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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and inspiring week here at Midhurst CofE Primary School. The classrooms have been alive with curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm as the children have embraced a range of learning opportunities. It is always a pleasure to see our pupils demonstrating such kindness, cooperation, and a genuine love of learning.

## ♥ HELLO YELLOW DAY – SUPPORTING YOUNG MINDS

On Thursday, our school community took part in Hello Yellow Day, a national initiative led by the mental health charity *Young Minds*. This special day aims to raise awareness and promote positive conversations around children's mental health and wellbeing.

The school was a sea of sunshine as pupils and staff proudly wore something yellow – from bright T-shirts and cheerful socks to ribbons and badges. The message behind Hello Yellow is a simple but powerful one: no one is alone when it comes to their mental health. The day encouraged children to recognise that it is okay to talk about their feelings and that support is always available.

Throughout the day, the children took part in class discussions and activities centred around kindness, empathy, and emotional resilience. It was heart-warming to see the children offering words of encouragement to one another and reflecting on how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Events like Hello Yellow Day are an important reminder of our collective responsibility to nurture not just the academic, but also the emotional wellbeing of every child in our school community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the families who supported the day by helping their children dress in yellow and by sharing conversations at home about mental health and kindness.

## PROMOTING HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of providing a healthy, balanced lunchbox for their children. A nutritious lunch helps pupils to stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the afternoon. We encourage a variety of foods that include fresh fruit and vegetables, wholegrain items, and sources of protein to help maintain steady energy levels and concentration.

In line with our school's health and safety guidance, we would also like to remind parents and carers that grapes and other similar small fruits should always be cut in half lengthways before being sent into school. This precaution significantly reduces the risk of choking and ensures that snack and lunchtime remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us maintain these safety standards.

## DONATIONS FOR THE ART DEPARTMENT

Our Art Department continues to be a hub of creativity and imagination, with pupils exploring a range of artistic techniques and materials this term. To help protect school uniforms during these wonderfully messy sessions, we are kindly requesting donations of old shirts or large T-shirts that can be repurposed as art overalls. If you have any suitable items at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could send them into school with your child. Adult-sized shirts are particularly useful as they provide excellent coverage, but

any donations will be warmly received. Your contributions will help ensure that every child can continue to express their creativity freely – without worrying about getting a little bit of paint or glue on their uniform!

#### A FINAL WORD

As we come to the end of another productive and joyful week, we would like to thank all our families for their ongoing support and partnership. The sense of community at Midhurst CofE Primary School is something we are extremely proud of, and it is your continued involvement that helps make our school such a positive and nurturing environment for all our pupils.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mark

#### BEHAVIOUR TO AND FROM SCHOOL

I need to make you aware that we have recently received a number of complaints from our neighbours in Ashfield Gardens. It has been reported that some children, identifiable as pupils from our school by their uniform, have been throwing stones at houses in the area.

While these incidents have occurred outside of school hours, it is important to remember that any child wearing our school uniform is representing the school within the wider community. We expect our pupils to demonstrate the same high standards of behaviour and respect outside of school as we do within it.

As you know, we have been working hard in school to promote our core value of kindness — showing care and respect for others in all that we do. We ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and encouraging your children to act responsibly and considerately in the local community.

By working together, we can ensure that our pupils continue to uphold the positive reputation of our school and demonstrate the values we are all so proud of.

#### ACORN CLASS SETTLING IN!



Look at our amazing Acorn Class! A wonderful photo together with our wonderful Reception staff

## OAK CLASS WORK OF THE WEEK!

### The Meeting – by Robyn of Oak Class

In front of a bedraggled group of evacuees, stood a thin, rocky path meandering its way up to an old, small cottage. The walls of the cottage were made from a dull, red brick and the door from pale birch wooden planks. The harassed-looking billeting officer took a deep breath and knocked gently on the door. At first there was no answer, so she decided to knock again. The children in the background were shivering in fear when they suddenly heard a gruff, loud voice shout, "Okay, okay, I'm on me way!"

As the door was opened the billeting officer stood up as tall and vertical as she could muster. She demanded, "Due to the war effort you should know that a child will be attending your house, and these young girls are both staying with you."

"Their mother has insisted they both stay together," she further instructed smartly.

"Alright 'en," retorted the old man, "'Come in 'en!"

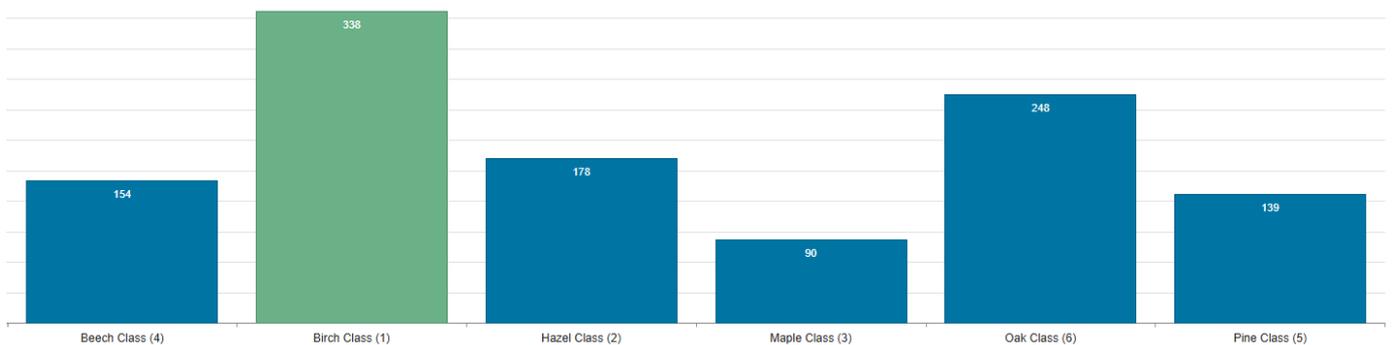
Behind the billeting officer, all the other evacuees waved to Lucia and Victoria and ran off trailing little footsteps behind them. Lucia and Victoria were petrified. Quietly they walked in, they thought the man would be just like their dad and whip them with a belt as soon as they walked through the door.

Shuffling their way into the living room, Lucia and Victoria remembered how much they loved playing outside together and asked the grumpy old man if they could go into the garden. Tom (the old man) told them they could.

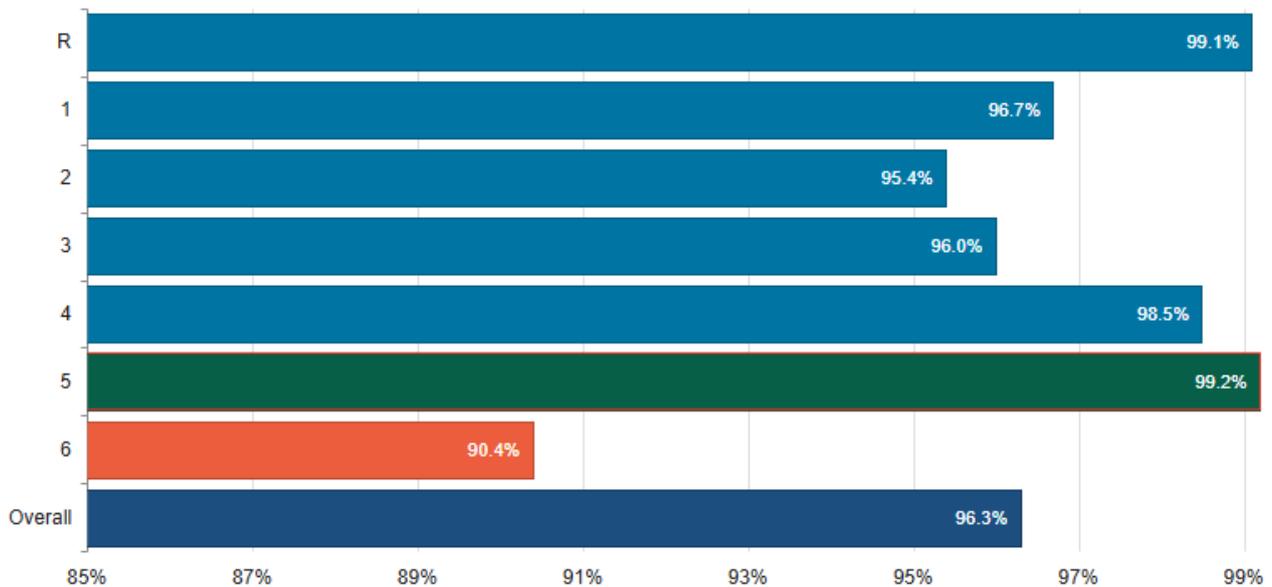
In the garden, beside the graveyard, the girls played for hours and hours until Tom called them in for supper. When the girls saw the food, they were amazed, it was more than they ever got back home. The bread was fluffy like a cloud, golden and delicious. The bacon was tasty and dripped and oozed with cooking fat. A real feast for the stomach and eyes.

## REWARD POINTS

Well done to Birch Class who hit the bullseye this week with the most reward points with 338.



## ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 96.3! A fab 1.3% above our target!!

### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Pine Class our attendance champions this week with 99.2% attendance.

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 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day Oak & Pine class – PE today	9 – 11am and 4 – 6pm Please come in PE kit
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey club	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Beech class Friendship Tea	Please come in PE kit Last one Some children involved from Oak class
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Vicar’s Award CM Sports Football club	Please come in kit By invitation only 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey Club	Please come in kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Maple & Beech class – PE today PTA Halloween Disco	Please come in kit More information to follow from PTA
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 kit Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term Break	School Closed
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day	School Closed
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Back to School	

# HALLOWEEN DISCO



THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

KS1 5:30-6:30

KS2 6:45-8



£2

ENTRANCE



INCLUDES CUPCAKE & SQUASH

HOTDOGS £2.50

LUCKY DIPS, GLOWSTICKS, TATTOOS,  
TOYS, TREATS

## PARTY TIME!

PLEASE NOTE, NO NON MPS CHILDREN ALLOWED UNLESS  
VOLUNTEERING WITH AN ADULT VOLUNTEER

# Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊



You Are Right Here Right Now

## Making the Most of Midhurst



Look out for Family Spring Bulb Planting @ St Annes Hill 18<sup>th</sup> October.



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 8<sup>th</sup> Oct...

🍷 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

🎵 Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's

🎴 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

... On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct...

🎵 Quiz Night @ Faustinos

🎭 Get Acting Drop-in Sessions 2:30 & 6pm Old Library

🍷 Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)

... On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct...

🍷 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

🎵 'Savannah Hack' Play @ The Wheatsheaf

... On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct...

📅 Midhurst Autumn Market 9am-2pm @ Old Town

🏇 Run the Seasons Autumn Race 2025 9am-12 @ Cowdray

🍷 Cowdray Annual Apple Day @ Cowdray Shop & Café

🔍 Murder at the Manor 11-1pm @ Cowdray

🎯 Midhurst Club October Darts Tournament

🍷 Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm

🎵 Jessica Lovelock Plays @ The Swan

... On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct...

📅 Collectomania 10-4pm @ 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 13<sup>th</sup> Oct...

... On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct...

🏛️ Museum Open Morning 10:30-11:30 14<sup>th</sup> October

... On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct...

🍷 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

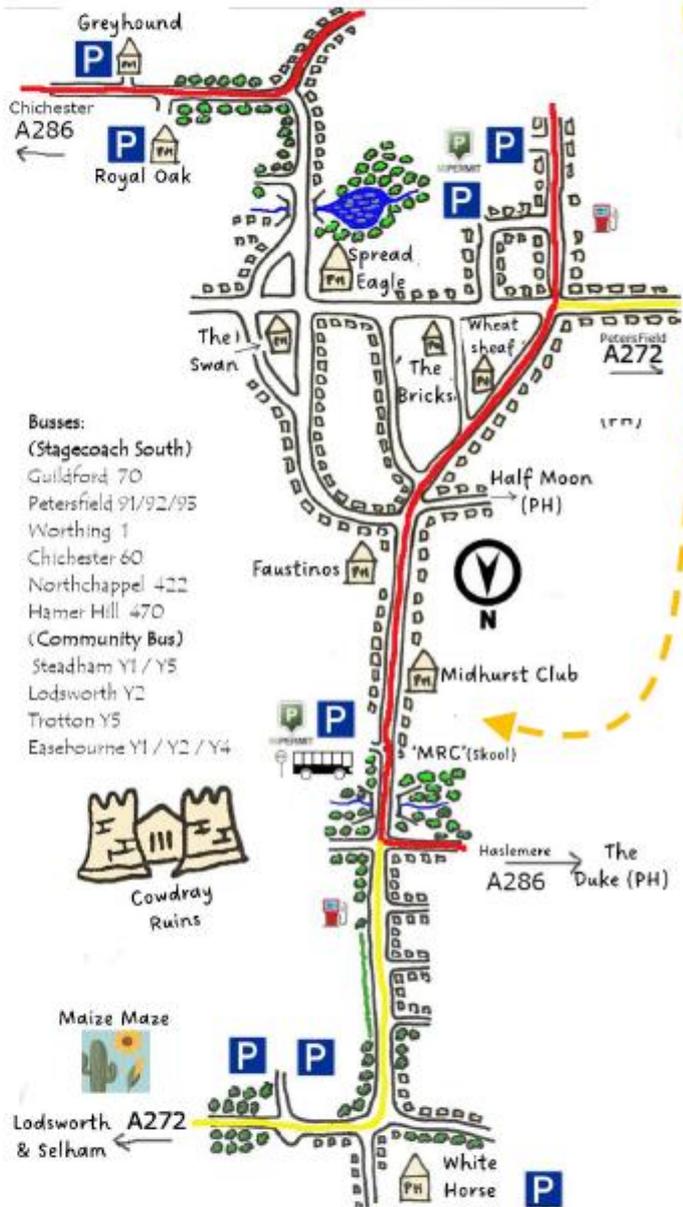
🎵 Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's West Street

🎴 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

## Coming Soon...

Sustainable Farming Talk by Cowdray: Midhurst Soc. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 'Stand Up To Cancer' Ladies Night @ The Bricks 17<sup>th</sup> Oct (Ticketed)  
 Family Spring Bulb Planting extravaganza @ St Annes Hill 18<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Monthly Market 8:30- 2pm @ The Grange 18<sup>th</sup> October  
 Electric Band Live Music 60's-80's 18<sup>th</sup> October @ Midhurst Club  
 Double Cross play 18<sup>th</sup> October @ The Swan  
 Epic Quiz @ Half Moon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Get Acting Drop-in Sessions 2:30 & 6pm Old Library 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
 Drag Night (Absolutely Dragulous) @ The Bricks 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Double Cross Play 25<sup>th</sup> October @ The Swan

## Midhurst & Easebourne



Midhurst & Easebourne  
 Community Board



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www.visitmidhurst.com



# Messy Harvest

CRAFTS  
GAMES  
FOOD!

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
ARRIVE AT 2.45pm FOR a 3pm  
START

OLD LIBRARY, KNOCKHUNDRED ROW

Come and join us for a special service  
designed for primary school age children.

We will celebrate Harvest with art and  
crafts, play games and share food together  
afterwards.

To register for this free event,  
please scan the QR code or visit  
"What's On" at  
[www.midhurstparishchurch.net](http://www.midhurstparishchurch.net)





Free  
Halloween  
Crafts



Midhurst Town Council

# AUTUMN MARKET

**Saturday**

**11th October 2025**

**9am to 2pm**

At The Old Library and  
Market Square, Midhurst

[www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk](http://www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk)

Child £5 Ages 3 -14 Adults Free

# COWDRAY RUINS HALLOWEEN TRAIL

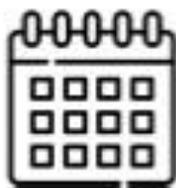
25th, 26th OCTOBER  
30th, 31st OCTOBER  
1st, 2nd NOVEMBER



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  
18<sup>TH</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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



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](http://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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ASCENT



## 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](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)

The Pavilion, Fernhurst Recreation Ground GU27 3HY

ELEVATION

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DESCENT

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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.



10:30am 12th October 2025

enter at [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)

The Pavilion, Fernhurst Recreation Ground GU27 3HY

## 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  
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Science, craft & hands-on  
things to do in Sussex half-term