



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to our new school year here at Midhurst CofE Primary, and it has been so exciting to see the children settling into their new routines with such enthusiasm and energy.

This week has been particularly special for our Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3–6) as they have begun exploring some new and engaging subjects in their timetable. One of the most exciting additions has been the introduction of a weekly Mindfulness and Wellbeing lesson. These sessions give the children dedicated time to reflect on their own wellbeing through journaling, meditation, yoga, oracy, and recognising their own feelings. We are thrilled to have this as part of our curriculum, and we know how important it is for every child to have the opportunity to pause, reflect, and build strategies that support both their mental and emotional health. In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming, developing these skills early will help our children grow into resilient, thoughtful, and well-rounded individuals.

Alongside wellbeing, we continue to prioritise the crucial area of online safety. As parents and as a school, we share the responsibility of helping children develop safe and sensible habits online. By working together, we can ensure that children not only understand the potential risks but also have the confidence to make good choices. To support you at home, we have included a helpful poster in this flyer which offers some simple strategies you can use with your child.

We also want to acknowledge and apologise for the frustrations some of our new parents have experienced with logging on to the MyChildAtSchool app. Unfortunately, Bromcom – the system used across all West Sussex schools – suffered a national outage during the first week of term, which caused significant disruption across the country. While the system is now up and running again, we know that a number of families are still experiencing difficulties. We are truly sorry for the inconvenience this has caused and want to reassure you that we have reported all issues to Bromcom. They are working with us to resolve them as quickly as possible.

Finally, a date for your diary: Thursday 2nd October is Census Day. This is an important day for the school because the number of KS1 children (Reception, Years 1 and 2) who take a school meal on this day directly impacts the level of funding we receive from the government. The more children who enjoy a school lunch, the more support we can provide across the school throughout the year. We would be extremely grateful if all KS1 children could take a meal on this day – and we're sure they won't want to miss out on the marvellous waffle dessert which will be on the menu as a special sweet temptation! A letter giving much more detail about Census Day and meals will be going out this afternoon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can make this school year a positive and successful one for all of our children.

With every best wish

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CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS & PARKING REMINDER

We have recently received a number of complaints from residents of Pretoria Avenue regarding parking at school drop-off and pick-up times. Some parents are using Pretoria Avenue to park, and in several instances, driveways have been blocked, preventing residents from exiting their homes.

Parking in and around the school has always been a challenge, and while I cannot enforce parking arrangements beyond the school grounds, I must ask all parents to be considerate of our neighbours. Please ensure you do not park across driveways or in a way that causes inconvenience to local residents.

As a reminder, the school can offer a pass to park in The Grange car park at drop-off and pick-up times. If you would like to take advantage of this system, please contact the school office for more details.

UPDATE ON THE BEPTON ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING

Parents may remember that a new crossing was due to be installed on Bepton Road during the summer break. This would have required temporary traffic lights. However, as we all know, temporary traffic lights and Midhurst have something of a love/hate relationship—particularly over the summer when gas main works in North Street caused significant disruption.

Unfortunately, due to the effect of the traffic lights on the town and, regrettably, a series of incidents of abuse directed at workers in North Street during that time, the decision was made to postpone the installation of the Bepton Road crossing.

The new plan is for work to go ahead during the October Half Term week. Let's keep our fingers crossed that all goes smoothly, and that before long we will have a much safer crossing in place for our children.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY

A reminder that the application process for children due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026 opened on Monday 8 September 2025.

If your child is currently in Year 6, it is essential that you complete your application for a secondary school place by Friday 31 October 2025. Applications received after this date will be treated as late, which may reduce the chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

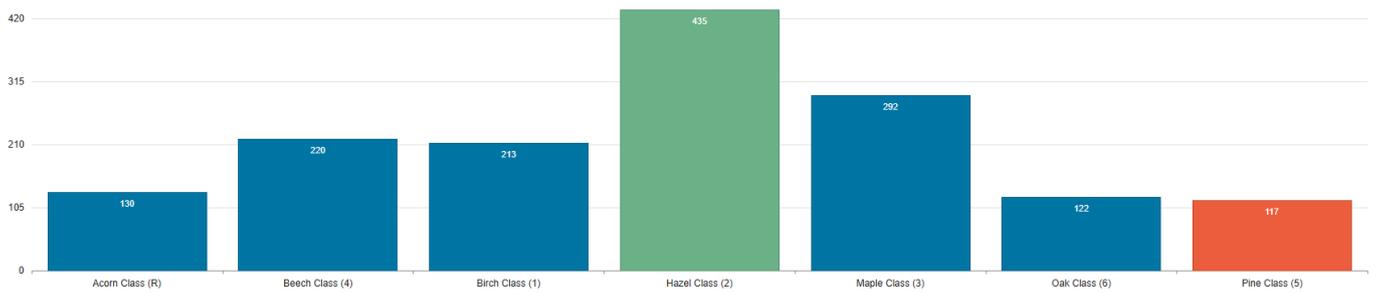
Applications should be made online via the West Sussex County Council website:

If you have any questions or require support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

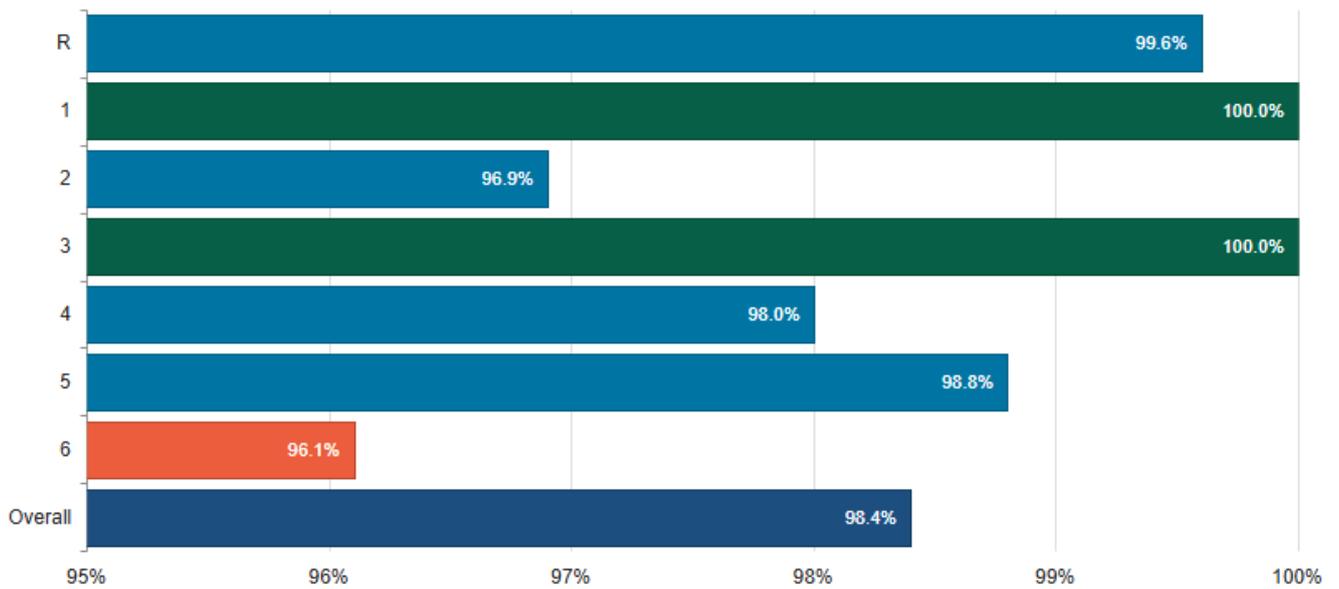
[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL](#)

REWARD POINTS

What a start to the new year from Hazel Class! The most reward points this week with 435 points!



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 98.4%! What a great start to the new school year. 3.4% above our target of 95%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Birch and Maple Class our attendance champions this week who both gained 100% attendance for the week!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 15 th September	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in PE kit
Tuesday 16 th September	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Beech class - group 1	Please come in PE kit Please bring kit
Wednesday 17 th September	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Birch class to Amberley Museum Oak & Pine Hockey club	Please come in PE kit See letter for more info 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class	Please come in PE kit
Friday 19 th September	Forest School – Oak class - group 1 Forest School – Birch class – group 1 Cross Country Club – KS2	Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 22 nd September	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in PE kit
Tuesday 23 rd September	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Beech class group 1	Please come in PE kit Please bring kit
Wednesday 24 th September	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak class to Bluebell Railway No Hockey club	Please come in PE kit See letter for more info
Thursday 25 th September	Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class	Please come in PE kit
Friday 26 th September	Forest School – Oak class - group 1 Acorn class to Goodwood Farm Cross Country Club – KS2	Please bring kit See letter for more info 3.30 – 4.15pm

The internet is a brilliant place to learn and explore,
just remember to always be **SMART!**



IS FOR SAFE

Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.



IS FOR MEET

Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present. Never, never, never, never, never.



IS FOR ACCEPTING

Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friend and you think they might have a virus make sure you let them know!



IS FOR RELIABLE

Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?



IS FOR TELL

If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell a parent, guardian, or teacher as soon you can.

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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!



American

★ ALL STARS ★



Thursday 2nd October 2025



MAINS

Burger and Chips
Mac & Cheese

SIDES

Sweetcorn or Salad

DESSERT

Waffle and Chocolate Dip (*JimJams*)

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than Thursday 18th September 2025



ALL-TIME GREATS FROM THE
UNITED STATES





Messy Harvest



Sunday 28th September
2.45pm for 3pm start
Midhurst Parish Church



Come and join us for a special service designed for primary school age children. We will explore our bible story with art and crafts, play games and share a BBQ together afterwards.

To register for this free event, please scan the QR code or visit "What's On" at www.midhurstparishchurch.net



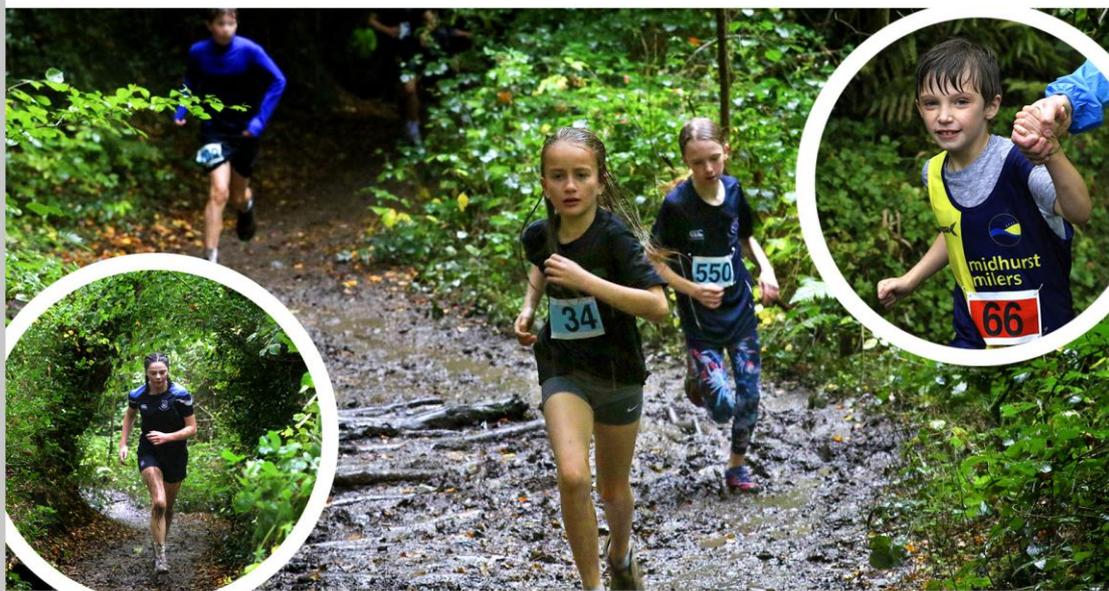
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HILL CHALLENGE



Come & join us for our junior fell race through the foot hills of Blackdown.

2km & 4km distances available.

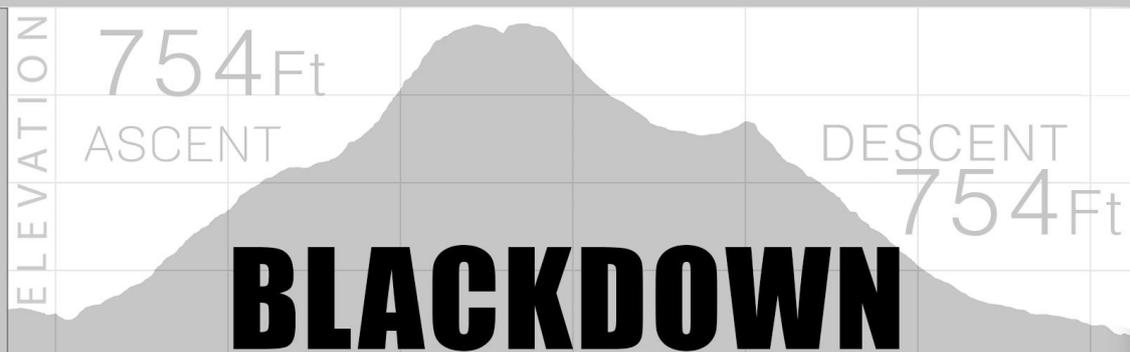
Or represent your school in the school team competition.



09:30am 12th October 2025

enter at www.midhurstmilers.org

The Pavilion, Fernhurst Recreation Ground GU27 3HY



HILL CHALLENGE



A 6.5km fell race with 754 feet of elevation gain summiting at Temple of the Winds, Blackdown.

In addition to the challenging climb & descent the route also provides outstanding views across Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire.

We will also offer a less challenging 4.5km trail race for adults.



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THE
READING
AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**



Still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden is available in libraries until **Saturday 13 September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit.

Plus, everyone who completes the challenge has the chance to enter a fantastic **prize draw** to win one of fifty £20 National Book Tokens!

Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading. Complete our [registration form](#) and visit your local library to get started.

This year it is even easier to complete the challenge with our [Extra Mile Book Quests](#), why not try one now to help complete the challenge!

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, your local library and more on the [West Sussex Libraries website](#).



THE RVT BIG WALK - £500 CASH DRAW

Sunday 14th September 2025 | The Pond in Midhurst, GU29 9HD

Distance 5 km | Staggered start from 9.30 am onwards

👥 Join Us!

Take part in a fun, scenic 5 km walk through Midhurst & surrounding countryside to raise vital funds for **Rother Valley Together**, a local charity supporting the elderly & socially isolated. We are fighting hard to keep our wonderful club going.

Please bring your friends, human or canine, & family, or just come along and meet friends along the way.

📦 What You Get

- ✅ **Entry into our £500 Grand Cash Prize Draw**
- 👉 Wristbands for all walkers - rosettes for all dogs
- ☕ Tea, coffee & cake, Buddington Bottled milkshake for all children at the finish
- 🐕 Dog prize draw – win a Pets at Home voucher
- 🗺️ Marshalled route planned by local author & walker Vicki Harrison (Coat On Coat Off Wet Feet)

📅 On the Day

- 🕒 Register just before your start time
- 🚗 Parking & toilets available at the start
- 📍 Route includes paths, lanes & tracks
- 🐕 Dogs on leads please & clean up after them

📄 How to Enter

- 1 Complete the details below
- 2 Return to The Grange Centre, Midhurst or email: rothervalleytogether@outlook.com
- 3 Pay by bank transfer with reference: WALK + first 4 letters of surname to Nat West

Account Name: ROTHER VALLEY TOGETHER
Sort Code 60 14 22
Account Number 55185206

📄 Entry Form

- ___ Adult tickets @ £12.00
 ___ Child (under 18) tickets @ £3.00
 ___ Dog tickets @ £1 (NAME OF DOG _____)
- TOTAL: £ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

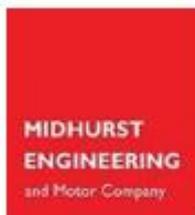
(Start time will be emailed – please check junk file)

⚠️ Disclaimer

If a child under 18 wins the cash prize, a parent or guardian will need to claim it on their behalf. RVT accepts no liability for trips or falls.

🙏 THANK YOU for supporting Rother Valley Together. We look forward to seeing you!

❤️ **With huge thanks to the generous donors of our cash draw & other prizes**



Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop – Magical Merlin



Chichester Library
Monday 27 October
10.00–10.30am or 10.45–11.15am

Join Merlin the forgetful wizard and his mischievous black cat on a spellbinding journey through castles, forests and magical hideouts!

This enchanting workshop transports 4-8 year olds into a mythical world of castles, knights and princesses.

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



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