

Friday 28th
March

Dear parents/carers and students,

Creativity in our Community



Have you seen the roundabout at the front of school this week? If so, you may have noticed that a large 'egg' has appeared! This was a collaboration between 'Two Circles Designs' and students from the school. It represents the possibility of a bright future for all of us. The students wanted something which was both beautiful and practical, it is a space where anyone can pause and reflect in a small pocket of nature.

The same collaboration has seen two further artworks produced; the murmuration of birds 'flying' across the Reception and Gym walls (all hand painted by students) and a mural created from ideas about 'happiness' which students in the LNC worked with the professional artists on. The project was a real collaboration and included creating music, video and also some temporary artworks around the school.

There will be an opening celebration **today from 14:15** to allow the students who have been involved in the project to see the fruits of their labours. Please check out our social media feeds to see the amazing works!

Sixth Form Charity Week

The students at Angmering Sixth Form have been running a Charity Week this week, raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer. Each day, the students have been running a break time cake and sweets sale.

On Monday 24th, there was an Easter Egg hunt at lunchtime where students needed to find eggs hidden around the school and complete a form to win an Easter Egg. On Wednesday afternoon students (who entered) were able to complete some Egg-cellent Challenges set up by our sports leaders on the school field and compete in a fun competition.

As a finale to the week, students will be able to pay £1 to sponge a teacher at lunchtime. Throughout the week, students have been selling raffle tickets with a number of brilliant prizes including a pair of football boots signed by former student Toby Collyer who now plays for Manchester United. **Payment for all events will need to be completed in advance on ParentPay.**

Support for parents/carers from 'Action Your Potential'

As you know we're a #NeuroNinja school and our whole community benefits from support through [Action Your Potential](#). This term they are running a series of webinars, details are below, please sign up at the link.

Exam #NeuroNinja: AYP Strategies to Succeed This Summer in Your Exams

Over 3 consecutive Wednesday's - Andrew from [Action Your Potential](#) will share with parents, carers and students dealing with exams this summer key strategies to manage these last few months. Parents and carers [can sign up here](#). The final session runs next week.

Wed 2 April - Building Self-Discipline and Positive Habits for Exam Success

All webinars start at 8pm.

As parents and carers of our school you can also sign-up to the #NeuroNinja Learning Hub - [sign up here](#). This month on the hub there are 3 new courses for students, parents and carers.

- *Unpicking the Lock of OCD* - A 7 Session Course about what OCD is in the brain and how we can tackle it
- *Responding to Grief* - An 8 Session course focused on what grief is in the brain and how we can respond to this intense experience
- *Getting Our Hustle On* - A 7 episode course for KS4 students focused on getting stuff done and tackling procrastination.
- A video explaining the [contents of these new courses is here](#).

The Angmering School is 50!

This year marks 50 years since the school opened for students and we are planning a celebration on 5th July when we will be looking back at all of the highlights of the first 50 years of our school.

We are asking members of the community for memories and images of the school over the years. We are hoping to put together an exhibition of the changing face of the school since 1975!

Please get digging through those old photos and yearbooks and if you are happy to share them please send a copy to our email address office@theangmeringschool.co.uk along with an estimated date of the photo and a description.

Please also join our 50th Anniversary Facebook page [here](#).

Thank you!



Potential Funds from Tesco (please give us your votes!)



We are delighted that we have been successful and our project has been chosen to be put forward to a **customer vote** in Tesco stores.

The project with the highest number of votes across our local area will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. Any of these amounts will be a huge benefit and we would be very grateful for the assistance.

The stores taking part in the voting on our **Wellbeing Outdoor Activities project** are listed below:

- Littlehampton Finisterre Express Express BN17 6RA
- Littlehampton Superstore BN17 5RA
- Rustington Express Express BN16 3DR

What happens next?

You can vote after making a purchase in a Tesco store, where you will be given **one token per transaction**. These should be placed in the boxes at the store entrance supporting the project. Voting will commence in store from Mid-January 2025 until the end of March 2025. **Thanks in advance for your votes!**

Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)



If you have symptoms that suggest you may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room.

Your GP surgery may also refer you to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist. If you have symptoms that suggest you have one of the above conditions, why not give the Pharmacy First service a try?

For more information, visit nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst

The Angmering School

Weekly Newsletter 26

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

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 2025

SCIENCE	THURSDAY	3 APRIL		SCIENCE	THURSDAY	1 MAY
MATHS	THURSDAY	24 APRIL		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

Careers Fair 2025

We are excited to invite you to The Angmering School Careers Fair on Thursday, April 3rd. As one of the largest Careers Fairs in West Sussex, this event will feature over 35 employers, 12 universities, and several training providers, all eager to inspire and inform students about their future career paths.

Key Stage 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to attend during Periods 4 and 5, but we strongly encourage you to bring your parents after school to make the most of this valuable event! The Careers Fair will be open to everyone in Year 5 and upwards from 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm.

Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to explore a wide range of careers, apprenticeships, and further education options. More information will be shared in the coming weeks, and if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Gavin Bowles.



Year 7 Netballers

Well done to the year 7 Netballers for their very close win against TLA 7-6. A nail biting game where, at times, we didn't play our best Netball which we found frustrating. TLA had some great defence which we struggled to overcome. Trailing 2-4 going into the last quarter, knowing that we could play much better, the team pulled out all the stops with some brilliant passages of play and it was just enough to clinch the win by just one goal! This was far too stressful though, please don't do that to me again! Oppositions players were Ruby (a hat trick!) and Tia, well done to all. Miss Potter



Brighton Marathon Fundraisers!



Three brave friends of the school are in training to run the Brighton Marathon on 6th April 2025. They are hoping to raise £1500 to support some of our LNC students to attend the Wheelpower National Junior Games at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium in June. The money will cover transport, food and accommodation for around 25 students to attend the three day championships.

The amazing runners are Charlotte Webb (ex Angmering Student) Steven Ward-Smith (uncle to one of our year 8 students) and Karen Miles (maths teacher). All have been training hard for the race over the last few months. Please click on the link below to donate whatever you can afford to this excellent cause. Thank you!

justgiving.com/campaign/marathon2025lnc

Please note - if you do make a donation, be aware of the JustGiving 'Tip' that may automatically be added - it is on a slide bar. You can reduce it back to 0, otherwise an extra 12.5 percent will be added to your donation. This is separate to Gift Aid. We wouldn't want for your generosity to be caught out!

London Marathon fundraiser!

Another one of our amazing colleagues, Graham Merritt-Blann is running the London Marathon this year. Graham was able to get in on a ballot place and decided to raise money for three charities, St Barnabas House, British Liver Trust & The Lavinia Norfolk Centre at The Angmering school. All three charities are close to Graham's heart and any donations will be greatly appreciated - thank you.

<https://gofund.me/4d73e1c4>





**SAY THANK YOU TO A LOCAL SUPERSTAR
BY NOMINATING THEM FOR AN AWARD.**



Fred Rowley Award



Volunteer of the Year Award



Young Volunteer of the Year Award

To find out more, visit the link below or
contact the office for more information

<https://forms.office.com/e/nQLFuihT8W>

**Don't
miss your
chance to
nominate**

Closing date: 27 April 2025

01903 772124



admin@angmering-pc.gov.uk



Student and Community News

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.

SUMMER EXAM
CERTIFICATES NOW
AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION

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

- Learning Support Assistant (LNC)
- Teacher of Geography and Food Technology
- Learning Support Assistant (Main School)
- Exam Invigilator

Diary Dates

- 17/03/2025 - 04/04/2025 - Y10 Speaking & Listening Exams
- 03/04/2025 - Careers Fair, 12:45-5:15pm
- 04/04/2025 - Last day of Spring term - Students finish at 3.15pm
- 4/04/2025 - 11/04/2025 - Ski Trip
- 22/04/2025 - Start of the Summer Term
- 28/04/2025 - 09/05/2025 - Y10 Mock Exams

Key Contacts for parents/carers

Key Contact	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7 Key Contacts		
Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
Miss Pegden (Head of Year 7)	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
Mrs Ford (Student Support) & Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341 (01903) 778389
Year 8 Key Contacts		
Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
Mr Middleton (Head of Year 8)	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339
Mrs Ford (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341
Year 9 Key Contacts		
Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
Mrs Wyatt (Head of Year 9)	swyatt@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778303
Mrs Ford (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341
Year 10 Key Contacts		
Mrs Silva (Attendance Officer)	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Mrs Fillery (Head of Year 10)	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311
Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
Year 11 Key Contacts		
Mrs Silva (Attendance Officer)	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Mrs Hook (Head of Year 11)	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338
Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389

Key Contacts for parents/carers

Sixth Form Key Contacts

Sixth Form	Mrs Knox (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Emily Davies (VI Pastoral Coordinator)	hknox@theangmeringschool.co.uk pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk edavies@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778394
------------	---	--	--

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

© Crown copyright 2022. Product code: MKC21EN 54 APRIL 2022 (APR) Guidance updated: 2021/05/1

The Angmering School **Careers Fair** 2025

Thursday 3rd April

Students and parents are invited to attend our event between 3:15 PM and 5:15 PM!

Why should I come?

- ✓ Experience the opportunity to meet professionals from a variety of industries
- ✓ Discover exciting career pathways
- ✓ Gain valuable insights and advice for the future

Come along and be inspired for the future!

We look forward to seeing you!

Any questions? Email Mr Bowles for more info.
gbowles@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Find out more!



Where?

When?

Sports Hall & Gym

12:45PM - 3:15PM: KS4 & KS5 Students

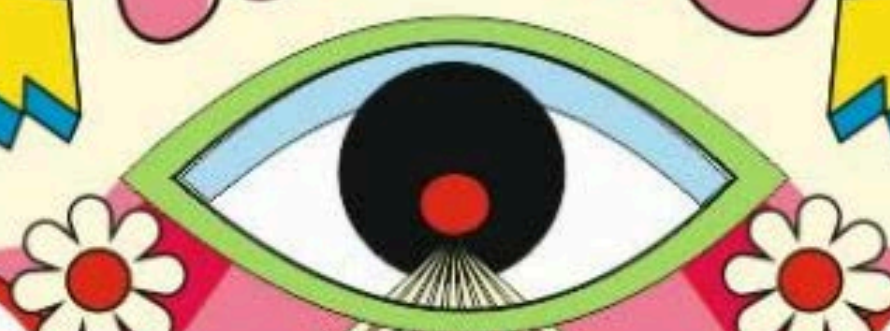
3:15PM - 5:15PM

All are welcome!

The Lavinia Norfolk Centre

Presents
A

SUMMER FAYRE



THE ANGMERING SCHOOL
PLAYING FIELD

celebrating our
50th Anniversary

5th
JULY

STALLS / FUN

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

GATES OPEN FROM 10AM - 2PM

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.

ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



WakeUp Wednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/bluesky-app>

X @wake_up_weds

f /www.thenationalcollege

ig @wake.up.wednesday

id @wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 26.03.2025

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

SCAN ME



Powered by Adobe. Please check
adobe.com/uk/privacy/policy



Charity Quiz Night

in aid of

Wadars Animal Rescue



Saturday 26th April

7pm - 10pm Angmering Village
Hall

£5 per person - teams of four to six people

Hotdogs / Veggie Hotdogs, Nibbles and
Soft Drinks

email fundraising@wadars.co.uk to enter



Your local animal rescue charity