



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting week it has been in school! Our Year 6 children took a big step forward in their journey on Wednesday when they visited their new secondary school. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their new surroundings, meet some of their future teachers and begin to imagine what life will be like as they move into the next stage of their education. The children came back buzzing with excitement, sharing stories of new experiences and the friends they are looking forward to making.

Alongside this, our Year 6s have also been taking part in Bikeability training throughout the week. This scheme is such an important part of preparing children for independence and safe travel. Not only does it give them the confidence and skills to cycle safely on the roads, but it also encourages healthy, sustainable travel choices that can last a lifetime. We know that for many families, cycling is a fun and practical way of getting around, and Bikeability helps ensure that our children can enjoy this freedom with safety and responsibility at the heart of it.

We are very proud of how the Year 6s have embraced both their transition visit and their Bikeability training this week. They have shown maturity, enthusiasm and a readiness for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to highlight an important area that is often overlooked, but where we can really support you as parents. It's something I regularly notice many parents are unaware of, yet it can make a big difference to their children's progress.

Universal Infant Free School Meals vs Free School Meals – What's the Difference?

We wanted to take a moment to explain an important difference between **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)** and **Free School Meals (FSM)**, as this can sometimes cause confusion.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are entitled to a free school meal every day, regardless of family income. You do not need to apply for this – it is provided automatically.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Free School Meals are different. Families may be eligible for FSM if they receive certain benefits such as:

- [Universal Credit](#) (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- The guaranteed element of state [Pension Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (provided you're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- [Working Tax Credit run-on](#) - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Why is applying for Free School Meals so important?

Even though all infant children can get a meal under UIFSM, if your child qualifies for FSM and you apply, **the school receives additional funding (called Pupil Premium)**. This funding allows us to provide even more support for your child, such as:

- Help with the cost of school trips and activities
- Extra resources in school
- Access to additional academic support

This means that by applying, you are not only supporting your child's education but also helping us provide wider opportunities and financial assistance to them throughout their time at Midhurst CofE Primary.

Need help applying?

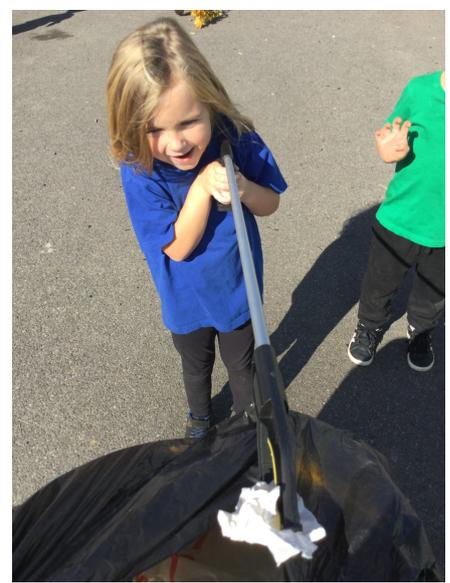
If you think you might meet the criteria for Free School Meals and would like support with the application, please make an appointment with me through the school office. I will be very happy to guide you through the process.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the best possible start.

With every best wish

Mark

BIRCH CLASS LEARN ABOUT CREATION



In RE, Birch Class have been learning about Creation and how we as the caregivers should look after the world. They did some super work of tidying the school grounds and even planted some bulbs. They all thought of some lovely ideas to create waste, for example Ronnie said ' We could do a toy swap' and Freddie P thought he could feed the birds. Miss Rose, Mrs Mullen and Miss Hurrion were so proud of the caring children they are already. Great work Birch Class.

BEECH AND OAK FOREST SCHOOLS

Beech and Oak class have been busy during their Forest School sessions in our beautiful woodland. They have; made traceless fires, friendship bracelets, wool and clay crafts and log dogs, played games, built acorns slides and enjoyed eating Mrs. Cain's mystery donuts, chocolate bananas and quesadillas.



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

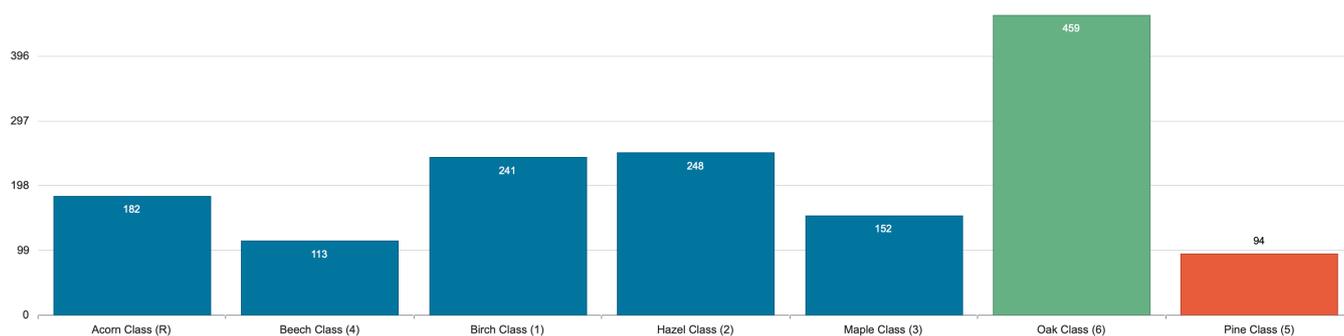
HENRY LEADS DAILY 10!

As part of their Daily 10, Pine class have been enjoying stretching sessions led by Henry.

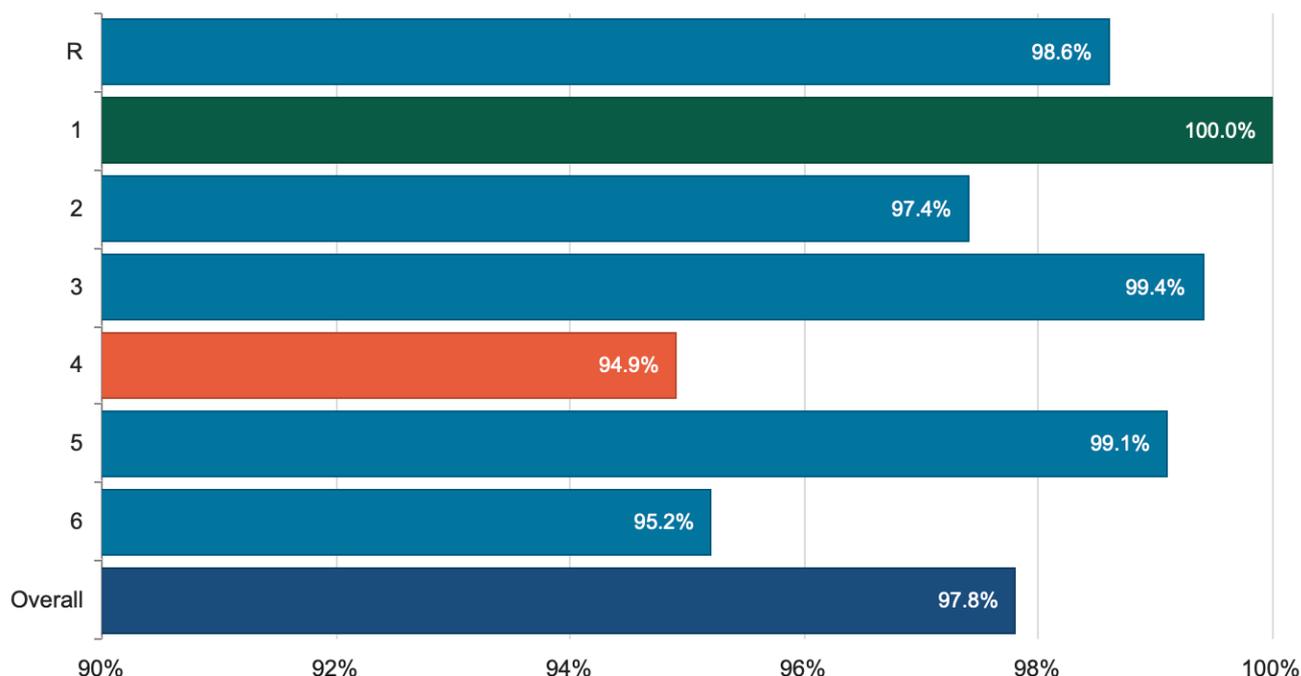


REWARD POINTS

Well done to Oak Class who hit the bullseye this week with the most reward points! 459!



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 98.6! A fab 3.6% above our target!!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Birch Class our attendance champions this week with 100% attendance.
Great job Birch 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
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
Monday 13 th October	Open Day Oak & Pine class – PE today	9 – 11am and 4 – 6pm Please come in PE kit
Tuesday 14 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 15 th October	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey club	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 16 th October	Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class Friendship Tea	Please come in PE kit Some children involved from Oak class
Friday 17 th October	Birch & Hazel class – PE today 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

Child £5 Ages 3 -14 Adults Free

COWDRAY RUINS HALLOWEEN TRAIL

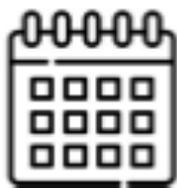
25th, 26th OCTOBER
30th, 31st OCTOBER
1st, 2nd NOVEMBER



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

Midhurst Green Volunteers

SPRING BULB PLANTING FOR FAMILIES



**SATURDAY
18TH OCT**



9-11



**ST ANN'S
HILL**

**BRING SPADE
+ GLOVES**

Your response to our bulb fund appeal earlier this year has enabled us to buy 12,000 spring bulbs - way beyond our expectations. Thank you!

We'll be planting around town during October and will have a special session for families at St Ann's Hill on Sat 18th Oct from 9-11 am. All ages welcome! Please join us!

Hands on half term!

At the West Sussex Record Office
Monday 27 October, 10am - 12pm



4-11 year
olds

£2 per
ticket

Join us this half term for a morning of fun activities for children and adults alike. This is a rare opportunity for children to go behind the scenes at the Record Office, view original documents up close, and take part in a range of interactive activities, including writing with a quill pen, making your own notebook, identifying bugs and map making.

Purchase your tickets on our website:

wsro.org.uk/events

A place must be booked for all members of your party, including adults and children outside of the recommended age range, and your party **must** contain at least one adult aged 18+.



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BLACKDOWN JUNIOR

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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

ELEVATION

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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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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



Chichester Library, Tower Street
Chichester, PO19 1QJ
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk
01243 777

Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊



You Are Right Here Right Now

Making the Most of Midhurst



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



Live Jazz every Wednesday only at Fratelli's Restaurant West Street



Midhurst Museum October Exhibition 100 Years of West Sussex Libraries



Fratelli's October Deal: 2 for 1 Pizza Mon-Thur: 5-6pm Fri-Sun: 3-5pm

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 1st Oct...

- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's
- Jazz Festival 'Secret Gig' 7:30pm @ Lions Den **(SOLD OUT)**
- Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

...On Thursday 2nd Oct...

- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)
- Willie Austen Plays 8pm @ Faustinos

...On Friday 3rd Oct...

- Walk & Talk at Cowdray Ruins @ Cowdray 11am-12
- 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
- Karaoke Night @ Half Moon

...On Saturday 4th Oct...

- Baby & Kids Nearly New sale @ The Grange 10:30-12
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm

...On Sunday 5th Oct...

- 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
- Epic Quiz 5:30pm @ Half Moon
- 'Stand Up To Cancer' Pub Quiz @ The Bricks 7:00pm

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Coming Soon...

- 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 October 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
- Collectomania 10-4pm 12th Oct @ The Grange
- Museum Open Morning 10:30-11:30 14th October
- Sustainable Farming Talk by Cowdray: Midhurst Soc. 16th Oct
- 'Stand Up To Cancer' Ladies Night @ The Bricks 17th Oct (Ticketed)
- Monthly Market 8:30- 2pm @ The Grange 18th October
- Electric Band Live Music 60's-80's 18th October @ Midhurst Club
- Double Cross play 18th October @ The Swan
- Epic Quiz @ Half Moon 19th Oct
- Get Acting Drop-in Sessions 2:30 & 6pm Old Library 23rd Oct

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