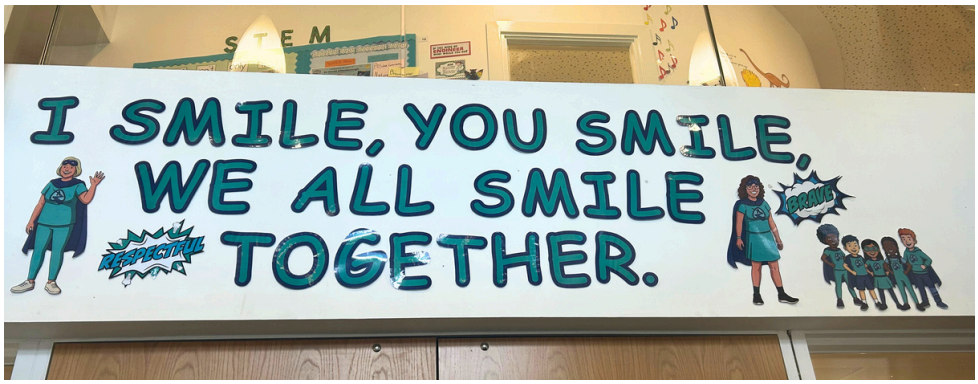


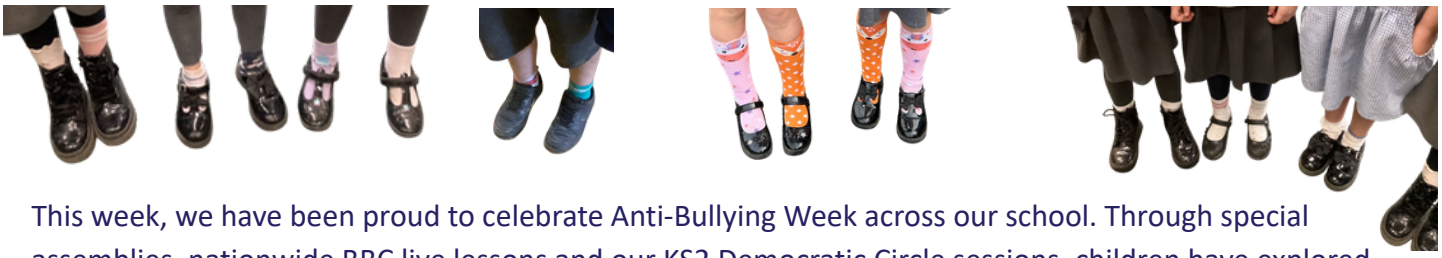
Arunside Announcements

Monday 23rd November 2026



Entrance display by Mrs Sofoglou

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day - Monday 16th November



This week, we have been proud to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week across our school. Through special assemblies, nationwide BBC live lessons and our KS2 Democratic Circle sessions, children have explored the importance of kindness, respect and our personal responsibility to speak up and call out bullying whenever we see it.

We showed our support by wearing our odd socks on Monday and have loved seeing our new playground chalkboards filled with beautiful, positive messages of kindness, friendship and support. It has been a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference and that we all have a part to play in making our school a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone.



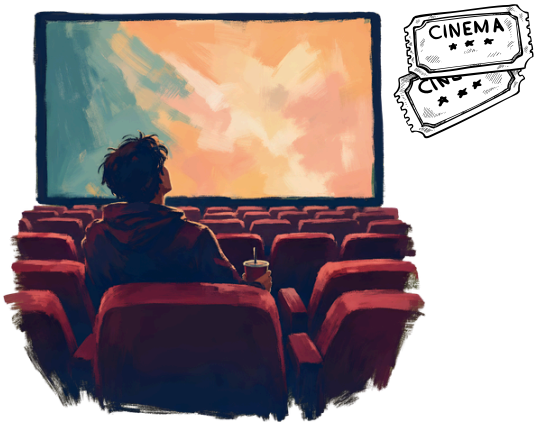


Parents Evenings

A reminder 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. Do not book more than one appointment per child.



Cinema Trip for Years 3 & 4

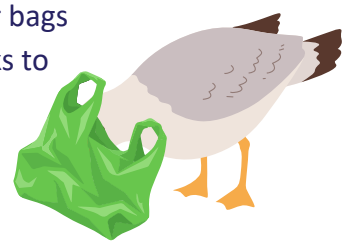


This week Miss Guthrie escorted 40 students to Everyman Cinema in Horsham to watch Paddington in Peru. This is the second of 3 planned cinema trips, split across the two year groups. The activity was free to all, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. The children represented the school beautifully both during the screening, and walking there and back.



Lunch thieves identified

The clever seagulls have worked out how to get into carrier bags in the lunchbox area. Please ensure to send food and snacks to school in a sealed container.



Coughs and Sneezes...



Following the message we shared from West Sussex County Council regarding staying healthy in school, we are very happy to receive donations of tissue boxes for the classes!

Re-entering the building after school ends

Please do not send your children into the school or enter the building with your child after they have been returned to your care at the end of the day. If it is urgent, you must go to the school office and a member of staff will escort your child while you wait in the lobby. For safeguarding reasons we cannot have parents or children unsupervised on the premises.

Book Fair



Well done to everyone for taking part in the Book Fair. We will let you know how much commission was raised for the school soon!

Signing in late

Please do not send your chlldren into school late without coming to the office to sign them in.

Missing Scooters



We have now had two reports of scooters going missing at the end of the school day. One is a pink scooter, and the other is a red JD Bug scooter. Please ensure that your child is taking their own scooter to and from school. If you do have the wrong scooter please return it as soon as possible.

Active Travel - Virtual Race to Lapland

From Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December, we will be taking part in a West Sussex-wide challenge to log 1,900 virtual miles and travel all the way to Lapland!

- How it works: Throughout the week, we will be logging how each child travels to school. Every active journey - walking, scooting, cycling, or park and striding for at least 10 minutes - counts as two miles towards our total (covering the journey there and back).

- The Grand Prize: The school with the highest proportion of active journeys for the week will win a full day of scooter workshops for up to 100 pupils, plus a special assembly with scooter champion and record breaker Terry Price!

Let's get active and help our school reach Lapland! More details to follow!





OPAL Updates





We have introduced some water play into our OPAL provision recently (see photos) and it has already proved to be a big hit! The children have loved exploring and experimenting with the new resources, with a child in Clover Class giving it a huge '150 out of 10!'

As you know, introducing OPAL is very much a work in progress. We are constantly reviewing, reflecting and adapting our provision as we introduce new activities or make changes, ensuring that we continue to develop exciting and engaging play opportunities for all our children.

We have been making the most of our outdoor spaces and, wherever possible, have been spending as much of our playtime outside as we can, including eating outdoors. However, as the weather conditions become colder and wetter, we have decided that it is in the best interests of the children to return to eating indoors for the remainder of this term and into the early part of the Spring term. Children will therefore all be eating in the hall for the time being. We will, of course, continue to make the most of our outdoor play opportunities whenever the weather allows!

We'd like to say a big thank you for your continued support and donations. We are always delighted when we see a full Donation Station bin! We are currently collecting welly boots, traffic cones and tarpaulins.

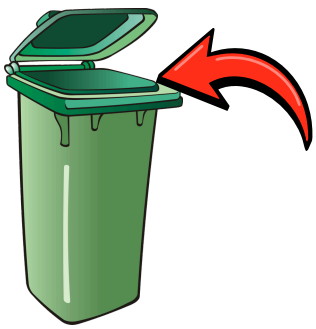






Donation Station

Please place OPAL donations in the green bin outside the School Office



Please click on the link to view items on our: [Arunside Amazon Wish List]



EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Story Countdown



Christmas Story Countdown!

Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate our love of stories and Christmas, we would like to create a sack of seasonal stories to share with our classes in December.

Could each child please bring in a seasonal story from home wrapped in Christmas paper to add to our story sacks? Please make sure your child's name is written clearly in the front of the book so that we can return it once we have shared it. Books need to be delivered to class by Friday 27th November.

Thank you!









PTA Christmas Raffle



🎄 **The Arunside PTA Christmas Raffle 2026 is NOW OPEN!** 🎄

Get your tickets for a chance to win some fantastic prizes, including our headline prize: a Nintendo Switch 2 Console Bundle with Mario Kart World, generously donated by our long-standing sponsor, Strawberry Global Technology!

Plus, there are lots more brilliant prizes from our generous local businesses. Take a look and see what you could win!

🎟️ Enter now: https://pta.events/arunsidexmas26



📅 The draw takes place on **Monday 7th December 2026**.



Every ticket helps raise valuable funds for Arunside Primary, supporting projects, resources and experiences for our children.

A huge thank you for your support – and good luck! 🤞🎅



The Arunside PTA Team

Bluecoat Sports Santa Dash







Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 23rd November 2026	Parents Evening
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Year 4 Ukelele Concert 2.00pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Parents Evening
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Year 3 + 4 Looney Tunes Cinema Visit
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Year 3 + 4 Team Games Festival (selected students only)
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Open Afternoon School Tour 1.15pm - 2.30pm
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
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
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	The Easy Lunch Company Christmas Lunch
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
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



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
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