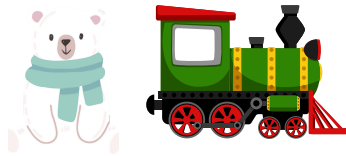
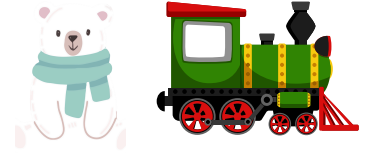


**Friday 13th
December**

Dear parents/carers and students,



Amazing Winter Showcase



Last night saw the presentation of our Performing Arts Winter Showcase, which this year told the story of the Polar Express. The production was coordinated by all of our excellent Performing Arts teachers and involved students from across the school. Huge praise goes to all of the cast and crew for their hard work and talent. The piece was absolutely joyous and provided all of the audience with that warm glow so needed in these cold, dark weeks.

Neuro Ninjas - supporting students to understand their brains!

We are delighted to now be working in partnership with Action Your Potential. They are a team of neuroscience based coaches who work with students and teachers across the country on developing our understanding of our brains. They were in school yesterday working with Year 11 and will be back next term to start working with other years. Their work provides powerful insights into how the brain works and what we can do to maximise its potential for learning. Sessions are grounded in neuroscience but aim to provide very practical advice and guidance. This is with the aim of our students becoming 'Neuro Ninjas'.



Workshops and mentoring with Year 9

Tuesday saw the continuation of our work with Dare 2 Dream - a team of motivational mentors who work with young people to build aspiration and set clear targets for their future. The Dare 2 Dream team are supported by mentors from local and national businesses, who provide their time to offer advice and guidance to young people. We are currently working with Year 9 as they prepare for their Key Stage 4 Options choices next term.

A significant reduction in lateness to school

I would like to provide some feedback on the recent change to our systems for tackling lateness. You will all be aware of our new approach of issuing same day detentions for students arriving after 8:45 (without a valid reason). This change is in its second week and has already had a hugely positive impact on the number of students arriving late to school. Compared to weeks 11 and 12 we have seen a **70%** reduction in the number of students arriving after 8:45. This is excellent news for students' engagement and learning because making a positive start to the day sets the correct tone.



Many thanks for all of your support and for your positive feedback about this change.

End of term arrangements

I just wanted to clarify the arrangements for the last day of term. On Friday 20th December we will be running a shortened day with students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 finishing at 12:30**. Normal lessons will run during START, period 1 and period 2. There will then be an extended break (until 11:30) followed by a final hour in tutor bases. School buses will run at 12:40 on that day. The Spring term starts on Monday 6th January for all students.

Year 11 students will take part in the traditional dress up morning and finish by **11:30** after a celebration assembly.

Get into Teaching - a chance to find out more

In partnership with the South Downs SCITT we are delighted to be hosting an event on 23rd January which provides an opportunity for anyone to find out more about routes into the teaching profession.

If you are interested in finding out more about the progression routes, benefits, requirements and challenges of training to teach please use the QR code on the flyer to register your interest.

There is no commitment other than your willingness to attend the session and explore the many amazing opportunities within the profession.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS?

Come along to our GET INTO TEACHING event at The Angmering School and find out how you could embark on a career with excellent progression opportunities where no two days are the same.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 23rd January / 8:30am - 9:30am
The Angmering School,
Station Rd, Angmering, Littlehampton, BN16 4HH

REGISTER HERE

INSPIRING FUTURE



School Phone Line for Student Absences

In order to simplify the process of notifying the school when your child is too ill to attend, we have now amalgamated all of the year groups onto one central phone number. Please call the main reception number (01903 772351) for all absences. You will then be asked to **dial '1' to report absences** for Years 7-11 or **'6'** to report absences in the Sixth Form. Many thanks.

Absence must be reported for each day of absence.

Alternatively you can report your child's absence via our designed text number to 07860054571

Contacts for enquiries relating to absence

Year Group	Year Team Assistant	Direct Dial Numbers	Extension Numbers
Years 7, 8 and 9	Ms Lisa Jones	Tel 778323	323
Years 10 and 11	Mrs Sarah Silva	Tel 778331	331
Years 12 and 13	Mrs Pauline Carroll	Tel 778391	391

Lunchtime finishes added to the calendar

Please note that we have added the following lunchtime finishes to the school calendar in order to support staff prior to Consultation Evenings. On these dates students will finish at 13:35:

- 9th January (for Year 11 Consultation Evening)
- 22nd January (for Year 9 Consultation Evening)
- 25th February (for Year 7 Consultation Evening)
- 17th June (for Year 8 Consultation Evening)

This is in response to feedback from staff and parents who would prefer a slightly earlier start and finish to the consultation events.

Walking, Talking Mocks (Year 11)

I would just like to remind you all that the Walking, Talking Mocks continue apace. They take place after school and provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about excellent exam technique and core subject content. These are open to all Year 11 students and the schedule has been shared with them all (and can be seen below). Please encourage your children to attend. They are really powerful sessions.

REMAINING YEAR 11 WALKING TALKING MOCK SCHEDULE 2024-25

MATHS	THURSDAY	19 DECEMBER		SCIENCE	THURSDAY	13 MARCH
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	8 JANUARY		MATHS	THURSDAY	20 MARCH
MATHS	THURSDAY	16 JANUARY		ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	26 MARCH
SCIENCE	THURSDAY	23 JANUARY		SCIENCE	THURSDAY	3 APRIL
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	29 JANUARY		MATHS	THURSDAY	25 APRIL
MATHS	THURSDAY	27 FEBRUARY		SCIENCE	THURSDAY	1 MAY
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	5 MARCH		ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	7 MAY

Please drive and park considerately when dropping off or picking up children

We have had a number of concerned residents contacting us since the start of term to ask that we remind parents/carers about the need to drive and park considerately when dropping off and picking up children. In particular we would ask that you avoid blocking driveways, which may prevent residents from entering or leaving their homes. It has also been noticed that parents/carers are not observing the Keep Clear markings at the main entrance; the area is therefore being patrolled by Arun Parking Enforcement Team because of their concern for pedestrian safety. Many thanks for your consideration.

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Student and Community News

Dare To Dream

Year 9 students from The Angmering School had the pleasure this week of welcoming Love Local Jobs, Jack The Lad and mentors from Legal and General into school for the third and final assembly.

Jack met with all Year 9's during his presentation talking about "The Ultimate Goal", which challenges students in the way they think about themselves, their future and their place in the world. The programme aims to provide students with the experience and tools to help them fulfil their potential. After the event students were quoted as saying:

"I loved the whole day"

"It was so inspiring and Jack made the assembly fun!"

"I really loved how Jack talked about respect and being kind"

"It was interesting listening to Jack talking about when he was a child and how difficult it was for him because sometimes things are difficult for me"

"Jack has helped me look at myself and made me think about being kinder to people"

"I loved what Jack said about how everyone is clever at something and that we are not all the same"

We would like to thank Jack, all of the mentors from Legal and General and Love Local Jobs for supporting our Year 9's and we look forward to seeing them again next year!



Exam Certificates Summer 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the summer 2024 exam certificates are now available for collection.

Collection Details:

Location: Main Reception, The Angmering School

Collection Dates/Times: Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Required Identification: Please ensure you bring valid identification when collecting your certificates. Without it, we will not be able to release them.

If you are unable to collect your certificates in person, or if you would like to nominate someone to collect them on your behalf, please contact dbrown@theangmeringschool.co.uk to arrange this.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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COLLECTION

Student and Community News

The Polar Express

Our production included Dance, Drama and Music students who worked collaboratively to put on this wonderful production yesterday evening. This festive performance allowed us to celebrate the successes of our students and brought the spirit of Christmas to life.

A big well done to all the students involved, the performing arts team are really proud of your hard work and professionalism!



Christmas Lunch

We all enjoyed our very festive school day together, from fabulous Christmas jumpers to our alternative Christmas Curry. We hope the students enjoyed it as much as we did!

A very big thank you to all the staff and students involved in putting the day together and also to Lowertrees Nursery and Haskins for the donation of our fabulous Christmas trees!



Sporting achievements

Well done to Jemima in year 7 for an awesome result in her recent swimming gala where she achieved times for the age group above her. She raced in the 100m freestyle, where she was seeded 26th but came 14th with a 7.77sec PB. She then raced the 50 back stroke, where she came 5th, with a 2.01 sec PB and secured a county time for 2025. Jemima is now ranked the 11th fastest swimmer in east and west Sussex for her 50 back stroke. Very well done Jemima!



Also our basketball news

The Year 7 Basketball Team continue to learn and grow together and have played some brilliant basketball in the last three league matches. A win this week was a great result against Steyning and the lift the girls needed going into the last game next week.

As a team of beginners, we are really proud of how the girls are working hard to improve their skills and team work and put in great performances on the court. You can't always win the match, but you can always keep improving and learning! Tia has secured opposition player of the match twice and Ruby and Bella once, very well done to all the team!



Student and Community News

Student Bulletin

Every Monday we send the students a newsletter which includes important weekly events and notices, sports clubs, and celebrates their achievements. Please click here to see this weeks Bulletin.

[Link to The Student Bulletin](#)

Vacancies

- No current vacancies

Diary Dates

- **20/12/2024 - Christmas Break starts - school finishes at 12.30pm**
- **06/01/2025 - Students return to school**
- **09/01/2025 - Y11 Consultation Evening**
- **22/01/2025 - Y9 Consultation Evening**
- **27/01/2025 - Inset Day**
- **29/01/2025 - Y9 Options Evening**

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Absence Reporting Via Text Messaging - 07860054571

[Should my child go to School today?](#)




Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





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