

Arunside Announcements



Week Commencing
Monday 7th September 2026

WELCOME to a new school year!

Starting back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break over the summer and is feeling ready to embrace the new school year. We are very excited to meet our new students and familiarise ourselves with new classrooms and staff.

Meet the Teacher Monday 14th September

This is a reminder that each class (**except EYFS**) will be holding Meet The Teacher Sessions on Monday 14th September.

Families do not need to book, but please arrive to your chosen session on time for a prompt, uninterrupted start.

Sessions will be: 3.40pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm.



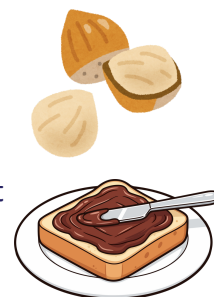
Club bookings

The following clubs will be available to book via MCAS from 5pm on Friday 4th September for those who are eligible. You can view club details by clicking the link: <https://arunside.school/parents/clubs-and-enrichment/>

- Forest School
- Latin (Christ Hospital Students delivering lessons with Arunside Staff supervision)
- Young Voices
- Colouring Club
- Writing Club

Nut-free School

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. There are staff and children at Arunside who require epi-pens and have life-threatening allergies. This means no Nutella or Hazelnut spread (sometimes advertised as chocolate filling). Please read labels carefully when choosing snacks for your child to bring to school.



Welcome Mrs Martin

Many of our infants will recognise Mrs Martin from her work as a volunteer reader, however she has now joined us as a member of support staff. We are thrilled that she has joined the team and look forward to working with her.

Date Changes

Please note that two of our Inset Days in 2027 have been changed. We are now replacing Monday 4th January and Monday 7th June with Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2027. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Arunside Children Need You



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 15th September at 10.30-11.30am
- Thursday 17th September 2.15 - 3.15pm
- Friday 18th September 1.30pm - 2.30pm



School Ties

For those who are struggling to buy ties - we are still awaiting a delivery from our new supplier. Please do reassure your children that they will not be penalised for not having ties in the interim. We will send out a communication when we have them in stock.

OPAL Updates



We look forward to continuing our OPAL journey at Arunside this year and are planning lots of exciting additions. We hope you have visited our new [OPAL page](#) on the website, where you will find information, regular updates and pictures of our activities in action! As you know, we depend on your kind donations - this term we are asking for wellington boots - any size appropriate for our primary age children. Please pop donations into our Donation Station at the front of the school office.

The OPAL Team



Please click on the link to view items on our

[Arunside Amazon Wish List](#)

Trips

A consent form has gone out this week to parents for the following:

Y3 - [Tuesday 29th September - Apple Tree Centre](#)

Y5 - [Tuesday 29th September - Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara and Sport Centre](#)

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

Summer Reading Challenge

Miss Booth has extended the deadline to Monday 7th September, to ensure all children who took part over the holidays have an opportunity to submit their forms.



Premises

This is a polite reminder that for safeguarding and insurance purposes, pupils and parents are not permitted to be on the premises until the gates open at 8.35am

Arunside PTA Colour Run 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce the Arunside PTA Colour Run 2026, taking place on Friday 18th September 2026 at Arunside Primary School.

Kick off the new schools year with a fun-filled afternoon featuring a Colour Run, colour clouds, finisher medals and a picnic. Spectators welcome, bring your own food or try one of amazing food vendors!

BOOK NOW: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/arunsideprimary>

IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION CLOSES WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

We need to order all of the colour powder in advance, so spaces are limited and late registrations cannot be accommodated.

Please book as soon as possible to make sure your child does not miss out.

Worried about rain? Don't be! A little dampness can actually help the bright powder stick even better, making for some fantastic colourful photos.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are also looking for volunteers to become Colour Throwers and help make the afternoon extra special.

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/K9W3D>

If you have any questions, please email pta@arunside.school.

Don't wait — secure your tickets today and get ready for a brilliant afternoon of colour and fun.

Best wishes,

Arunside PTA





Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
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
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Open Morning 9.30am
Thursday 15th October 2026	Open Afternoon 1.30pm
Friday 16th October 2026	PTA Fireworks
Monday 2nd November 2026	Inset Day
Monday 22nd February 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Inset Day