF PICNIC CAMP



*Have a wonderful Summer Break!*  
*We look forward to welcoming children back to school on*  
*Wednesday 2nd September 2026*





PE and Forest School Timetable 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term Autumn

Arunside PE Timetable Autumn 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 |             | PE          |
| Tuesday   |      |    |             |             |        |    |        | PE |        |    |        |    | FS<br>Rowan | FS<br>Rowan |
| Wednesday |      |    |             |             |        | PE |        | PE |        | PE |        |    | FS<br>Lime  | FS<br>Lime  |
| Thursday  |      | PE | FS<br>Poppy | FS<br>Poppy | PE     |    |        |    |        |    |        | PE |             | PE          |
| Friday    |      |    | PE          |             |        |    |        |    |        | PE |        |    |             |             |



## Key Dates for The Diary

| Date                         | Details                                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 22nd July 2026     | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am                       |
| Wednesday 22nd July 2026     | Last day of term                                      |
| Tuesday 1st September 2026   | Inset Day                                             |
| Monday 14th September 2026   | Meet the Teacher 3:40 / 4:20 / 5:30 (30 min sessions) |
| Tuesday 15th September 2026  | Volunteer Safeguarding Training 10.30am - 11.30am     |
| Thursday 17th September 2026 | Volunteer Safeguarding Training 2.15pm - 3.15pm       |
| Friday 18th September 2026   | Volunteer Safeguarding Training 1.30pm - 2.30pm       |
| Friday 18th September 2026   | PTA Colour Run                                        |
| Thursday 1st October 2026    | Flu Vaccinations (details tbc)                        |
| Monday 12th October 2026     | Individual School Photos                              |
| Friday 16th October 2026     | PTA Fireworks                                         |
| Monday 2nd November 2026     | Inset Day                                             |
| Monday 4th January 2027      | Inset Day                                             |
| Monday 22nd February 2027    | Inset Day                                             |
| Monday 7th June 2027         | Inset Day                                             |