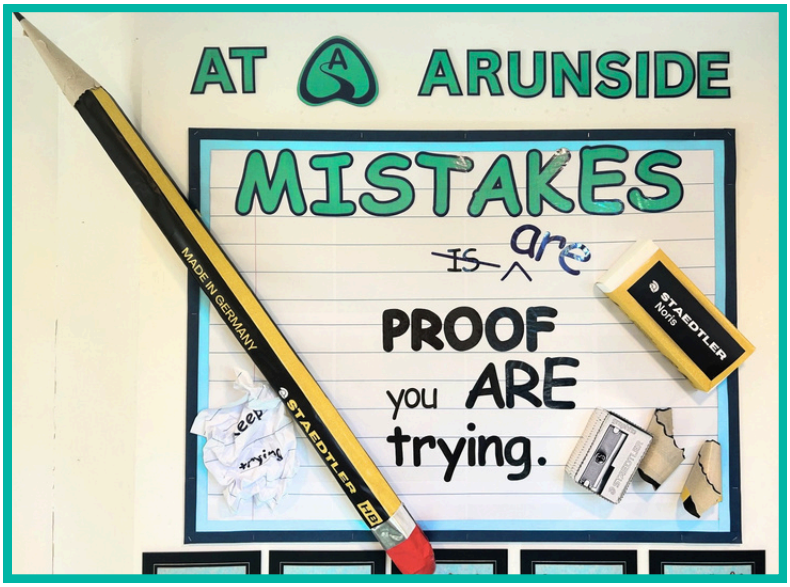
Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing
Monday 28th September 2026



Our new wall display made by Mrs Sofoglou

OPAL Updates

Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who have been donating to our OPAL donation station. We continue to collect wellies, waterproofs, blankets and tarpaulins but are off to a great start! We are also now collecting pool noodles and toy cars!

We have also added some more digging tools and instruments to our digging and music zones, thanks to your donations through our Amazon wishlist!

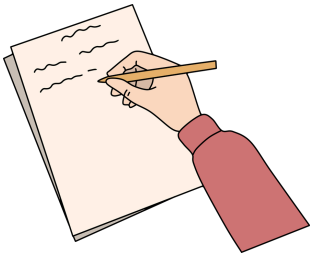
The children have been getting creative with the chalk this week:

Please click on the link to view items on our **Arunside Amazon Wish List**

Club bookings

The following teacher-led school clubs still have availability and can be booked through My Child At School:

- Forest School - Year 3 - Tuesdays
- Latin - Years 3 - 6 - Tuesdays
- Writing Club - Year 3-4 - Tuesdays



Nuts

This week we had to confiscate nuts found on a child at break time. It is absolutely vital that you respect our nut-free rule. We have a number of people with severe allergies in school.

Sweet Wrappers

In Art this half term, year 4 are creating sweet wrapper collages. Try as we might, we cannot eat enough sweet treats to produce enough wrappers to add to their works of art. So, we were hoping that if any of were planning to indulge this weekend, you would be so kind as to save the wrappers for us and bring them in to school on Monday to add to our collection. Any wrappers will do!

Coloured Bottle Lids

Mrs Turner is currently collecting coloured bottle lids for a colour sorting activity in EYFS. Please do send some in if you have any.

Signing-out during the school day

If you have made arrangements for an alternative person to collect your child during the school day for an appointment or event, please ensure the school is informed in advance.

Harvest Festival

With the Harvest Festival approaching soon, we will be taking donations on behalf of Horsham District Foodbank via the School Office. Please see poster below of items that they are collecting:

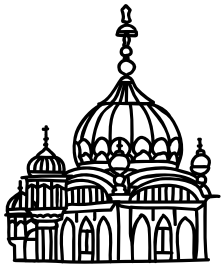
Cool Milk

Please have a conversation with your children regarding whether or not they actually drink the milk you are ordering for them via Cool Milk. We are having to discard a lot of unused milk each day, and do not want to encourage waste.

PSHE Scheme Presentation

We would like to invite parents and carers to a short presentation to introduce our new PSHE scheme, Kapow. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the scheme, what your children will be learning and how it will support their personal development. We hope you will be able to join us and find out more about this exciting new addition to our curriculum. The session will take place on Friday 9th October at 2.30pm. Presentation sign-up sheet

Trips - Permission required



A consent form has been sent out to parents for the following trips:

- Y3 - Tuesday 29th September - Apple Tree Centre
- Y5 - Tuesday 29th September - Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara and Sport Centre
- Y6 Evacuee Day

Please click on the links above and give consent if you have not already done so.

Your child will not be able to attend if we do not have consent.

Y6 PGL - please start paying your instalments on MCAS

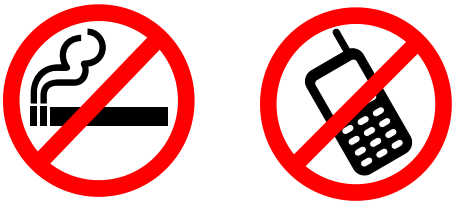
Class Consent Forms

We are **still** awaiting some photo / local walk consents fom parents. Please do click on the relevant class links below and answer the questions in order for each class to have a comprehensive list of your preferences for your child.

- Bluebell Consent Form
- Poppy Consent Form
- Dandelion Consent Form
- Clover Consent Form
- Holly Consent Form
- Willow Consent Form
- Hazel Consent Form
- Sycamore Consent Form
- Oak Consent Form
- Chestnut Consent Form
- Lime Consent Form
- Rowan Consent Form

No smoking, vaping or using mobile phones on the school premises

Please note that smoking / vaping and taking social calls on mobile phones is not permitted on the school premises. We want to set a welcoming and safe environment for everyone.



Arunside PTA

Colour Run

HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Colour Run last Friday! We hope you all had a lovely time — the children were amazing!

Apologies for the colourful aftermath in cars, bathrooms and washing! But as they say, the messier it is, the more fun you've had! :)

A massive thank you to all our wonderful volunteers too — without your help, we simply couldn't run these events.

We will soon be sharing the total amount raised and the amount donated to **Momentum Children's Charity**. We're just waiting for the final figure, including the donations from our external vendors. Thank you everyone for your patience!

If you wish to make a direct donation to Momentum Children's Charity, you can do so here:https://www.momentumcharity.org/?form=donatenow
Well done to all the children — you were fantastic!

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 2nd October 2026

Children can enjoy a day at school in their favourite clothes in return for bringing in a Tombola donation. We'd be very grateful for **sweets, chocolate, toys or gifts**, all in original packaging please.

For the grown-ups, our **Bottle Tombola** is always a favourite! **Donations of wine, bubbles or spirits** would be very much appreciated. Please remember that all alcohol donations must be handed in by an adult.

Thank you for helping us fill our Tombola stalls and make Fireworks Night a fantastic event for everyone!

Donations can be given to PTA members at the main gate, the Year R gate on the morning of the Non-uniform day or dropped at the school office later.

Fireworks Night: Friday 16th October 6pm - 8pm

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Can you spare just 45 minutes–1 hour to run a stall? Without enough volunteers, some stalls may have to close.
Sign up: https://volunteersignup.org/JC8J4
Email: pta@arunside.school

All stalls close before the fireworks, so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the show with your family.
Tickets & food pre-orders: Available from next week at
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/arunsideprimary

Thank you for your support — we can't make this event happen without you!

Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 28th September 2026	Farlington Football Festival (group event)
Tuesday 29th September 2026	Year 3 + 5 RE Trips
Thursday 1st October 2026	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 2nd October 2026	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Care Home Visit (selected children)
Monday 12th October 2026	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Open Morning 9.30am
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Evacuee Day Rowan Class
Thursday 15th October 2026	Evacuee Day Lime Class
Thursday 15th October 2026	Open Afternoon 1.30pm
Friday 16th October 2026	PTA Fireworks
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Harvest Festival Assemblies Y3+4: 9.30am, Y1+2: 2.45pm
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Inset Day
Friday 6th November 2026	Remembrance Assembly Yeear 5+6 9.15am
Monday 23rd November 2026	Parents Evening (details TBC)
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Parents Evening (details TBC)
Monday 7th December 2026	Year 1 Christmas Production 2.30pm
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Year 2 Christmas Production 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	EYFS Nativity 2.30pm
Friday 11th December 2026	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am

Key Dates for The Diary

Tuesday 15th December 2026	Year 3 + 4 Carols at St Mary's Church 2.00pm
Thursday 17th December 2026	Year 5 + 6 Carols at St Mary's Church 2.00pm
Monday 21st December 2026 -Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Break
Friday 29th January 2027	PTA School Disco (details TBC)
Wednesday 10th February 2027	Young Voices
Monday 15th - 19th February 2027	Half Term
Monday 22nd February 2027	Inset Day
Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Break
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027	Half Term
Tuesday 8th June 2027	EYFS Zoolab Visit
Monday 21st June - Friday 25th June 2027	Year 6 PGL to Marchants Hill
Tuesday 20th July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Inset Day