

# FRIDAY FLYER

# Happy Thursday Everyone!

Our first half term is complete - we can't believe how quickly these past seven weeks have gone. All of the children have worked incredibly hard and our not-so-new Acorns have made an incredible start to school and learnt so much in a short space of time. I am extremely proud of both, every one of our children, and our amazingly talented staff who work so generously to ensure our children reach their potential.

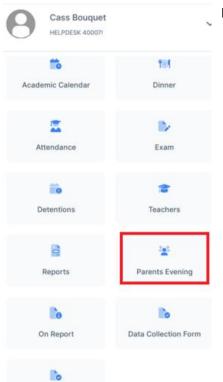
Can I thank you all for your support and wish you a restful half term break.

With every best wish

Mark

# IMPORTANT REMINDER PARENT CONSULTATION 12th & 14th NOVEMBER - ONLINE BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Autumn Term Parent Evenings take place after half term – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Parents evenings are a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and build up a partnership of support and challenge that will help your family get the very best for your child's learning journey at school. Can I remind you that booking an appointment with your child's teacher can only be done via the MCAS app. Booking opens this afternoon at 3.25pm. I've included some instructions which guide you through the booking system.



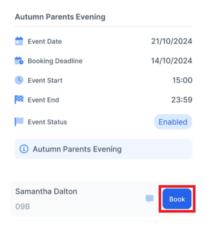
Parental Consent

Login to the MCAS Parent app. Select Parents Evening from the menu.

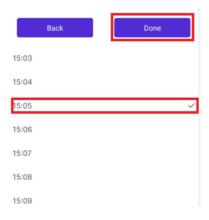
Select the **Parents Evening** you would like to book sessions for from the list.



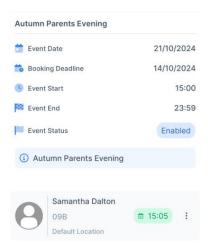
This will display a list of all the teachers you are able to book sessions with. Click **Book** next to the name of the **Teacher** you would like to book an **Appointment** for.



This will load a list of available times. Click on the slot you would like to book (a tick will appear on the right-hand side to confirm your selection) once you're happy, click **Done**.



Your selected time will then appear in green next to the **Teacher**.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VICAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS!**



The Vicar's Award is given to those children that go above and beyond the embodiment of our distinctively Christian values of kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity and forgiveness.

Congratulations to them all!

# YOUR SPACE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS - A REMINDER



# ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT

THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:





On the 25th of January 2025, Your Space Therapies are offering a practical and down-to-earth 'Anxiety Toolbox' webinar for parents and carers to support their children with anxiety and mental health.

All the details and a QR code for ease of booking are on the flyer.

We look forward to offering all parents and carers kindness and empowerment to support their children.

#### A HUGE HARVEST THANK YOU FROM THE FOODBANK

Dear Midhurst Primary School Community

I am writing to say a HUGE thank you to you and your school community for the recent Harvest Festival donation that was made to our Midhurst branch of the Chichester District Foodbank.

The total weight of your total donation was 108.3 kilos which is equivalent to providing an amazing 271 meals.

The foodbank relies solely on donations from the community and we really value your continued support, to help sustain the work of Chichester District Foodbank helping feed those who are in crisis.

I have attached a certificate of thanks for your school & look forward to hopefully hearing from you again at some point in the future.

Thank you again for your donations which are very much appreciated.

Kind regards Marie.



# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



# HARVEST DONATION MIDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

in appreciation of your contributions to Chichester District Food Bank

108.3

**WEIGHT (KGS)** 

271

**EQUIVALENT MEALS** 

Thank you from all of us at The Chichester District Foodbank for all your support!

Chichester District Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust UK Network. Registered charity number 1156197.

# **COFFEE AND CROISSANT MORNING**

We are delighted to welcome you on Friday 8th November to our second 'Coffee and Croissant' morning. This is an informal drop in half termly to chat to other parents, talk to the SENCO and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there after morning drop off 9-10am.

## LEARNING FOR LIFE (RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION)

Thank you to those of you that took the time to complete our Learning 4 Life survey towards the end of the summer term. We have taken on board your recommendations in building our new curriculum. Please see the topics covered in the grid below:

Theme	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1 Kindness	Friendships	Sense of self: achievement	Friendships and bullying	Media influences	Pressure to share and dares	Pressure and uncertain feelings
Autumn 2 Peace	Families	Identity and stereotypes	Safety rules and the law	Community and Belonging	Health and Prevention	Drugs and alcohol
Spring 1 Friendship	Fair and Unfair	Medicines and safety	Keeping safe and emergencies	Types of Relationships	Changes in relationships – when things go wrong	Smoking and vaping
Spring 2 Forgiveness	Keeping safe and Emergencies	Body privacy	Early warning signs, saying yes or no, secrets	Personal boundaries and the right to privacy	Body Privacy	Sense of self – Self esteem
Summer 1 Respect	Recognising Feelings	Managing feelings	Cleanliness and hygiene	Sense of self – Achievements and goals	Sense of self - image and representation	Conception
Summer 2 Creativity	Keeping clean	Eating well and being active	Health and Wellbeing or Healthy Choices	Sleep and Emotional Wellbeing	Gender expectations	Transition - Saying goodbye and moving on

There will be an opportunity to view the planning for any topics you wish to see on Friday 8th November at our Coffee and Croissant Morning. If you are unable to make this but would like to see the planning for a specific topic, please email us and we will send you a copy. Alternatively, you can request a copy at parents' evening and we will ensure that it is sent home.

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

# It's as easy as 1,2,3

- 1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
- 2. Choose our Primary School either searching by name or postcode
- 3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

## BEECH CLASS GET SURREAL WITH THEIR MODROC



Beech Class have been learning about Alberto Giacometti, one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century. His work was particularly influenced by artistic styles such as Cubism and Surrealism. Here they are working on their own Giacometti influenced pieces modelled in ModRoc. First, the children made cardboard frames and then used Modroc to make a solid structure. ModRoc is plaster bandage that can be used for modelling.

# FLU VACCINATION CONSENT - REMINDER FOR ALL YEARS - 14th NOVEMBER 2024

Please remember to give consent for your child to have the flu vaccination. The online consent form closes at 11am, three working days before our vaccination session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. You will not be able to consent for your child to be vaccinated during the session once this form has closed.

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDER CLOSING DATE - TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Please be advised if you have NOT yet placed your School Photograph order, the order closing date is Tuesday 5 November. Please either return your Order to the School or visit <a href="www.smileYellow.com">www.smileYellow.com</a> using the passwords on the Proofcard

## **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM DO IT AGAIN!**



On Sunday, our cross-country squad raced in the Blackdown Challenge. They all performed brilliantly in challenging conditions, demonstrating resilience and amazing team spirit, finishing a very wet and windy race with a smile on their face. Our team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the primary school race and Poppy Alden finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the girl's race and Baxter Phillips finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the boy's race! Well done team we are so very proud of you all!

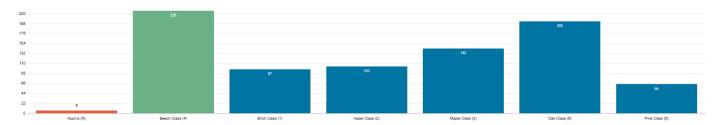
# ... AND AGAIN!



Our Cross-Country runners join forces with Easebourne Primary School runners for an early morning training session today!

# **BEHAVIOUR POINTS**

Congratulations to Beech Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 226 points. Well done Beech Class!

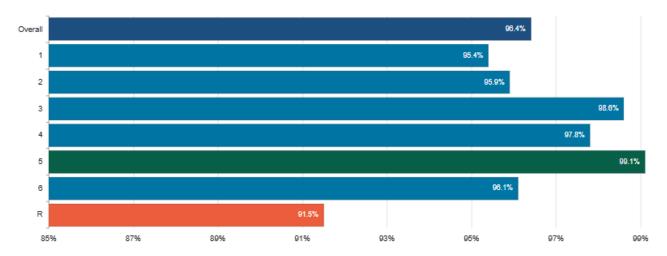


Congratulations to Rother House who are currently in the lead with 2422 pts.



# **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

This week's overall attendance is 96.4%, 1.4% above our target of 95%.



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Pine Class, this week's attendance champions with 99.1%! Well done Pine Class!

# **DIARY DATES**

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF TERM BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	BACK TO SCHOOL	
November	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	Please come in PE kit Group 2 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today	Please come in PE kit
November	Aspire Football club	3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hampton Court Palace trip for Pine class	Please come in PE kit See letter sent home – must be in school by 8.40am. Arriving back by 4pm.
	Dance club	3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Birch & Oak - PE today Forest schools Art Club – Maple & Beech class Hockey Tournament practice	Please come in PE kit Year 5 group 1 (please bring kit) 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm some children involved from Pine and Oak
	Rotary music evening at MRC	School choir involved
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Maple PE today Coffee & Croissant morning Forest schools Cross country club Hockey Tournament at MRC	Please come in PE kit Informal 'drop in' see above for more details Year 5 group 2 (please bring kit) 3.30-4.15pm Some children involved from Pine and Oak
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance service at church	For KS2 only – smart uniform and coat needed
November	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	Please come in PE kit Group 2 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Birch, Hazel & Maple -PE today Aspire Football club Parents evening	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm 5 – 8pm – book through MCAS.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Hockey Club Dance club	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations Birch & Oak – PE today Forest schools	Please remember to give consent Please come in PE kit Year 5 group 1 (please bring kit)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day Maple PE today Forest schools Cross country club	Own Clothes day - More information to follow Please come in PE kit Year 5 group 2 (please bring kit) 3.30-4.15pm

# INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.







Multi-Sports at
Buriton Village Hall
&
Easebourne Primary
School

Thursday 31st October and
Friday 1st November
(2 Days)
For children in years 1 to
year 6.
Half day options
9am-12pm for reception
children

# Aspire Coaching Autumn Half Term Sports Camps

All camps run 9am to 3pm with FREE drop off at 8:45am and collection by 3:15pm

Children require:

A nut-free packed lunch, A refillable drinks bottle, Sun protection for hot weather Warm, spare clothes for poor weather Shin pads required for football camps

Football at
Love Lane Playing Fields,
Petersfield
In association with Petersfield
Town FC

Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October (3 Days)

For children in year 1 to year 8
Half day options 9am-12pm for
reception children

TO BOOK - www.aspirecoaching.org.uk/school-holiday-bookings



# November 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian.

The Midhurst & Petworth Observer is delighted to be featuring our special 'First Class' souvenir edition on November 7th, welcoming our new Reception intakes across the area.

The special will feature full colour photographs of the new Reception class/es that your school has sent in to us. This is a lovely celebration welcoming your child on the beginning of their school journey, and a fantastic keepsake for you and your family.

We are offering parents and families the chance to pre-order discounted copies of the newspaper so everyone gets to enjoy this special keepsake edition at a great price!

Copies are just £1.50 a copy instead of £1.90 each!

#### How to order:

Order Online: Visit midhurstobserver.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees, which are set and charged by Eventbrite.

Order by Phone: Call 0330 403 3004, lines open 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

# Order Deadline for the discounted price is October 29th.

Pre- ordered copies will be delivered directly to the school on the day of publication for your child to bring home.

If you do not want your child to appear in the photograph, please contact your school office. Photographs will be published in the newspaper and may also feature on our website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 0330 403 3004 or via email at specialeditions@nationalworld.com.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Stevens, Midhurst & Petworth Observer.



9 October 2024

#### Dear Parents and Carers

Midhurst Rother College is delighted to announce its 5th big annual fundraiser and magnificent Fireworks Night at MRC on Friday 8 November 2024. We will have yet another spectacular 12-minute professional pyromusical display staged again by Aurora Fireworks. The display will take place on our sports field at the front of the College with standing room in the car park. No need to wear your wellies to this fireworks event!! Entry gates will open at 6.00pm with last entry at 6.45pm, so everyone can enjoy what we have on offer and find the best spot before the show starts.

Why not make it a night to remember and enjoy a lovely bite to eat from our wonderful selection of food trucks. We will have a great selection of bespoke food trucks including Spud Shack, Dirty Mac, Simply Hog Roast, The London Churro Company, and Amazing Graze, plus a licensed bar hosted by the local community and run by local shop owners. Really Awesome Coffee Chichester will also be serving hot drinks and Bombshell Bakes will have amazing cake jars, brownies and cookies. Our ADT department will have a sweets and goodies stall and the community bar will once again sell glow sticks for the younger members of the audience.

Ticket prices to the event are Family (2 adults, 2 children) £16, Adult £6, Child aged 4 and over £3.50, and are available online via Eventbrite using this link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-2024-tickets-1040454085177">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-2024-tickets-1040454085177</a> or by searching on Eventbrite for Midhurst Rother College Events. Tickets are also available to purchase at The Upholsterer on North Street and MRC Reception. Any remaining tickets will be available on the night at the gate.

We would like to thank in advance our fantastic local sponsors who make this event possible: AfterBurn Gym Ltd, MacDonald Oates LLP, Gartons Coffee House, Porters Estate Agents, Lewis Brownlee Chartered Accountants and Sky Park Farm.















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The Rotary Club of Midhurst & Petworth will be stewarding the event. All profits made on the night will raise funds for MRC to directly help departments within the College with extra resources.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to this great event.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Chard

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This half term, families can experience the culture of south India with a magical Kathakali dance and drama show, with spectacular costumes and make-up -

Kathakali performance at Haslemere Educational Museum Half term Monday 28 October, 4-6pm More info and tickets at <u>haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson</u>

Haslemere Educational Museum has a lot more events for families and children in its new autumn What's On programme, including half term sessions, Halloween fun and the annual fireworks & bonfire evening. You can see the full programme by clicking the link below -

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ad3651fd39.html





# Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Calling all 4-8 year olds!



Chichester Library Tuesday 29 October 10.00-10.30am or 10.45-11.15am

Each 25 minute workshop is led by an experienced, DBS actor/drama teacher appearing in the role as the Little Green Alien. Using drama, dance and singing, they'll take the children on a fascinating, improvisational exploration through outer space.

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Chichester, P019 1Q2 Chichester, P019 1Q2 chichester,illingrythwestsusses now uk 01243 777351 Apply online at: westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



# Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2025

# Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.

If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday 7 October 2024. If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.

# Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



# **West Sussex SENDIAS Service**

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2025?

Do you think, for

- whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

# Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 2 September 2024.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is: Thursday 31 October 2024.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 7 October 2024.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Wednesday 15 January 2025.

For more information on the admissions process: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

# If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

# Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org







# MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL'S HALF TERM ACTIVITY

# Halloween Trail

# FANCY A LAUGH?

Hunt for 12 jokes displayed in
Midhurst businesses anytime during
half-term and work out the spooky
password to claim a prize on
Thursday 31st October or
Saturday 2nd November
between 9am to 2pm from
The Old Library,
Knockhundred Row.

Collect the activity sheet from
The Old Library, Knockhundred Row or
download from
www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk









# **Umbrellas**

# Parent Support Group Autumn Term 2024

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



#### Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Southwick Community Centre
10th Sept / 1st Oct / 5th Nov / 26th Nov

# Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

11th Sept / 2nd Oct / 6th Nov / 27th Nov

# **Worthing Umbrellas**

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

17th Sept / 8th Oct / 12th Nov / 3rd Dec

# Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

18th Sept / 16th Oct / 20th Nov / 18th Dec

# Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

26th Sept / 17th Oct / 21st Nov / 12th Dec

# **Burgess Hill Umbrellas**

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
24th Sept / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

#### Email

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

# **Umbrellas Online**

# Thursdays via Zoom

 19th Sept
 7.30 pm - 9 pm

 24th Oct
 7.30 pm - 9 pm

 14th Nov
 7.30 pm - 9 pm

 12th Dec
 7.30 pm - 9 pm

# **Training**

# Autumn 2024

(1st half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



# **Training Workshops**

# September

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 10th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Friday 13th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 17th	10.30am
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Tuesday 24th	10.30am
Understanding Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)	Friday 27th	10.30am

# October

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Friday 4th	10.30am
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 10th	7.30pm
An Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 23rd	7.30pm

# The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 2nd October / 9th October (2-part course) Wednesdays 10.00am-1.15pm

# All training above will be delivered via Zoom



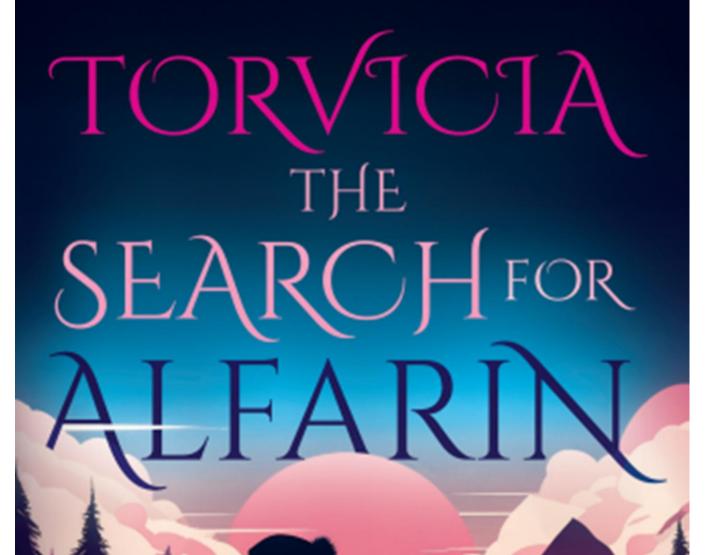
All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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Local Author Book Signing
Gartons Café, Market Square,
Midhurst

Saturday 26 October 2pm-4pm www.nahampshire.com

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