



FRIDAY FLYER

As we reach the end of another vibrant and inspiring term at Midhurst Church of England Primary School, it is the perfect time to pause and reflect on the many joyful moments, shared achievements and unforgettable memories that have filled our school over recent weeks. This term has been one of celebration, hard work, creativity, and community spirit — a true embodiment of our school's ethos and values.

A Term of Triumph and Talent

One of the standout events this term was our fantastic Sports Day, which brought together children, staff, and families in a wonderful celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. The sun shone brightly as our pupils took part with enthusiasm, determination, and encouragement for one another. It was a joy to watch them give their best, and it reminded us all of the power of perseverance and healthy competition.

We were also treated to a truly special event with the Year 5 and 6 performances of Bussy Malone. What a show! The talent, confidence and commitment displayed on stage were nothing short of astonishing. From the energetic musical numbers to the spot-on comedic timing, the performance brought smiles and laughter to all who were lucky enough to see it. A huge thank you to the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes, and of course, to the children, whose talent and passion shone so brightly.

Our school continues to go from strength to strength in the sporting arena, with many triumphs across a range of competitions. Whether on the pitch or the track, our children have represented the school with pride, skill, and sportsmanship. Each achievement has not only brought back medals and trophies, but also built confidence, resilience and teamwork – qualities we hold dear.

Our Forest Schools programme remains a treasured part of school life. The joy and wonder of outdoor learning have continued to enrich the children's education this term. From den-building to fire-lighting, from exploring the natural world to developing essential life skills, Forest School sessions have offered every child the opportunity to connect with nature and with each other in meaningful and memorable ways.

A Time to Celebrate — And a Time to Say Goodbye

While this is a time of great celebration, it is also tinged with sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have been shining examples of all that is best about our school. Through their kindness, leadership, and commitment, they have shown our Christian values in action every single day. We are immensely proud of the young people they have become and, though we will miss them dearly, we send them on their way with every confidence that they will continue to flourish in secondary school and beyond. We hope that they will continue to “live life in all its fullness” as they take their next steps, guided by the values and experiences they've gained during their time with us.

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we bring the term to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness. Your hard work and joy for learning continue to inspire us every day. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to our dedicated and hardworking staff, who go above and beyond to provide our children with a nurturing and inspiring education. And of course, a huge thank you to you, our parents, and carers, whose ongoing support, encouragement, and involvement mean so much to us.

As we look forward to the summer break, I hope that everyone in our community is able to enjoy a restful, relaxing and well-deserved holiday. May it be filled with sunshine, laughter and time with loved ones.

With every best wish

Mark

FOREST SCHOOL UPDATES

Year 6 enjoyed a day at Forest Schools as part of their leaver's celebrations.



Staff also enjoyed some time in the woods at their staff meeting this week.

REVIEW: YEAR 5 & 6 SHINE IN SPECTACULAR 'BUGSY MALONE' AT SOUTH DOWNS MEMORIAL HALL

Last week, the South Downs Memorial Hall was transformed into the dazzling world of 1920s New York, as the Year 5 and 6 pupils delivered a truly unforgettable performance of Buggy Malone. Bursting with energy, charm, and buckets of talent, the production captivated the audience from the very first note to the final, well-earned applause.

At the heart of the show was Nathan Jones, who brought charisma, wit, and impeccable timing to the role of Buggy. Nathan's confident performance anchored the production, and his natural stage presence made him a joy to watch. As Blousey Brown, Emilia Rodicenco gave a beautifully poised and heartfelt performance, with strong vocals and emotional depth beyond her years.

Faye Minter lit up the stage as Tallulah, oozing sass and confidence in every scene she appeared in. Her performance of "My Name is Tallulah" was a particular highlight, earning rapturous applause. Darcy O'Reilly was deliciously devious as Dandy Dan, playing the part with flair and a mischievous grin, while Oliver Fuller-Brown delivered a wonderfully comedic turn as Fat Sam, showing fantastic timing and commanding the stage with ease.

Under the expert direction of Mr. Ind and Mr. Jones, the entire production was slick, imaginative, and full of clever touches. From the toe-tapping musical numbers to the iconic splurge gun scenes, every moment was packed with energy and enthusiasm. The set, costumes, and choreography all added to the magical atmosphere, transporting the audience straight into the fun and fast-paced world of the prohibition-era gangsters.

Most impressively, the entire cast performed with a level of professionalism and joy that was infectious. The ensemble worked seamlessly together, with every pupil clearly relishing their moment to shine.

This Buggy Malone was not just a school play—it was a triumph. Congratulations to the cast, crew, and directors for delivering a production that will be remembered for years to come. Bravo!



- *The best show I've seen MPS stage and I've seen quite a few over 37 years*



THE FRIDAY FLYER | THE OAK CLASS GUARDIAN | PINE CLASS REVIEW

'I just wanted to say how amazing the Buggy Malone show was last night. '

'I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The acting was great and the singing superb. You've definitely got a few stars in the making! '

'I think that it's the BEST show I've seen MPS stage and I've seen quite a few over the 37 years that I've been connected with the school! '

'So please could you say a HUGE well done to the classes. I know how hard they practised on a weekly basis (as I was sitting in the corridor hearing year 2 readers!) and how difficult it is to learn lines and remember songs. A five-star performance.'

'Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the wonderful performance of Buggy Malone tonight. As well as the tremendous talent, all the children were having a great time and it was just super that every child was involved in one way or another'

WELCOME TO THE TREEHOUSE!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of a new autism and social communication space which is opening in September 2025 to support some of our pupils with additional needs in Key Stage 1. The room, adjacent to the Sensory Garden, will become the 'Treehouse' and be staffed by our new specialist SEN Teacher Mrs Cook. Mrs Cook will be working with small groups of children with social and communication differences in Key Stage 1, supporting them to access the curriculum both in their own classrooms and in the 'Treehouse'. We are very proud of this new addition to our school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SUMMER 2025

We've had a lovely summer term at the after-school club with lots of new sporty play resources which the children have been able to enjoy outside in the good weather. They've been choosing some super seasonal snacks as well – lots of watermelon, strawberries and ice pops as well as the usual popcorn, houmous and biscuits!

We're now starting to look ahead and ask our members for ideas of the activities they'd like for next term – we've already bought a huge construction tube kit so we're looking forward to some really stunning models being made when we're inside more.

You'll also be pleased to hear we've had the outside and playground lighting upgraded too, even though it seems far too soon to be anticipating the darker evenings.

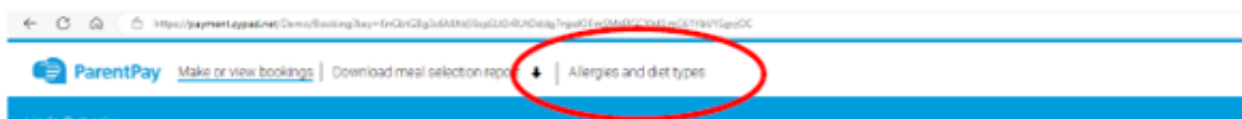
Our numbers have been gradually increasing since the club expanded in January, and we had our first pupils staying till 6pm which is quite exciting. There's always space for more though, so if your child would like to join us in September-October, you can book one-off or regular sessions through MCAS – *Miss Glenn and Mrs Mepstead*

INFORMATION FROM CHARTWELLS

Allergies and Intolerances are always a huge worry when children are at school. Chartwells have a team dedicated to managing dishes and menus to suit hundreds of these situations.

These are several ways you can organise this now in readiness for September:

1. When setting up your ParentPay account to order meals, select the allergy under the Allergies and Diet Types" and we will do the rest.



2. Email westsussexspecialdiets@encompass-group.co.uk, the team can support and guide you through the set up.

Medical evidence will be required, this can be from a nurse, dietician or whoever manages your child's food allergy.

If the allergy isn't one of the main 14, don't worry, speak to us and we will do our best to ensure there is a meal available every day. For general support from Chartwells, call 01243 774175.



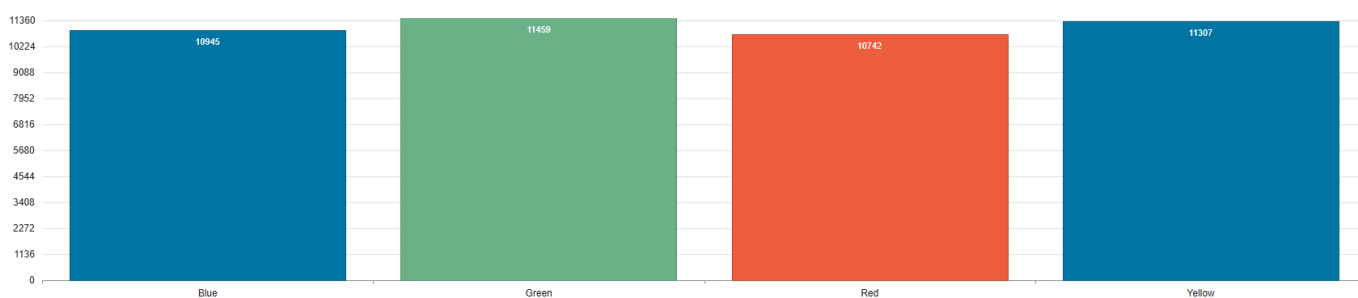
SPORTS DAY 2025

Our annual Sports Day was a truly fantastic event, brilliantly organized by Mrs. Alden, Mr. Ind, and Mrs. Cain. Their expert planning and enthusiasm, combined with the tireless support of the entire staff team, ensured the day ran smoothly and was filled with energy and excitement from

start to finish. Every child took part with determination and spirit, showing real commitment and giving their very best in each event. From sprints to relays, and everything in between, the effort and sportsmanship on display were a credit to all involved. After a day of spirited competition and outstanding performances, it was Wey House who emerged as the overall winners—congratulations to them!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Sports Day such a memorable occasion. We are already looking forward to next year!

HOUSE WINNERS THIS YEAR!



THIS YEAR'S WINNERS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION – ROTHER HOUSE with 11459pts!

DIARY DATES

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Wednesday 23 rd July – Tuesday 2 nd September.		
Wednesday 3 rd September	Staff INSET day	School closed to children
Thursday 4 th September	First day of Autumn term Maple & Beech – PE today	School open – please bring your children in! Please come in PE kit.
Friday 5 th September		



Camp Information

- Camps run from 9am to 3pm
- Multi-Sports Camps for children in years 1 to 6
- Football & Cricket Camps for children in years 1 to 8
- Tennis Camps for children in years 1 to 7
- Half Days (9am to 12pm) available to children in year R (excluding cricket & tennis)
- Single day bookings welcome
- Free drop off from 8:45am and collection by 3:15pm

Join us!

From £24 per day or less!

Children require:

- a nut free packed lunch
- a mid-morning snack
- a refillable drinks bottle
- hot & cold weather protection
- shin pads for football
- trainers



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025 Programme



FOOTBALL

Love Lane Playing Fields, Petersfield

- Camp 1: Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August
Camp 2: Monday 11th to Friday 15th August
Camp 3: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th August

CRICKET

Steep Cricket Club



- Camp 1: Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th July
Camp 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th August
Camp 3: Wednesday 20th & Friday 22nd August

MULTI-SPORTS

Buriton Village Hall & Easebourne Primary School



- Camp 1: Monday 4th to Friday 8th August
Camp 2: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August

TENNIS

West Meon Recreation Ground



- Camp 1: Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th July



Census Day

Thursday 2nd October 2025

The number of children who eat a school meal on Census Day helps decide how much funding your school receives from the government.



More school meals = more funding for your school!

Don't miss out on the delicious waffle dessert!

Special diet? We have a gluten free shortbread or your child's usual menu.



DEADLINE

Book by Wednesday 18th September

BOOK NOW



Using your parent pay login

Let's make this meal count and order today!



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL POP UP SHOP



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

11AM - 3PM

THE OLD LIBRARY, MIDHURST, KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST, GU29 9DQ

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Primary School**
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COWDRAY'S

Maize Maze

AND FLOWER PICKING PATCH

OPENING 1ST AUGUST 2025

Cowdray's Maize Maze is back with an exciting Wild West theme!

Throughout August, enjoy exploring the Maze, completing the stamp trail and taking in the scenery from our viewing platform. You can also wander through our sunflower and wildflower picking patch and take a bunch home.

This year, we will be hosting a number of exclusive events at the Maze including a Harvest Hoedown, Open-Air Cinema evenings and live music every Friday. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets £7.50, 3s and under go free. To book, please visit: www.cowdray.co.uk/events or simply scan the QR code.




WHAT'S ON AT THE MAZE

SIP AND SNIP EVENINGS

Unwind at Cowdray's Maize Maze as the sun sets. Take on the Maze, pick your own flowers, and enjoy a refreshing drink and food while listening to live acoustic music.

Fridays in August - 6pm - 9.30pm (last entry 8pm)

THE HARVEST HOE DOWN

Get ready for a night of country music, dancing, and Wild West fun! The Honky Tonk Angels will be playing all the country classics and guiding you through the steps to keep you dancing all night long.

Saturday 9th August - 6.30pm - 11pm (Band at 8.45pm)

OPEN-AIR CINEMA WEEKEND

Join us for the return of Open-Air Cinema at the Maze and choose from sing-along favourite, Rocketman, western classic, The Good The Bad and the Ugly, or the dazzling Barbie.

Friday 22nd August - Sunday 24th August - 6.30pm - Film at dusk

Tickets for all events listed above are available online: www.cowdray.co.uk/events or simply scan the QR code.




Private Swimming Tuition for Children and Adults

SUMMER HOLIDAY INTENSIVE HUBS!

3 or 4 DAY 1:1 SWIMMING LESSONS

w/c 4th August
w/c 11 August
w/c 18th August
w/c 25th August

NORTHCHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
(Near Petworth)

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Tailored to you	✔
Convenient	✔
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Holiday Ready	✔

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Get in touch for more information and to book your slot!

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2:1

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WHAT'S ON...

AT COWDRAY RUINS

Hands On History Experience

Monday 4th August 11.00am -12.00am

Solve the Mystery at the Ruins

Sunday 10th August 11.00am -12.00am

Murder Mystery at the Manor

Saturday 30th August 11.00am -1.00pm

Robin Hood (Outdoor Theatre)

Thursday 14th August 6.30pm - 8.15pm

Visitor Centre/Cafe open every weekend
Book signing by Claire Nicholas on Saturday 12th July

Tickets for all events listed are available online: www.cowdray.co.uk/events

COWDRAY
HERITAGE TRUST

Cowdray Heritage Trust is a charity registered in England and Wales (0710569) and a Limited Company (03472093). Registered office address: Cowdray Estate Office, Cowdray Park, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU28 0AQ

FREE CRAFTS

- Fan making
- Bunting
- Decorating Storage Jars



Midhurst Town Council

SUMMER MARKET

with

music by

MADhurst Unplugged



Saturday 2nd August 2025
9am to 2pm

At The Old Library and
Market Square Midhurst

www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk



Midhurst Town Council

SUMMER Street Party

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2025

2PM TO 7PM

Live Music * Stalls
Food Trucks * Games
Face painting * Dancing
Entertainment
and lots lots more

LOCATION

Throughout the
town of Midhurst



MORE INFORMATION : www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Summer Reading Challenge Launch Day!



Saturday 12 July

10.00am-12.00pm

Outside the front of Chichester Library

Free event for all ages, no booking required. Everyone welcome.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Chichester Library
01243 777351
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



Story Garden

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Join us for stories of peculiar plants and glorious gardens, plus a blooming-good craft activity!



Tuesday 12 August

10.00-11.0am

Suitable for children aged 7-11 years

Booking essential—please speak with staff to reserve your place
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



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100 YEARS
West Sussex Library Service

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



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Bugs, Birds and Beasts

Join us for some weird and wonderful wildlife stories, plus a creepy-crawly craft!



Tuesday 12 August

2.00-3.00pm

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential—please speak with staff to reserve your place
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Witterings Library
01243 673484
witterings.library@westsussex.gov.uk



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



100 YEARS
West Sussex Library Service

Bugs, Birds and Beasts

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Thursday 21 August

10.00-11.00am

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential—please speak with staff to reserve your place
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Chichester Library
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Story Garden

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 12 July
View our [Story Garden video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the **online registration form** at arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing special 'Extra Mile' Book Quests
- Read **any library books** you like—it's just for **FUN!**
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part
Let's get GROWING!

SKYFEST AT SKY PARK FARM

A Family Festival Like No Other in the South Downs!

23rd, 24th & 25th August

10am-6pm

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SkyFest promises to be an **unforgettable family festival like no other** – see the poster for details of everything on offer over the last bank holiday weekend of the summer.

Tractors will be at SkyFest on Saturday!

EARLY BUCK TICKETS

Early bird tickets are discounted for a limited time (additional discount for members)

Day Tickets

Adult non-member £16

Child non-member £12

Adult member £12

Child member £10

Under 3's afree

Weekend Tickets

Adult non-member weekend £26

Child non-member weekend £22

Adult member weekend £22

Child member weekend £20

Under 3's free

IMPORTANT WEEKEND TICKET INFO

Select a weekend ticket on the booking calendar for any day and on the first day you will be issued a wristband that can be used ALL weekend

***Please note: All tickets are non-refundable**



BOOK TICKETS



Junior Artist of the Month Competition

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Do you enjoy the beautiful views, amazing wildlife, and exciting boats of Chichester Harbour? If you're 15 or under, we want to see your harbour-inspired artwork! Just send us a photo of your painting, drawing, collage or model to enter.

The Prize

Win a family ticket for a Harbour Discovery tour or a special event trip on our solar-powered boat. A new prize winner will be chosen every month so enter as many times as you like!

How to Enter

- Take a clear photo of your artwork
- Email it to competitions@conservancy.co.uk
- Include your artwork title, first name & age



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National
Landscape

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The Grange, Midhurst
£15 per person**

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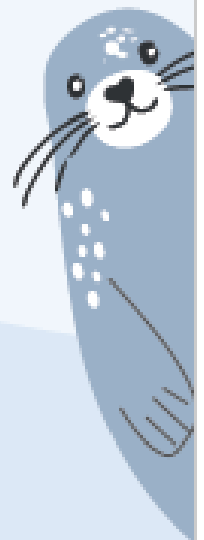


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