



Arunside Announcements



Week Commencing
Monday 12th October 2026

Individual School Photos on Monday

Don't forget individual photos are taking place on Monday 12th October. For those who are still awaiting ties, a spare will be issued during the photo session.



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:



Horsham District Foodbank
Together with Trussell

HorshamMatters
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives
Serving 20 years

Harvest Appeal

The Horsham District Foodbank is asking for donations of:

Custard	Tinned Meat
Rice Pudding	Tinned Veggie Meals
Coffee	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Milk	Tinned Vegetables
Fruit Juice	Soup
Ketchup / Mayo	Rice
Biscuits	Baked Beans
Crisps	Tinned Fish

Donate to the Harvest food collection at your local school

Scan the QR code to donate and help people in the Horsham District

For Help or information,
Either call or WhatsApp: 0300 124 0204
Or email support@horsham-matters.org.uk

Charity No. 1116253



Trips

Y3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Thank you to those who have already made payments. Please do check MCAS if you have not already paid.



Y4 Lodge Hill Trip 2027

A letter has gone out to parents and payments are now being taken on MCAS.

Y6 Marchants Hill Trip 2027

Payment plans are up and running for those who paid their deposits to secure a place.

The remaining balance has been split into 8 payments. The first payment in the plan is unfortunately called a deposit by our software (We cannot change this).

Therefore, the second payment will subsequently be called instalment 1 and your last payment will be instalment 7. If you need any further clarification, please speak to the school office.

PTA Fireworks **SOLD OUT**

A communication went out to parents this week, advising that the maximum capacity for spectators has now been reached. Thank you to all those who have bought tickets!



Family Support

SUPPORTING PARENTS & CARERS

Mrs Lee and Mrs Roberts invite you to a Wellbeing coffee afternoon here at Arunside School. Drop-in, no need to book!

Wednesday 21st
October

2.30pm-3.15pm

It's a chance to chat with other parents, connect, share ideas, and hear about ways to support wellbeing at home and in school. Everyone is welcome — just drop in for a drink, a biscuit and a friendly conversation.

Sign-up to this parent workshop via the School Office. Mrs Lee will also be in attendance.

Parents learn share grow together

Supporting brighter tomorrows together

Parent Workshop

Supporting my child with their worries and managing our worries as parents

Practical advice • Useful strategies • Time to talk

Monday 9th November

2.15pm

Arunside Primary School

This workshop will explore:

- Understanding worries in children
- Practical ways to support your child
- Tips for managing your own worries as parents
- Time for questions and discussion

All parents and carers welcome!

Bigger confidence

Calmer days

Happier children

Stronger families

Small steps make a big difference

Workshop delivered by

Early Help DST Horsham
with West Sussex County Council

Children ♥ Families ♥ Brighter Futures

OPAL Updates

Please click on the link to view items on our

[Arunside Amazon Wish List](#)

This week, we had a visit from Julie, our OPAL mentor. She was delighted to see so many positive changes to our playtimes and particularly enjoyed her chat with some of our O'Pals. She has given us some new things to work on but is pleased with the progress we are making on our OPAL journey.

We are currently collecting: Tarpaulins, toy cars, plastic supermarket crates, any colour or size (see image), wellies and waterproofs.



JOIN YOUR SCHOOL PTA

AGM & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Could you spare a few hours a year to make a real difference to our school community?

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up, and we'd love to see both familiar and new faces there. Whether you can help regularly, occasionally, or simply want to find out more, everyone is welcome.

Over the next couple of years, **many of our current PTA members will be stepping down after years of dedicated service.** To ensure the PTA can continue organising the events, activities and fundraising that our children enjoy and benefit from, **we urgently need some fresh faces and new ideas to join the team.**

The PTA helps fund valuable resources and experiences for our children while bringing families, staff and the wider school community together through events throughout the year. Without volunteers, these activities simply can't continue in the same way.

Why joining the PTA?

- ✓ Meet other parents and carers
- ✓ Have a say in school community events
- ✓ Help raise funds that directly benefit the children
- ✓ Volunteer as much or as little as you can
- ✓ Bring new ideas and skills to the team

Join us at the AGM and help shape the future of our PTA

- **Date: Tuesday 20th October 2026**
- **Time: 19.30**
- **Location: ICT Suite, Arunside Primary School**



Concerned about joining the PTA?

1. "I don't have enough time."

You don't need to commit hours every week.

Many PTA volunteers help just a few hours throughout the year, such as assisting at a school disco or helping set up a stall at the summer fair. Every contribution makes a difference!

2. "I've never done anything like this before."

No experience is needed.

The PTA is made up of parents and carers from all backgrounds. Whether you're great at organising events, happy serving tea or good with social media, there's a role for everyone.

3. "I don't want to be tied into a committee role."

You can get involved as much or as little as suits you. Joining the PTA doesn't mean signing away your evenings or taking on a major responsibility. We welcome all levels of involvement.



Arunside PTA have partnered with Barracudas and are offering the following discount:

- Families receive £20 off their holiday childcare booking when they book 2 days or more.
- For every booking made using your code, we'll donate £5 to your school's fundraising efforts, with totals tracked throughout the year.



Sports Stars





Preschool Places Available

Looking for a warm, caring and fun environment for your child to learn and grow?

At Southwater Village Hall Preschool, we provide:

- Qualified and friendly staff
- Safe and stimulating play-based learning
 - Outdoor activities and creative play
- Support for early learning and school readiness
 - Term time only childcare

✨ Spaces now available for children aged 18 months to 5 years

🕒🕒 Flexible sessions available

Come and see what makes our preschool special.

☎ Call: 01403 733954

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Book a visit today — we'd love to meet you!



Pre-School taking spaces



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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
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
Tuesday 20th October 2026	PTA AGM 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Wellbeing drop-in coffee 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Inset Day
Friday 6th November 2026	Remembrance Assembly Year 5+6 9.15am
Monday 9th November 2026	Early Help Workshop on Worries 2.15pm - 3.00pm
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



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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
Wednesday 20th January 2027	Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop 2.15pm - 3.00pm
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
Monday 8th March 2027	Early Help workshop on healthy eating, sleep and dental hygiene 2.15pm - 3.00pm
Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Break
Tuesday 27th April 2027	Workshop on friendships 9.00am - 10.00am
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
Wednesday 30th June 2027	Wellbeing drop-in coffee 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 20th July 2027	Inset Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Inset Day