



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant week we've had at Midhurst! Thank you for your continued support — the children have been engaged, enthusiastic and a joy to spend time with. Below are the highlights from this week, plus a few important reminders for home and on the way to school.

This week's highlights

Year 6 — Evacuee Experience: The whole of Year 6 took part in an immersive Evacuee Experience to bring their history topic to life. Pupils took on the roles of evacuees, explored what daily life was like during the wartime period, handled artefacts and primary-source material, practised role-play and wrote their own letters home. The children showed great empathy and curiosity — a real favourite across the week. Read more about the day later in the flyer.

Across the school: In every class this week we've seen busy classroom learning, creative projects and positive teamwork. Teachers have been reporting excellent attitudes to learning and some lovely examples of resilience and creativity from the children.

Homework — details later in this flier

A number of parents have asked about homework. Later in this flier you will find a short Homework Timetable which sets out when homework is routinely set for each year group and the expected turnaround. Please take a look at that section for the specifics.

In the meantime, a gentle reminder of why homework matters:

- Homework consolidates what children learn in class and helps them practise skills independently.
- Even short, regular tasks build good study habits and confidence.
- Most importantly: reading together with your child is the single most effective thing you can do to support their learning — talk about the story, ask questions, and record reading in their reading diary.

Reading tips for home

- Aim for short daily reading sessions — even 10–15 minutes makes a big difference.
- Ask your child to summarise the page or predict what will happen next.
- Praise effort and curiosity — make reading a relaxed, enjoyable part of the day.

Safety on the way to school — a vital reminder

We must keep everyone safe, especially at busy times. Please support us by reminding your children of these rules:

- **Bepton Road crossing patrol:** Children must wait to be called across by the crossing patrol. Do not cross as soon as you see a gap — please wait for the patrol's instruction to ensure safety.

- Keep to the footpaths: When entering or leaving the school site, children should keep to the footpaths at all times. Vehicles access the site at drop-off and collection times, so staying on the paths keeps everyone safe.

We ask parents and carers to model these behaviours and to reinforce them with children each morning and evening.

Thank you for your continued partnership — together we keep learning exciting and keep our children safe.

With every best wish

Mark

HOMEWORK

| Day | Homework Tasks |
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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reading with parents (Reading 1/5)  Year 6: Grammar, Maths, Reading due (from Thu)  Optional: Times Tables / Spellings review |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reading with parents (Reading 2/5)  Optional: Spellings practice |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reading with parents (Reading 3/5)  Times Tables given out/tested  Practice times tables |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reading with parents (Reading 4/5)  Spellings tested  Year 6: New Grammar, Maths, Reading tasks given out |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reading with parents (Reading 5/5)  Spellings given out  Optional: Times Tables |

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS? APPLY NOW

Now that we are all settled into the Autumn term, I'd like to remind you to apply for free school meals if you think you may be eligible.

Not only will your child benefit from a free healthy hot meal in the middle of the day, but the school will also receive crucial Pupil Premium funding which we use to support disadvantaged pupils.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you order free lunches anyway, please do consider applying now so that the school can benefit from the additional funding. If you register before 2nd October, we will be able to claim the Pupil Premium for this current academic year.

The link below will take you to the West Sussex Free School Meals page where you can see the eligibility criteria and apply online.

Thank you.

[Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)



THIS WEEK IN YEAR 6

Year 6 have been investigating how our eyes work. To explore this, we created pinhole cameras, which mimic the way light is projected onto the back of our eyes. It was fascinating to see how such a simple tool can demonstrate such a complex process! We may have looked a little silly wearing them on our faces, but we certainly had fun while learning.

OAK CLASS EVACUEES – by Ava in Oak Class

Yesterday on the 24th September our class went on a trip to the Bluebell Railway to get evacuated to the country side. The Bluebell Railway has been around since 1882 and has a lot of history, our class went on this trip to study more about WWII.

We left school around 8:45 and arrived at the Bluebell at around 10:00. When we got to Sheffield Park we met our very generous volunteers, there were four volunteers: Chris, Malcom, Mike and Michael. When we went in Mike – the main volunteer – showed us around the station. Our class were on the 11:00 departure to East Grinstead. On the way to East Grinstead station we went through a long dark tunnel (called Sharpthorne Tunnel) with no lights on at all, to show what the blackout was like. This was because if there were lights on the train in WWII, they would have been really easy to follow and the Germans (Luftwaffe) might have bombed them. When we arrived at East Grinstead we saw the buffers kissing which is when the front of the train joins onto the carriages, we then got invited up into the footplate by the driver and saw the fire that runs the engine and all the coal. On our way back to Horsted Keynes, we ate lunch on the train and there was a lunch inspection, most of the food we had you wouldn't have been able to get in WWII because you only got little food any you had to grow the rest. Not having much food was called rationing.

After lunch, our class split into three groups to do some activities. The activities were: postcards home which you had to write using an ink pen. War time games which everyone used to come up with themselves and they used to play on the road because it was so quiet and the last activity was talking to an evacuee and someone who took in evacuees as siblings, it was very interesting learning what their lives must have been like during war and what it was like to be evacuated.

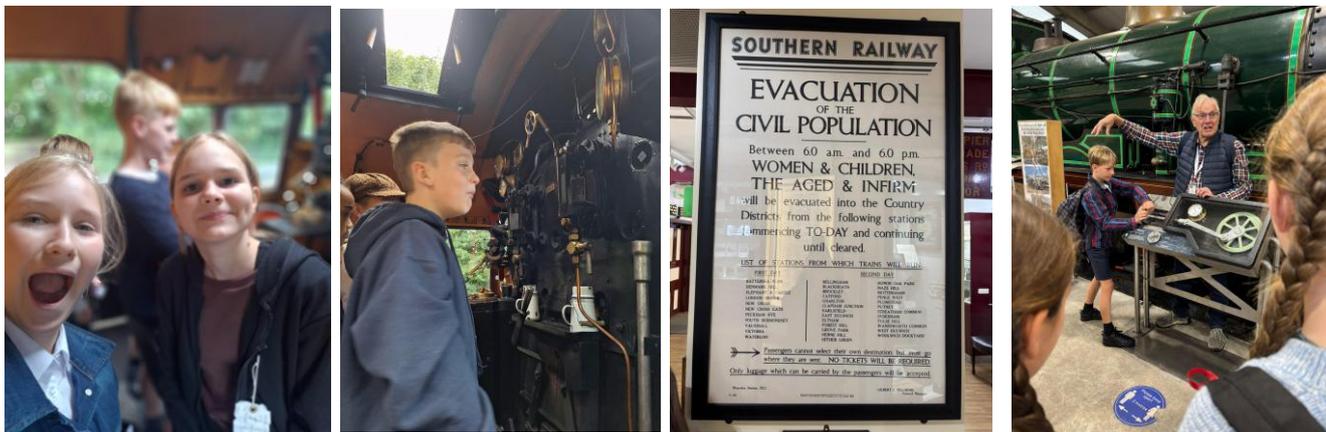
Our trip to the Bluebell Railway was amazing and I would love to go again. – Ava (Year 6)

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children stepped back in time to the 1940s when they visited the Bluebell Railway for a World War II Evacuee Experience Day. The day was designed to bring their history learning to life, and the children threw themselves wholeheartedly into the role of young evacuees. Dressed in period-style clothing, name labels, and identity cards, the children looked the part from the moment they arrived. As the train whistle blew, they experienced first-hand what it might have felt like for evacuees during the war, leaving behind their homes and families for an unfamiliar destination in the countryside. The activities throughout the day gave the children a taste of wartime life. They learned about air raid precautions, the importance of rationing, and how communities pulled together in difficult times. They also

heard stories of real evacuees, which helped them to imagine the mix of emotions children of the time would have felt—fear, excitement, and uncertainty.

The immersive environment of the Bluebell Railway, with its authentic steam trains and period stations, provided the perfect backdrop for this experience. Our children participated enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions, role-playing with confidence, and showing a great deal of respect for the history they were learning about.

Overall, the trip was both highly educational and memorable. It not only deepened the children's understanding of World War II but also encouraged them to empathise with the experiences of evacuees. We are very proud of how Year 6 represented the school and how they engaged with this unique opportunity.



BIRCH CLASS - IT'S NOT A STICK!

Birch Class have been enjoying the story *It's Not a Stick*. Inspired by the book, the children collected sticks from around the school grounds and let their imaginations run wild. Before long, those ordinary sticks had been transformed into boats, people, fishing rods, bows and arrows, and even flags! The results were so creative and full of fun — we think you'll agree, they look fantastic!



BUILDING BUDDIES AT MIDHURST

At Midhurst, we know how important relationships are. Last week our little Acorns were delighted to meet their Year 6 Oak class buddies. Throughout the year, our Year 6 children will be looking out for their younger friends, helping them settle into school life and feel part of our community.

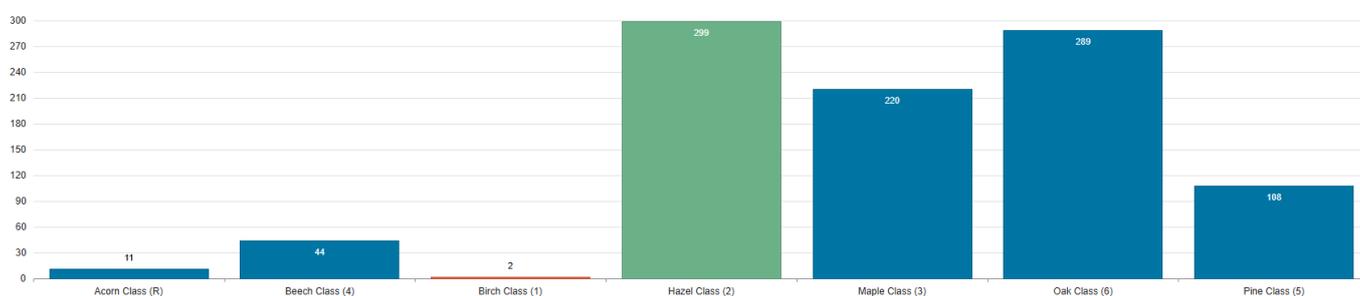


PARENT WORKSHOP

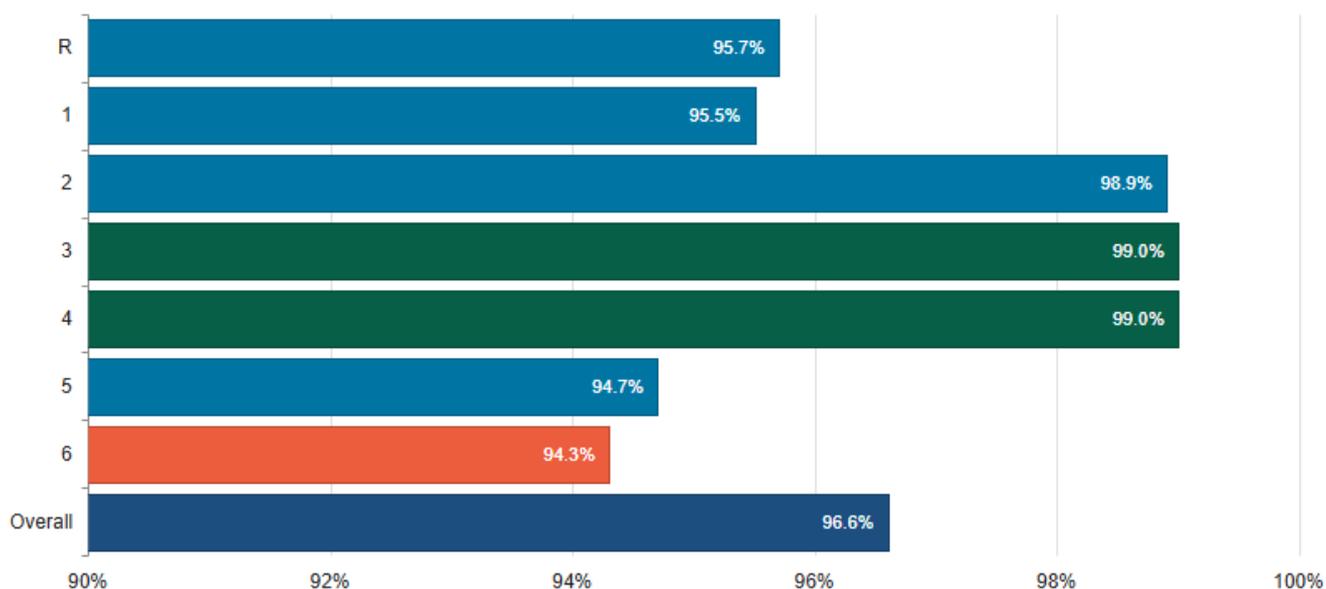
On Friday 7th November at 9:30am, I have arranged a guest speaker to deliver a workshop on 'Supporting your child to emotionally regulate' during my usual coffee and croissant morning. Please let me know if you would like to attend. - Mrs Chance

REWARD POINTS

Well done to Hazel Class!! The most reward points this week with 299 points!



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 96.6%! 1.6% above our target of 95%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Maple and Beech Class our attendance champions this week achieving with 99% attendance. That's two weeks in a row for Maple Class

Why attendance matters:

- Learning builds daily – each lesson connects to the next. Missing even a few days can leave gaps in understanding.

- Confidence and friendships – being in class helps children feel included, develop confidence, and build positive relationships.
- Future habits – attending school regularly teaches responsibility and prepares children for secondary school and beyond.

Our aim is for all children to achieve at least 95% attendance. Working together, we can make sure your child makes the most of every opportunity. Please help us by ensuring your child arrives on time and attends every day, unless they are genuinely unwell.

DIARY DATES

| Date | Event/Activity | Details |
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| Monday 29 th September | Oak class - Bikeability Oak & Pine class – PE today | See letter for more info Please come in PE kit |
| Tuesday 30 th September | Oak class - Bikeability Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School–Beech class grp 1 | Please come in PE kit Please bring kit |
| Wednesday 1 st October | Oak class – Experience day at MRC Maple, Beech & Pine – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey club | 9.30 - 2pm – school uniform, packed lunch and coats required as children will be walking to MRC Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm |
| Thursday 2 nd October | Oak class - Bikeability Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class | Please come in PE kit |
| Friday 3 rd October | Birch & Hazel class – PE today Oak class - Bikeability Forest School – Oak class grp 1 Forest School – Birch class grp 1 Cross Country Club – KS2 | Please come in PE kit Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm |
| Monday 6 th October | Oak & Pine class – PE today | Please come in PE kit |
| Tuesday 7 th October | Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School–Beech class grp 1 CM Sports Football club | Please come in PE kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 8 th October | Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey Club | Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm |
| Thursday 9 th October | Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class | Please come in PE kit |
| Friday 10 th October | School Photos Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Oak class grp 1 Football @ MRC Cross Country Club – KS2 | Individual – all children should wear uniform and bring PE kit if needed today only Please bring kit By invite only 3.30 – 4.15pm |



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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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Year R - 6 Football Club



Midhurst C.E. Primary School



TIME

Tuesdays
3:30pm - 4:30pm



DATES

Spetember 9th -
December 9th



COST

Full Term £61.10
Autumn 1 £38.50

BOOK NOW

For more information visit www.cm-sports.co.uk/clubs

Child £5 Ages 3 -14 Adults Free

COWDRAY RUINS HALLOWEEN TRAIL

25th, 26th OCTOBER
30th, 31st OCTOBER
1st, 2nd NOVEMBER



Join Professor Cogsworth's adventure – follow the pumpkin trail, solve his riddles, and enjoy free arts & crafts before collecting your goody bag at the café. Opening Times: 10am – 3.30pm

Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊



You Are Right Here Right Now

What's News?



South Downs Festival of Food & Fizz 11th Oct in Midhurst. Tickets on Sale now.



Midhurst Jazz Food & Blues Festival looks for Volunteers



Ylors! Christmas Menus are coming out already. Get book in early



Rogate Pumpkin Patch Begins for 2025

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 24th Sep...

- Meet your MP Day with Andrew Griffiths MP
- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

...On Thursday 25th Sep...

- Scaravelli Yoga Deep Dive Workshop @ Cowdray
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)

...On Friday 26th Sep...

- Fish & Chips Friday £7:50 11:30 – 3pm @ The Grange
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
- Burger and a Bevvie £14! @ The Bricks
- Burger Night @ The Greyhound
- Cole Carson Plays 8:45pm @ The Wheatsheaf
- Karaoke Night @ Half Moon

...On Saturday 27th Sep...

- District & County Councillors Surgery 1-3pm @ Grange
- September Evening Dining @ Cowdray Cafe
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
- Steve Grey 8:45pm @ The Swan

...On Sunday 28th Sep...

- Indoor Car Boot Sale 10-1pm @ The Grange
- Free Pool all day Sundays @ The Wheatsheaf
- Sunday Roast 12 - 4pm @ The Half Moon
- Sunday Roast 12:30 – 3:30 @ The Swan
- Sunday Roast 12 - 8pm @ The Royal Oak
- Sunday Roast @ The Bricks
- Sunday Roast 12 - 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Meat Raffle @ The Wheatsheaf 4pm Draw

... On Monday 29th Sep...

... On Tuesday 30th Sep...

- Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ The Walled Garden

... On Wednesday 1st Oct...

- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

Coming Soon...

- Poker Competition 29th September 8pm @ The Bricks
- Walk & Talk at Cowdray Ruins 3rd Oct @ Cowdray 11am-12
- Baby & Children's Nearly New sale @ The Grange 4th Oct 10:30-12
- 'Stand Up To Cancer' Pub Quiz @ The Bricks 7:00pm 5th Oct
- Epic Quiz 5:30pm @ Half Moon 5th Oct
- Get Acting Drop-in Sessions 2:30 & 6pm Old Library 9th Oct
- Midhurst Autumn Market 9am-2pm 11th October
- Run the Seasons Autumn Race 2025 11th Oct 9am-12
- South Downs Festival of Food & Fizz @ SDNP Visitor Center 11th Oct
- Cowdray Annual Apple Day @ Cowdray Shop & Café 11th Oct
- Mystery Experience: Murder at the Manor 11-1pm @ Cowdray 11 Oct
- Midhurst Club October Darts Tournament 11th Oct
- Sustainable Farming Talk by Cowdray: Midhurst Soc. 16th Oct
- 'Stand Up To Cancer' Ladies Night @ The Bricks 17th Oct (Ticketed)
- Electric Band Live Music 60's-80's 18th October @ Midhurst Club
- Comedy Evening @ Cowdray Golf Club

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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

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BLACKDOWN



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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teamwork | respect | enjoyment
discipline | sportsmanship

Join the club....

New and returning players
welcome at all ages

Minis, Juniors and Colts

Boys and Girls
Sundays 10am

Adult Men

Harvey's Sussex Counties League
Training Wednesdays 7.15pm



Classic Revival Photography

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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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