



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and busy week it has been at Midhurst CofE Primary! Our children have been enjoying a fantastic range of experiences, from the great outdoors to sporting challenges that make us all proud.

Our Forest School sessions continue to be a real highlight, with pupils exploring, creating, and learning in nature – despite the autumn chill! The sense of teamwork and curiosity on display has been brilliant to see.

A huge well done to our cross-country squad, who took part in the Blackdown Challenge this week. Their determination and sportsmanship represented our school beautifully. We also want to celebrate our football teams, who have played a fantastic series of away fixtures at Midhurst Rother College. The effort, enthusiasm, and teamwork from all involved have been exceptional – well done, everyone!

Looking ahead, from next week we will be selling poppies during registration as part of our Remembrance commemorations. This is an important opportunity for our children to understand and reflect on the sacrifices made by others, and to take part in a national act of remembrance.

A quick reminder to all families that Breakfast Club begins at 7.55am. Unfortunately, we've noticed some children being dropped off earlier than this, but we must ask that this doesn't happen for safety reasons, as staff are not available to supervise before 7.55am. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Denise at the Midhurst Cancer Relief Charity Shop, who has very kindly donated paper (something every school can never have enough of!) and a wonderful selection of craft materials. These have already been put to good use in our after-school care sessions, bringing lots of creativity and joy to our children.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend after another exciting week of learning and adventure at Midhurst CofE Primary!

With every best wish

Mark

FOREST SCHOOLS LATEST!

Beech and Oak class have enjoyed some wonderful Forest School sessions over the past few weeks. They have become experts in fire making, discovered some beautiful fungi, whittled and sawed, played lots of games and had some mindful moments with magic spot and mystical fire dust.



BLACKDOWN HILL CHALLENGE

The cross-country squad had their first race of the season on Sunday. A team of 27 raced in the Blackdown Hill Challenge which is a 2km tough off-road race. For some this was their first cross country race ever. They all ran brilliantly, showing fantastic support to each other and demonstrating real grit and determination. Well done team, we are very proud of you all.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MRC

I was lucky enough to take a team of budding footballers down to MRC last Friday. With the 'A' Team of JJ, Harry, Maddie, Mollie P, Nyla, Jacob, Elliott, Fin, Baxter. We played really well but got off to a sticky start, the only time we lost was to our B Team! It shows the strength in depth we have here at MPS (plus a wickedly devilish free kick magic from Albie!). In the next game, we got our act together and managed to beat Harting 2-0; courtesy of goals from Baxter and Harry. In the second game we drew with the eventual champions, Camelsdale. In a highly contentious match with some interestingly one-sided officiating (in my opinion!). Both Harry and Fin scoring in this match. Against Hollycombe (my first teacher school!) we played our best game all tournament – winning 1-0 courtesy of a fantastic left-footed curled shot from Fin. In our final game, we were absolutely wasteful and wayward with our finishing, a 0-0 against local rivals Stedham, despite us completely dominating the match. If only we hadn't lost our first game or drawn the last, I am sure we would have won or been joint winners! Nevertheless, a 2nd and 3rd place finish leaves us well set up for aiming to win the overall trophy a record fourth time.



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Two super contributions for our, now weekly, Writers Column!

Down in the countryside, was a lightless cottage with about a dozen crimson rosses and a jagged old stingy gate. A billeting officer rapped on the door; an old wrinkly man burst out 'Ye wat yer want?' boasted the man 'Oh yes hello sir we were wondering if you would take a child, it's your pick.' Advised the billeting officer as she dragged a young boy forward. As the old man slammed the gate behind him, the billeting officer left the little boy no choice but to walk in after the man

Briskly, the man pulled the runty boy inside. Rushing the man went into the living room.

Two minutes later, he stumbled into the dining room.

'Oi you 'ungry?'

'Uh um no sir, 'Nervously replied the young child.

'Alright your loss!' He put sizzling bacon on the pan it was so hot it would feel like a fearsome fire in your mouth

– *Oliver Hill, Oak Class*

Hurriedly, a small group of children stuttered along going house to house like a stampede with the group getting smaller and smaller. The group was being led by a huge stern man with an armband and a glowing jacket. They walked into a luscious garden, and roughly knocked on a door. Out came a very jolly woman, with an older looking man behind her. "Good evening", said the man politely." I am the local billeting officer and I am here to"

"Ye ye, get to the point", grunted the man at the door. While retaining his composure, the officer pointed forward three children. Oh, we'll take any off 'em", said the woman. Abruptly, the billeting officer pushed forward all three "We only want one of 'em," the woman laughed. It was starting to get dark, so the officer pointed at the tall one and said, "you can have him. "As fast as light, the group stuttered along to the next house within seconds – *JJ Jezzard, Oak Class*

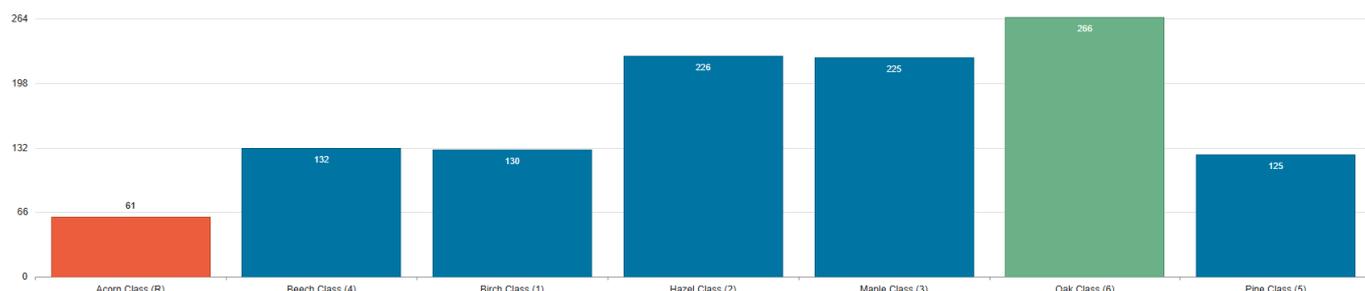
WELL DONE, BAXTER AND THEO!



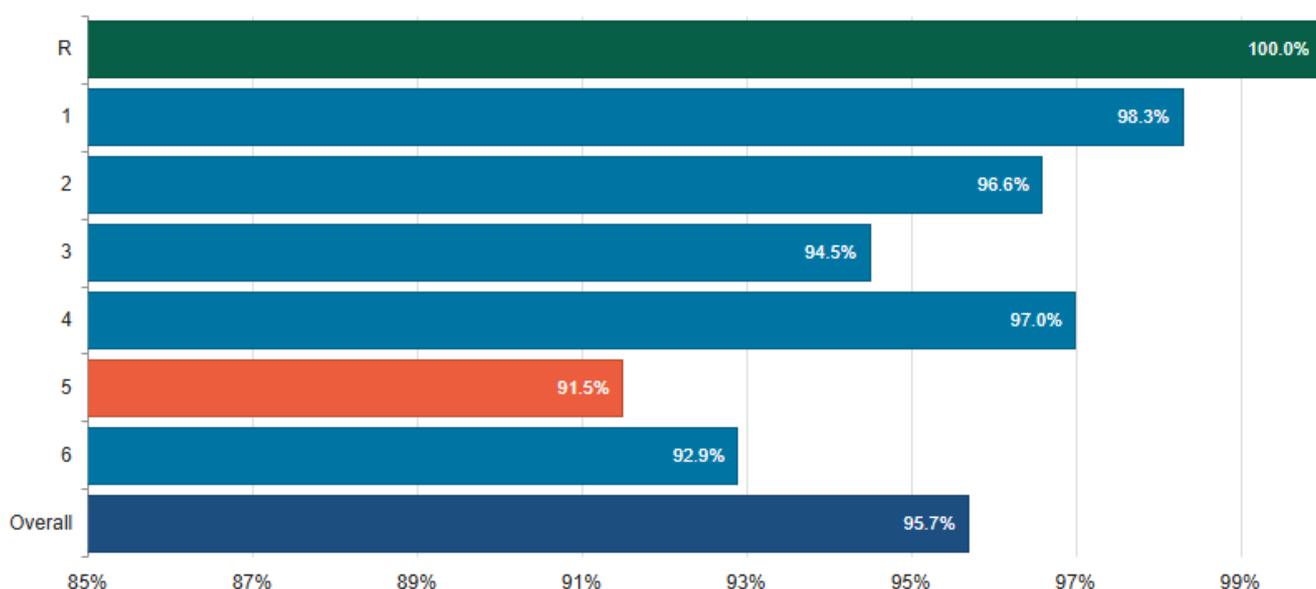
A huge congratulations to Baxter and Theo, who took part in their very first karate grading event and did brilliantly — both achieving their blue belts! What a fantastic accomplishment that shows real dedication, focus, and perseverance. We're all so proud of your hard work and commitment. Keep kicking towards your next goal!

REWARD POINTS

Well done to Oak Class with the most reward points with 266



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 95.7% .7% above our target!!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Acorn Class, not only our attendance champions this week but coming in with 100% attendance! What an amazing achievement so early in the year! Amazing Acorns!!!

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 20 th October | Oak & Pine class – PE today | Please come in kit |
| Tuesday 21 st 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 nd October | Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey Club | Please come in kit 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| Thursday 23 rd October | Maple & Beech class – PE today PTA Halloween Disco | Please come in kit More information to follow from PTA |
| Friday 24 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 kit Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm |
| Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October | Half Term Break | School Closed |
| Monday 3 rd November | INSET Day | School Closed |
| Tuesday 4 th November | Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School–Beech class grp 2 CM Sports Football club | Please come in PE kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 5 th November | Hazel class trip to Birdworld Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Oak & Pine Hockey club Rotary Music evening at MRC | See separate letter Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm More details to follow |
| Thursday 6 th November | Maple & Beech – PE today Swimming – Maple Class | Please come in PE kit |
| Friday 7 th November | Birch & Hazel class – PE today Parent Workshop - Supporting my child to emotionally regulate. Forest School – Oak class grp 2 Forest School – Birch class grp 1 Rother Valley Hockey @ MRC Cross Country Club – KS2 | Please come in PE kit 9.30am Please bring kit Please bring kit More details to follow 3.30 – 4.15pm |

HALLOWEEN DISCO



THURSDAY 23RD 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



Midhurst Town Council

Halloween Trail

Can you help Wendy the Witch find her
spooky spell ingredients?



Complete the trail anytime during Half-Term

To claim a prize, please go to
The Old Library, Knockhundred Row,
Midhurst on



Thursday 30th October 2025 or
Saturday 1st November 2025
between 9am & 2pm.



Collect the activity
sheet from outside
The Old Library,
or download from

www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk



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 Plant @ St Annes-HB 18th October.



Erol Linton Band Pop-Up Event. Wed 22nd at The Lions Den



Welcome to Showfly Decorative Antiques - Now open in West Street



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

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 15th Oct...

🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

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

🎰 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

...On Thursday 16th Oct...

☕ 'Friendship Tea' (Coffee & Cakes) 3:30-5pm @ Old Library

🌱 Sustainable Farming Talk by Cowdray: Midhurst Soc.

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

...On Friday 17th Oct...

🐟 Fish & Chips Friday £7:50 11:30 - 3pm @ The Grange

🍷 Kemaellis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm

🍔 Burger and a Bevvie £14! @ The Bricks

🍷 Burger Night @ The Greyhound

🎤 Karaoke Night @ Half Moon

🎵 Sarah Collins Plays 8:45 @ The Wheatsheaf

🍷 'Stand Up To Cancer' Ladies Night @ The Bricks (Ticketed)

...On Saturday 18th Oct...

🛒 Monthly Market 8:30- 2pm @ The Grange

🌱 Family Spring Bulb Planting extravaganza @ St Annes Hill

🍷 Kemaellis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm

🎤 Jessica Lovelock Plays @ The Swan

🎵 Electric Band Live Music 60's-80's @ Midhurst Club

...On Sunday 19th Oct...

🏊 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 20th Oct...

... On Tuesday 21st Oct...

... On Wednesday 22nd Oct...

🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

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

🎰 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

🎵 Erol Linton Blues Band Pop-Up £20 7pm @ Lions Den

Coming Soon...

Get Acting Drop-in Sessions 2:30 & 6pm Old Library 23rd Oct

Drag Night (Absolutely Dragulous) @ The Bricks 25th Oct

Double Cross Play 25th October @ The Swan

Pumpkin Trail at Cowdray Ruins 25th Oct 10-3:30pm @ Cowdray

Indoor Car boot Sale 10am-1pm 26th October @ The Grange

'Stand Up To Cancer' Charity Poker Night @ The Bricks 27th Oct

Spooky Pub Quiz @ The Swan 29th October

Quiz Night @ Faustinos 30th October

Halloween Party (Fancy Dress Prize) Live Music @ Greyhound 31st Oct

Halloween Party @ The Duke 31st Oct (£25 DJ, Food & First drink)

Halloween Party (free) Fancy Dress, Prizes, DJ/Karaoke @ Half Moon 31st Oct

Halloween Party @ Kemaellis (£10 Inc DJ, 1st Cocktail & Prizes) 1st Nov

Open Mike Night 7th Nov @ The Bricks 8pm - Raw Talent & Good Vibes

Countrv Brocante Winter Fair @ Cowdray 7-8th November

Midhurst & Easebourne



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Community Board



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Messy Harvest

CRAFTS
GAMES
FOOD!

SUNDAY 19TH 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



Child £5 Ages 3 -14 Adults Free

COWDRAY RUINS HALLOWEEN TRAIL

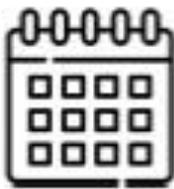
25th, 26th OCTOBER
30th, 31st OCTOBER
1st, 2nd NOVEMBER



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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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





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