Arunside Announcements

Monday 9th November 2026

Remembrance Assembly

Thank you to all the children for contributing artwork for our stunning display boards.
The year 5 and 6 children sang beautifully during the Remembrance Assembly, and Mr Boffey kindly played the The Last Post on the cornet whilst we reflected on those past and present who sacrifice themselves to protect our future.





Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Poppy Appeal. Year 6 made a great effort to raise funds.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December 2026 is National Christmas Jumper Day. Please note that jumpers are to be worn over school uniform!



PTA Fireworks

Congratulations to Arunside PTA who managed to raise **£5,565.23** with their amazing fireworks event!
Thank you to everyone who helped make it a huge success.



Road Rage and Dangerous Parking



Please be aware that local residents and emergency services **MUST** have 24/7 access to homes and driveways.

We have received reports of school parents shouting at residents, even removing cones from private parking bays. This is unacceptable behaviour, particularly in the presence of children.

Please report any concerns about anti-social driving via Operation Crackdown or alternatively call **01243 642222** To report issues with on-street parking please email parking@horsham.gov.uk or call **01403 215379**.



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.

Extra School Tour Date

Due to popular demand we have added an extra Open Day School Tour date to the school calendar for prospective parents. If you know of anyone who is hoping to send their child in September 2027, please get them to book online, either using the QR Code below, or via the booking link on the home page of our school website.

Arunside School Tour Booking - Tuesday 1st December 2026 1.15pm - 2.30pm

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.**

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. Do not book more than one appointment per child.

Athletics Festival

A group of year 1 and 2 children got the opportunity to take part in an athletics festival at the end of last half term. The children enjoyed a carousel of activities across the morning, these included jumping, running, throwing and athletic based games. High jump was the favourite for many of the children!











MCAS Payments

We have recieved feedback from a couple of parents who are having payment issues with My Child At School. We have escalated this with Bromcom and they have advised that those affected should check with their banks to see if there are any blocks in place when making outgoing payments.

Snow Policy



Now the weather has started to get chillier, please familiarise yourself with our Snow Day Guidance

Oak Swimming Lessons



Please ensure the deposit and first instalment for swimming lessons are both paid before lessons begin on Monday.

Book Fair



Don’t forget next week is the Book Fair. Please see email from Miss Booth with all the details.

OPAL Updates

What a great start to the second part of our Autumn term! We have our new welly post up to show the children whether they can play on the grass or not and have introduced some new items to our 'Wheels' zone.

Our first play assembly of the half term introduced the new easy riders and had a focus on how to use the equipment safely.

We are still collecting wellington boots so if you have any at home that are outgrown, please send them our way.







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

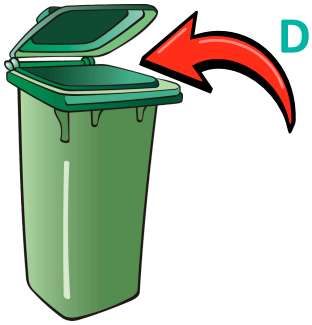












Donation Station

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



Family Support

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



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ZigZag Childcare

JOB VACANCIES

ZigZag Wraparound Childcare – Breakfast and After School Clubs

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

BC - Monday to Friday, 7:15–8:45 a.m. (term time only).
ASC - Monday to Friday, 2.45-6.00 p.m. (term time only).

We are looking for fantastic Breakfast Club and After School Club Assistants / Playworkers 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 in 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, afternoon snacks and drinks.
- Plan and 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 are desirable but not essential as 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**.

Part-time Breakfast only or After School only 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



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Monday 9th November 2026	Early Help Workshop on Worries 2.15pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Year 3 + 4 How To Train Your Dragon Cinema Visit
Monday 16th November 2026	Anti-bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th - Thursday 19th November 2026	Book Fair
Wednesday 18th November 2026	Year 3+4 Paddington In Peru Cinema Visit
Monday 23rd November 2026	Parents Evening
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



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Date	Details
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)
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