Arunside Announcements

Monday 30th November 2026

Christmas Productions



Walking through the corridors during lesson time is a delight at this time of year! We can clearly hear the children practicing their lines and singing their festive songs in anticipation of their big performances.
Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 have all received letters home detailing which character they have been assigned. Please ensure all costumes are in by the deadlines set.



Staff Changes in Spring Term

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Hills is leaving Arunside after 10 years of wonderful service. We hope you join us in wishing her all the best in her future endeavours. Mrs Hills has been a credit to the school, and will be very much missed by families, students and colleagues.



We will not be without support though, as we have recently recruited Miss Bouchiba to fill the SENDCo position. Miss Bouchiba has come to us from a school in Crawley and brings lots of experience in supporting students and their families with additional needs. We look forward to working with her and hope she enjoys her new chapter at Arunside School.



Scholastic Book Fair



The total sales from our recent Book Fair came to **£1551.52**, giving us **£853.34** to spend on new books! Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair and made purchases!

School Ties



The school office is now fully stocked with Arunside school ties, which are on sale for £4.50. The office team can accept cash or card payments.

Year 3 & 4 Team Games Festival

A group of year 3 and 4 children took part in a games festival at The Bridge leisure centre this week. A great morning was had by all despite it being a very cold morning! The children showed great resilience though out the morning learning new and developing skills in lacrosse, basketball and dodgeball. Well done to everyone who took part!





Leg it to Lapland Winter Active Travel Challenge

Our School has teamed up with sustainable transport charity Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formally Sustrans) to promote health and wellbeing, reduce traffic and pollution by encouraging our pupils to walk, cycle, or scoot to school.

We're taking part in the 'Leg it to Lapland' challenge from December 7th to December 11th, competing with other schools across West Sussex to reach 1900 virtual miles. Every active journey (on foot or wheels) adds to our total!

The school with the highest average of active journeys per pupil wins an assembly and scooter sessions with scooter champion and record breaker Terry Price.

There will be a daily prize up for grabs - for the lucky scooter or cyclist who finds the 'Rudolph's nose ticket' on their bike or scooter at the end of the school day.

Help us win! All you need to do to take part is walk, cycle, or scoot to school. If you must drive, park 10 minutes away and walk the rest of the way to school.



OPAL Updates

We are continuing to adapt our OPAL provision to ensure that children can enjoy the benefits of outdoor play throughout the colder and wetter months. From next week, we will be relocating our Loose Parts Zone from the back of the field to the playground, making the most of the space available and ensuring children can continue to enjoy a varied range of play opportunities.
We are also continuing to welcome donations of wellington boots, which will help more children access and enjoy the field during the Spring term. Thank you for your continued support!



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**

Cinema Trip for Years 3 & 4

This week Mr Ginns escorted 40 students to Everyman Cinema in Horsham to watch Looney Tunes. This is the last 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.



That's all folks!

🎄 PTA Christmas Bake Sale & Second-Hand Christmas Jumper Sale

Friday 4th December – at school pick-up

Come along and support the PTA at our Christmas Bake Sale and Second-Hand Uniform Sale! We'll also have a selection of pre-loved Christmas jumpers available, so it's a great opportunity to pick up something festive.

How you can help:

Bake or donate: We would be very grateful for donations of homemade or shop-bought baked goods.

Volunteer your time: We need a few helping hands to set up the stalls, help during the sale and pack away afterwards.

Donate outgrown Christmas jumpers: If your children have any Christmas jumpers they have outgrown, please feel free to donate them by placing them in the second-hand uniform collection bin at main reception. We'll display these alongside the second-hand uniform.

Baked goods should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 4th December.
PTA volunteers will be available at the school gates to collect donations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support. Every contribution makes a difference! ❤️

🎟️ **PTA Christmas Raffle – Still Time to Enter!**

Our Arunside PTA Christmas Raffle 2026 is now open, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs!

The star prize is a Nintendo Switch 2 Console Bundle with Mario Kart World, worth over £440, generously donated by our long-standing sponsor, Strawberry Global Technology, alongside lots of other wonderful prizes donated by our fantastic local businesses.

Tickets are just £1 per entry, and you can enter as many times as you like!

⏰ Entries close at midday on Monday 7th December 2026, with the draw taking place later that day.

🎁 Enter here: https://pta.events/arunsidexmas26

Every ticket purchased helps us raise valuable funds for our school and its children. Thank you for your support, and best of luck to everyone entering! 🤞❤️

ARUNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Raffle 2026

£1 PER ENTRY

PRIZE DRAW 7TH DEC



1ST PRIZE:

A NINTENDO SWITCH 2 GAMING BUNDLE

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ARUNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Bake SALE

Fri 4th December

Main playground

from 3.10pm



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Open Afternoon School Tour 1.15pm - 2.30pm
Friday 4th December 2026	PTA Christmas Bake Sale 3.10pm
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
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



Key Dates for The Diary

Date	Details
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