Arunside Announcements

We look forward to seeing you after Half Term on Tuesday 3rd November



Clocks change on Sunday 25th October

On Sunday 25th October the clocks will go back at 2.00am by 60 minutes, giving you an extra hour!

PTA Firework Success

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped to make last weeks Fireworks display a huge success. The weather was perfect and they looked bigger and better than ever before!



Reminder about school safety

We would like to remind all families that, once children have been dismissed and handed over to their parents or carers at the end of the school day, they must not re-enter the school building unsupervised. We have noticed that some children have been coming back into school after dismissal, when staff are no longer available to supervise them.

As a school, we have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils, in line with our statutory safeguarding duties under the Education Act 2002 and the Department for Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children remain with their parent or carer after collection and only re-enter the school with permission from a member of teaching staff and with appropriate adult supervision.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us keep all our children safe.

Parents Evenings



Please note that Parent Consultations will be taking place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November, between 3.40pm and 6.30pm on both days. Bookings can be made via My Child At School from Tuesday 3rd November at 5.00pm. Do not book more than one appointment per child.



School Photos

All parents should now have their proof cards back from the photographer. This is a reminder that the closing date set by Yellow is **Tuesday 10th November 2026,**

Trips



Y3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Thank you to those who have already made payments. Please do check MCAS if you have not already paid. The date of the workshop has been **rescheduled to Tuesday 10th November.**

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

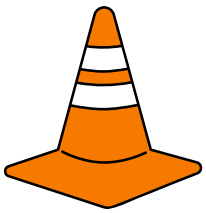
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OPAL Updates



This week we have been making preparations for some exciting improvements for the next half term. We are having some groundwork done to prepare for our new OPAL shed and our welly post is being put in over half term too - this will indicate to the children whether it's a 'grass' or 'no grass' day.

We are planning to add some items to our Wheels zone to make this more challenging, obstacles such as traffic cones, bollards and road signs. If you work for a business that has any of these items that they would willingly donate, please get in touch!



We are constantly on the lookout for ways to improve our OPAL playtimes so constructive feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

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

Harvest Collection



Thanks to all the generous parents who have so kindly donated food for the Harvest Festival Collection.
It was very gratefully received by Horsham District Foodbank and Horsham Matters.





RSVP's

When receiving an invitation to a club or event, please ensure to respond - even if it is to decline.
A few parents have cancelled planned activities on the day, or have not turned up for events which were only available to a small number of children.
In some cases this has left us short for teams, and denied other children an opportunity to participate in something they may have thoroughly enjoyed.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Year 6 children will be selling Remembrance items on behalf of the Royal British Legion the first week back after half term. There are poppies to buy alongside snap bands, wristbands and keyrings. If the children would like to purchase something, please send them in with 20p for poppies and £1 for other items on their designated days.

- Years 1, 3 and 5 children will be able to buy on Tuesday
- Years 2, 4 and 6 can make purchases on Wednesday
- Reception can make purchases on Wednesday

Any surplus stock will be sold to children in all year groups on Thursday.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place from the 16-20th November with this year's theme being 'Break the Silence'. We have a range of activities planned to help children understand the importance of speaking up, supporting one another and promoting kindness and respect.



On Monday 16th November, children are invited to take part in Odd Socks Day, celebrating individuality and our differences. We will also hold assemblies for both KS1 and KS2, and KS2 children will join a live lesson alongside hundreds of other primary schools across the country. On Tuesday, our Democratic Circles session will explore a question linked to the theme. Throughout the week, children will also have the opportunity to contribute to our Anti-Bullying Art Mural during playtimes and lunchtimes by adding positive messages in speech bubbles to a chalkboard displayed outside the main hall doors. We look forward to working together to encourage a culture where everyone feels safe, valued and confident to speak up.



Forest School Kit

Forest School Winter Clothes Checklist

It is crucial for your child to be well dressed and warm for Forest School as we are outside for up to 3 hours in the rain, wind, snow and cold. Here is a tick list of what your child should have in school on their Forest School days.

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Warm fluffy socks or 2 thinner pairs	
Leggings/thermal underwear	
Tracksuit/walking trousers (not jeans)	
Plastic over-trousers	
Vest/thermal undershirt	
Long sleeved t-shirt	
Extra t-shirt or fleece (optional)	
Warm jumper	
Warm water-proof coat	
Gloves	
Hat	
Neck warmer/snood (optional)	
Wellies or walking boots	
Large plastic bag for wet, dirty stuff	
Spare clothes	



We hold a small number of waterproofs and wellies in school for emergencies but please try to send your child in with their own kit. Please ensure your child has a complete change of clothes with them including spare socks and shoes.

SEND Support



Springboard

SEND Coffee Morning

A chance to chat to other SEND parents/carers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Monday 5th October 10am to 11.30pm

We will be joined by Horsham Matters- sharing what support they have available

Monday 2nd November 10am to 11.30pm

We will be joined by a Speech and Language Specialist. An opportunity to ask questions and get some free resources.

Monday 14th December 10am to 11.30pm

Christmas get together- Mince Pies and mulled wine.

Whether your child is pre-diagnosis, recently diagnosed or you've been on the SEND journey for a while, we will be here to welcome you with a smile and a friendly ear. All based at Springboard House, Horsham.

Springboard House
52 Hurst Road, Horsham,West Sussex, RH12 2EP
01403 218888
www.springboardsupport.org
Reg Charity No. 1014270

Springboard

Halloween STAY AND PLAY

Saturday October 31st

9:15-10:45 / 11:15-12:45 /13:15-14:45 SEND Sessions
15:15-16:45 Everyone welcome

52 Hurst Road, Horsham

Halloween themed activities, tuff trays, trick or treat trail. Come dressed, ready to have fun!
Book online via website
www.springboardsupport.org

Costumes encouraged, but not scary ones please!



Springboard

STAY AND PLAY MEMBERSHIP

FACILITIES

We have a range of play spaces to explore and enjoy, including soft play, sensory room, role play/dressing up, books, arts and crafts, spacious garden with inclusive, adapted play equipment and accessible changing facilities.

for more information visit our website www.springboardsupport.org

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Standard Monthly Fees:
- First child -£10
- Each additional child £6

Concession Monthly Fees:
- First child -£7.50
- Each additional child £5

Includes 1 free adult with every child membership.

Charity No. 1014270 PHONE: 01403 218888

Springboard

CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

MEET SANTA | CHRISTMAS CRAFT
RAFFLE | REFRESHMENTS

£6 PER CHILD
FIRST ADULT FREE £2 PER ADDITIONAL ADULT

9:15-10:30 /11:00-12:15 /13:15-14:30 /15:30-17:00

SEND SESSIONS
THUR 10TH 13:15-14:30
FRI 5TH 13:15-14:30 AND 15:30-17:00

BOOK VIA WEBSITE WWW.SPRINGBOARDSUPPORT.ORG
52 HURST ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 2EP

SEND Support





Family Support

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



Zig Zag Job Vacancy

ZigZag Childcare

JOB VACANCY

ZigZag Wraparound Childcare – Breakfast and After School Clubs

Join Our Breakfast Club Team! Help children begin their school day with a warm welcome, a healthy breakfast and fun morning activities.

Monday to Friday, 7:15–8:45 a.m. (term time only).

We are looking for a fantastic Breakfast Club Assistant / Playworker to join our friendly ZigZag Childcare team. If you love working with children and are committed to providing kind, high-quality care, this rewarding role could be perfect for you.

ZigZag is a fully registered childcare organisation offering popular clubs and activities for children aged 4–11 across Sussex.

We would love to hear from you if you are or could become a reliable, kind, caring, committed, professional and enthusiastic playworker.

- Keep children safe, happy and engaged indoors and outdoors.
- Serve breakfasts, snacks and drinks.
- Lead fun, age-appropriate activities.
- Communicate warmly and professionally with families and colleagues.
- Maintain a welcoming, safe and hygienic setting.
- *Children of staff can attend ZigZag at a highly discounted rate.*

Qualifications/experience working with children desirable, though further training is provided for **all** staff.

How to Apply

For a full job description and application form, or a chat about the role, please contact **Frances** on **07850 509701** or email **zigzagchildcare@gmail.com**.

After School Club job roles may also be available.

ZigZag Childcare is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Successful applicants must undertake, or have already undertaken, an Enhanced Disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

ZigZag Childcare Ltd.
Registered Office: Preston Park House, South Road, Brighton, East Sussex. BN1 6SB

Christmas Card Competition from John Milne MP

John Milne MP
Member of Parliament for Horsham
House of Commons | London | SW1A 0AA
john.milne.mp@parliament.uk

Wednesday, 7 October 2026



With last year's winner, Grace Lee from Greenway

Dear Headteacher,

It's that time of year again!

As MP for Horsham, I write to invite your pupils to take part in my annual **Christmas Card Competition**, which is open to all children of primary school age.

Every pupil at your school is welcome to submit a design, and I will send a certificate to everyone who takes part. The winner and runners-up will receive book tokens, and the winning design will be used for my Christmas card this year, which will be sent to key contacts and businesses across the Horsham constituency.

I have set out a few competition details below:

- Please send us the original design, not a photocopy.
- Send your designs on A4 paper (the winning design will be printed on A6).
- Creativity and fun is encouraged, but please avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items which don't reproduce well once we send the design to print.
- Remind pupils to write their full name, age, and school year on the back of their designs – otherwise we won't know who the winner is!
- **Please note: the name, age, year group and school will be shown on the winning card, so please do not include entries where pupils/parents/guardians would not want this information shared.**

All designs must be received by Friday 6th November 2026.

Please send all entries to my constituency office: Suite 2, Ground Floor, Spingfield House, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG.

I would also appreciate if you could let my office know whether your pupils will be taking part, by emailing john.milne.mp@parliament.uk.

I look forward to seeing what your pupils come up with!

Best wishes,

John Milne

John Milne MP
Member of Parliament for Horsham

Constituency Office:
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Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 2nd November 2026	Inset Day
Thursday 5th November 2026	Year 2 - Visit from the Fire and Rescue Service
Friday 6th November 2026	Remembrance Assembly Year 5 + 6 9.15am
Monday 9th November 2026	Early Help Workshop on Worries 2.15pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Monday 16th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day
Monday 23rd November 2026	Parents Evening - bookings can be made via My Child at School from 5pm on 3rd November
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Parents Evening - bookings can be made via My Child at School from 5pm on 3rd November
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Year 3+4 Team Games Festival (selected students only)
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
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Year 3 + 4 Carols at St Mary's Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Year 2 Walk to St Mary's Church 1.00pm - 3.00pm
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 20th January 2027	Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop 2.15pm - 3.00pm
Friday 29th January 2027	PTA School Disco (details TBC)



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
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