



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few years, life has changed for all of us. Since the pandemic, many families — and many of us as individuals — have found things harder than before. Financial pressures are affecting more people, raising a family can be demanding in the best of times, and our town can sometimes feel like it has too few opportunities and activities for children outside the school day.

The needs of our children have grown. The needs of our families have grown. And, if we are honest, the needs of staff and schools have grown too. It is important that we acknowledge this openly and without judgement: life can be difficult, and none of us were meant to manage everything alone.

One thing I feel strongly about is this: asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. I want every parent and carer in our school community to feel that they can approach us about anything — whether it is a practical worry, an emotional concern, or simply the feeling of being overwhelmed. We will always try our best to support you, to listen, and to help where we can.

But I also know something else. Support only works when it genuinely meets the needs of the people it is meant for. Schools — and communities more widely — can sometimes plan initiatives, run groups, or introduce ideas because we *think* they might help, without actually asking where help is truly needed. And I know from personal experience how important that difference is.

Many of you will remember that shortly after my appointment as headteacher, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Thanks to the extraordinary care of our NHS, I am now absolutely fit and well. But in the months that followed, I was suddenly surrounded by offers of support — well-meant, generous, and kind — yet at times overwhelming. I often found myself feeling as though I must be doing something wrong, or not coping as well as I should. Even now, when someone approaches me wearing a lanyard offering help, a part of me still braces, wondering whether they are here because I've fallen short in some way. I know that feeling is not logical, but it is real — and perhaps some of you have felt something similar.

Sometimes help, even when it is given with the best of intentions, can feel heavy. It can feel like a spotlight instead of a hand. And that is why I want to make sure that whatever support we offer as a school is truly shaped by *you* — your experiences, your challenges, your hopes, and your ideas.

I have recently been asked to lead on new ways we can support our children and families. But I cannot and should not do this alone. I need your help.

What do our children need — and not just within school, but beyond it?

What would make a real difference to your family?

What could we as a school do better?

What could the wider community of Midhurst do better?

Your insight, honesty, and lived experience matter far more than any assumption or plan we might create without you.

I would be really grateful if you could share your thoughts with me — as openly and as personally as you feel comfortable. You are very welcome to write to me anonymously if that makes it easier. Every comment, every idea, every worry, and every suggestion will help us build something better, together.

We are here for you. We want to work with you. And we believe in this community — in its strength, its warmth, and its resilience.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do for your children and for our school.

With every best wish

Mark

OUR SCHOOL IS NOW NUT-FREE

To help keep every child in our school safe, we are now a completely nut-free school. This is very important because a number of our pupils have severe nut allergies. Even a tiny amount of nut, or sometimes just being near a nut product, can cause a serious and potentially life-threatening reaction.

What This Means

From now on, no foods containing nuts should be brought into school. This includes:

- Peanuts or tree nuts
- Peanut butter, Nutella or other nut spreads
- Snacks, cakes or biscuits that contain nuts
- Granola bars, trail mix or cereal bars with nuts
- Any other food where nuts are one of the ingredients

Checking Labels – What to Look For

When preparing your child's snacks and packed lunches, please check the ingredient list carefully.

There are two types of labels you might see:

1. Foods that *contain* nuts – these must not be brought to school.
2. Foods labelled "may contain nuts" or "made in a factory that handles nuts" – Increasing numbers of foods are labelled 'may contain traces of nuts' (where nuts are not included in the ingredient list). This means the product does not contain nuts, but the manufacturer may make another product in the same area, which does contain nuts. Some food labels will indicate the product has been produced in a factory that handles nuts. Most will take care to prevent contamination; the risk is therefore very small.

If staff notice a child with a nut-based product, it will be sensitively and politely removed, and an alternative snack will be offered if needed.

Thank You for Helping Keep Everyone Safe

We know this requires extra care, and we appreciate your understanding and support. Working together helps ensure our school is a safe and happy place for all children.

NON-UNIFORM DAY & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

On Friday 5th December, we are having a non-uniform day! Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a contribution to our Christmas raffle.

We would be grateful if each year group could bring the following items:

- Reception & Year 1: Chocolates
- Year 2 & Year 3: Bottles (any kind)
- Year 4: Toiletries
- Year 5 & Year 6: Festive goodies (candles, savoury snacks, stocking fillers)

Please bring your items into school on Friday 5th December.

Raffle tickets will be on sale on the playground in the mornings and afternoons from Monday 1st December. Tickets are 20p each or 5 for £1.

Let's make this Christmas raffle a big success!

REMEMBERING THROUGH POETRY: YEAR 6'S POWERFUL WORDS

This month, as we reflect on history and the importance of remembrance, we are proud to share two truly moving poems written by our Year 6 pupils, N and F. During their lessons exploring the experiences of those who lived through times of war, both pupils have used their creativity and empathy to bring the past to life in verse. Their poems capture not only the historical events they studied, but also the human emotions behind them—courage, hope, sorrow, and remembrance. Reading their words is a reminder of the power of poetry to help us connect with history, understand the sacrifices of those before us, and reflect on the values we hold today. We hope you enjoy these pieces as much as we have, and that they inspire you to think about the importance of remembering and learning from the past.

Whispers of The Battlefield By Nyla B

-1-

In the hush of dawn,
Where shadows creep,
The Battlefield stirs from
It's restless sleep,
Beneath the cold sky,
In the heart of despair
Come he whispers of
Warriors, born from the air.

-2-

Steel clashing, echoes of
Courage resound,
In the heart of the chaos,
Their legacies found.
Each breath a promise,
Each heartbeat a vow,
Carved in the soil, where
The fallen bow.

-3-

Ghostly murmurs weave
Through the trees,
Stories of valour carried
On the breeze.
"Remember us" they call,
In a voice soft yet bold,
In the silence of dusk
Their tales unfold.

-4-

For in every heartbeat,
In every last breath
Lives the spirit of those
Who have starred down death.
The camaraderie forged in
The heat of the fight,
Still lingers in whispers,
As day turns to night.

-5-

We honour the bravery
That history holds,
In the peace that we cherish.
Their courage emerges,
From the ashes of the battle,
As new lives arise,
Their whispers remind us,
In the starlit skies.

-6-

So, listen closely to
The tales of the brave,
As the winds carry
Secrets from each
Hollow grave.
For the whispers of the
Battlefield gently proclaim,
In sacrifice, we find hope,
And love without name.

We Stand Strong!

by Freddie G-B

The soldiers began their daily walk,
as the Germans began to get up and stalk.
"GUNS READY!" the commander said.
as adrenaline rushed through the soldiers' head.
An explosion scattered across the land,
as a shiver started on the soldier's hand.
Then an army of bullets flew across the sky,
they shimmered and sparkled in the soldier's eye.
The army shot back to the Germans trench,
they responded with gas – a hideous stench.
The superior soldiers looked out in the sky
as that hideous stench caught their beady, little eye.
"GAS!" A soldier roared "GAS."
Then
The soldiers put their gas masks on
And scurried away like a flock of birds.
The soil was sorrow and so was the crow,
begging and hoping for a better tomorrow.
They found a forest a mile away
deep under the trees and the sky that was grey.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please remember that our School Christmas Meal must be booked through ParentPay by Monday 4th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide any spare meals on the day, so please ensure your booking is completed before the deadline.

BOOK FAIR – A REMINDER

We are excited to invite you to this year's School Book Fair—a wonderful event that not only brings the joy of reading to our pupils, but also directly supports our school. Every book purchased helps us earn rewards that go toward new books and resources for our classrooms and library.

Book Fair Opening Dates

You can visit the book fair to buy books and fun accessories on the following dates:

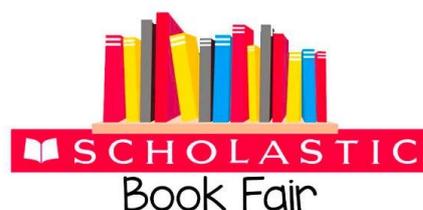
- Friday 21st November
- Monday 24th November
- Tuesday 25th November
- Wednesday 26th November

This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up a great new read for your child or even start stocking up on Christmas presents. With a wide range of books suitable for all ages and interests, there's something to inspire every young reader.

Where to Find Us

As usual, the hall will be open straight after school on each of the dates above. Please enter through the Year 1 garden, where you'll be guided into the hall to browse at your leisure.

We hope to see many of you there—your support truly makes a difference. Let's continue to encourage a love of reading and make this year's book fair the best one yet!



FESTIVE JUMPER DESIGN COMPETITION – GET CREATIVE!

We're delighted to let you know that *Midhurst Town Council* is inviting all local children to take part in their Design a Festive Jumper Competition! This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to get creative and show off their artistic talents.

What's the prize?

The winning designer will have the very special honour of switching on the Christmas Tree lights at the Midhurst Christmas Street Party on Friday 5th December 2025. In addition, the lucky winner will receive a £20 Wizzbits voucher.

What your child has received:

From today, every child has been given:

- An entry form
- A jumper template for their design
- Full details on how to enter the competition

We encourage all children to take part and enjoy creating their most imaginative, colourful and festive ideas.

Deadline for entries:

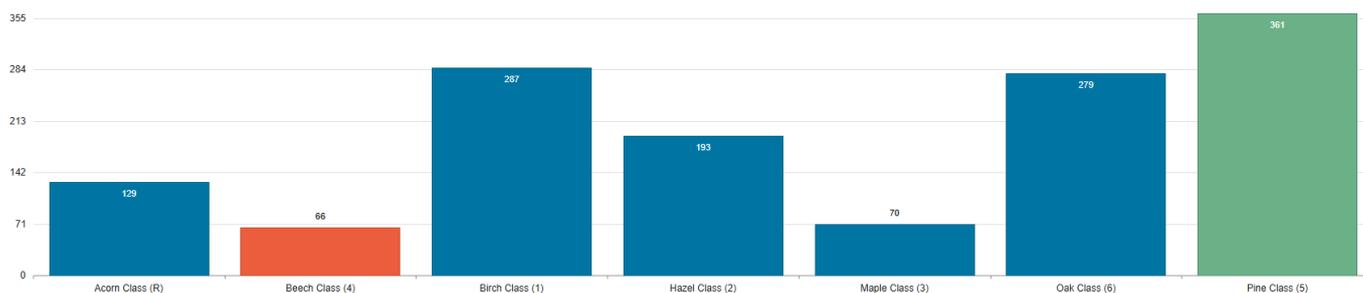
All designs must be submitted by Friday 28th November.

We can't wait to see the wonderful festive jumper creations from our talented pupils. Good luck to everyone who enters!

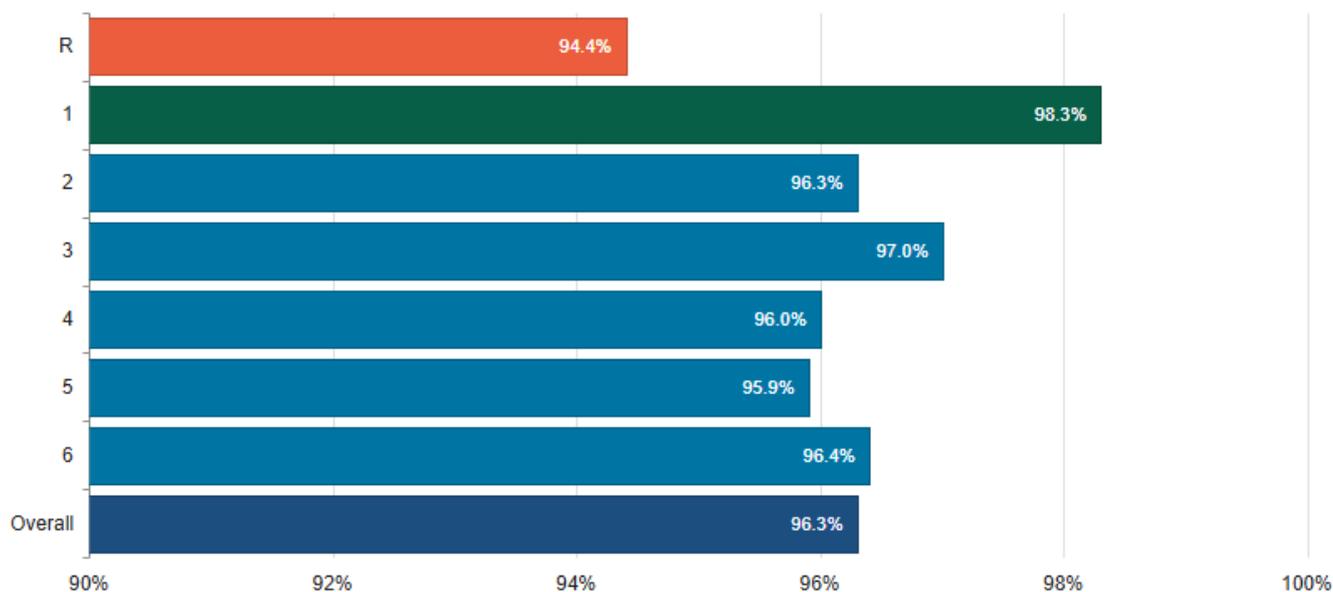


REWARD POINTS

Well done to Pine Class with the most reward points with 361 in total!



ATTENDANCE



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

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Birch Class, our attendance champions this week with 98.3% attendance!

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with our school community! Thanks to the incredible generosity and enthusiasm of our parents, children, and staff, we have raised an amazing £533.06 for Children in Need.

This achievement is a true reflection of the kindness and teamwork that make our school so special. From the creative fundraising ideas to the cheerful participation in activities, every effort counted—and together, we've made a real difference for children who need our support.

Your contributions will help provide vital resources and opportunities for young people across the UK, ensuring they have brighter futures ahead.

Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment. We couldn't have done it without you!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 24 th November	Oak & Pine class – PE today Book Fair	Please come in kit 3.30 – 4pm
Tuesday 25 th November	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Maple class visiting church Forest School – Beech class grp 2 CM Sports Football club Book Fair	Please come in kit Please bring a warm/waterproof coat Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Maple & Beech Hockey Club Book Fair	Please come in kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4pm
Thursday 27 th November	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Maple class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 28 th November	Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Oak class grp 2 Forest School – Birch class grp 2 Cross Country Club KS2	Please come in kit Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 1 st December	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 2 nd December	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Beech class grp 2 CM Sports Football club	Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Birch class visiting church for Advent Maple & Beech Hockey Club	Please come in kit Please bring a warm/waterproof coat 3.30 – 4.15pm
Thursday 4 th December	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Maple class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 5 th December	NON-UNIFORM DAY! Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Oak class grp 2 Forest School – Birch class grp 2 Cross Country Club KS2	In aid of the PTA XMAS Raffle Please come in kit Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm

Christmas Lunch

Serving on Monday 15th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com **no later than**
Thursday 4th December.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



www.ParentPay.com

Chartwells

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

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CHILDREN
IN NEED

THANK YOU

Midhurst CE Primary School

for raising

£533.06

**THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED WILL HELP TO
MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN**



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School Crossing Patrol

Vacancy – Bepton Road

Midhurst C of E Primary School
8.00am – 9.00am and 15.10 - 15.50pm
Term time only

West Sussex County Council employs a large team of dedicated men and women who assist children across busy roads. This is a great opportunity to play a key role in your community.

Using specific procedures and after full training, you will control traffic and pedestrians, including young children and their parents, every school day.

Benefits include regular monthly pay, full training, uniform provided free. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS background security check and medical assessment.

Applications can be made online on the westsussex.gov.uk jobs website. For more information, or if you are unable to access online, contact the Assistant Area Co-ordinator, Susan Madden, on 07594 510698 or email susan.madden@westsussex.gov.uk. Or contact the Area Co-ordinator, Caroline Martin, on 07775 502874.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU

Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!

 Snap Me don't Take Me 😊 You Are Right Here Right Now

Get involved in Midhurst This Week



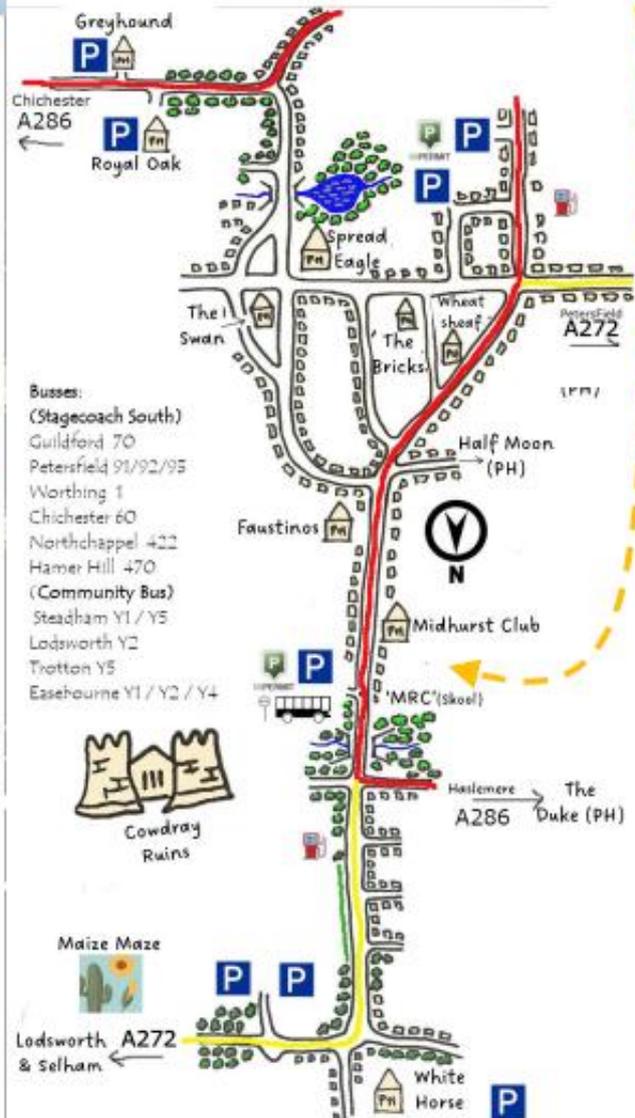
Things to enjoy this week:

- ... On Wednesday 19th Nov...
 - 🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
 - 🎷 Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's West Street
 - 🎰 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club
- ... On Thursday 20th Nov...
 - 🍷 Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)
 - 🗣️ 'state of our rivers' talk for Midhurst Society 7:30pm
 - 🎮 Quiz Night 8pm @ Faustinos
- ... On Friday 21st Nov...
 - 🍷 Friday Fish & Chips £7.99 11:30 - 3pm @ The Grange
 - 🍷 Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
 - 🍔 Burger Night @ The Bricks
 - 🍔 Burger Night @ The Greyhound
 - 🎵 Tabitha Kendall Plays @ The Wheatshaeaf 8:45pm
- ... On Saturday 22nd Nov...
 - 🍷 Meraki Christmas Market 10-7pm @ Memorial Hall
 - 🍷 Cowdray Christmas Market 10-4pm @ Cowdray Café
 - 👨👦 'Meet Father Christmas' 10-4pm @ Cowdray Cafe
 - 🎵 Lewis James Live-Looping Artist Plays @ The Swan 8pm.
 - 🎵 Laura Lewis Plays 60's - Recent @ The Bricks
- ... On Sunday 23rd Nov...
 - 🍷 Toy & Train Fair 9:45am-13:15pm @ The Grange
 - 🗣️ Walk and Talk Cowdray Ruins 11-noon @ Cowdray £10
 - 🏊 Free Pool all day Sundays @ The Wheatshaeaf
 - 🍷 Sunday Roast 12:30 - 3:30 @ The Swan
 - 🍷 Sunday Roast 12 - 8pm @ The Royal Oak
 - 🍷 Sunday Roast 12 - 4pm @ The Bricks
 - 🍷 Sunday Roast 12 - 5pm @ The Greyhound
- ... On Monday 24th Nov...
 - 🍔 Monday Night is Burger Night @ The Duke
 - 🎰 Red Tooth Poker Night @ The Bricks
- ... On Tuesday 25th Nov...
 - 🎮 Quiz Night @ The Greyhound
- ... On Wednesday 26th Nov...
 - 🍷 Wreath Workshop 10:30-1pm & 6:30-9pm @ Cowdray
 - 🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
 - 🎷 Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's West Street
 - 🎵 Open Mike Night (with Marco) @ Faustinos 8pm
 - 🎰 Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

Coming Soon...

- BBQ Blues (best BBQ in Town) from 5pm 27th Nov @ Faustinos
- Indoor Car boot 10am-1pm 30th November @ The Grange
- Wreath Workshop 10:30-1pm & 6:30-9pm @ Cowdray 1st & 3rd Dec
- Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm 4th Dec @ Walled Garden
- Midhurst Christmas Street Party** 5th December 4-8pm
- 'Traditional Christmas Fair 9am-2pm 6th Dec @ The Grange
- Visit Santa (For little ones) 11-1pm 6th Dec @ The Grange
- Little Pickles Market (Baby Cloth: Buy and sell) 6th Dec @ The Grange
- Cowdray Ruins Kitchen: Christmas 11am-12 6th Dec @ Cowdray
- Run the Season Race 5-7pm 6th Dec @ Cowdray
- Wreath Making Workshop 6pm 10th December @ Royal Oak
- Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm 10th-12th Dec @ Walled Garden

Midhurst & Easebourne



Buses:
 (Stagecoach South)
 Guildford 70
 Petersfield 91/92/95
 Worthing 1
 Chichester 60
 Northchappel 422
 Hamer Hill 470
 (Community Bus)
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 Lodsworth Y2
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 Easebourne Y1 / Y2 / Y4

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You are invited
to make a
**Christmas
Character
that Moves**
from reclaimed materials

So grab your recycling, your imagination, any other small materials you wish to use and start making!

When your design is complete, please bring it to our Henry Adams office (for a sweet treat!) or take it back to your school by

Friday 28th November

Star Prizes - two children from your school will win a LEGO set each to build with their families.

We'll be back at your school in December to see all your wonderful decorations and award the star prizes!

Please make sure you include this information on your character:

Name + Year Group + School



Examples from the internet



Follow The Star

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SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
ARRIVE AT 2.45pm FOR A 3PM START**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE
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WE WILL MAKE STARS AND ADVENT CALENDARS,
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Midhurst Parish Church
1 - 31st Dec. 2025

Make a star!!

any size, colour, material
to hang in Midhurst
Church during
December!!

Bring your star to church,
for us to display!!

Any queries,
please contact Parish office
on 01730 815356 or
office@midhurstparishchurch.net



BREAKFAST

With Santa

**YUMMY BREAKFAST | LETTERS TO SANTA | MEET SANTA | BISCUIT
DECORATING | A GO ON OUR SNO-TUBING (FROM AGE 6) | ARTS & CRAFTS**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM

CHILDREN £22 | ADULTS £10

Booking via our
website under the
'What's On' page!

Lodge Hill Centre
London Road
Watersfield
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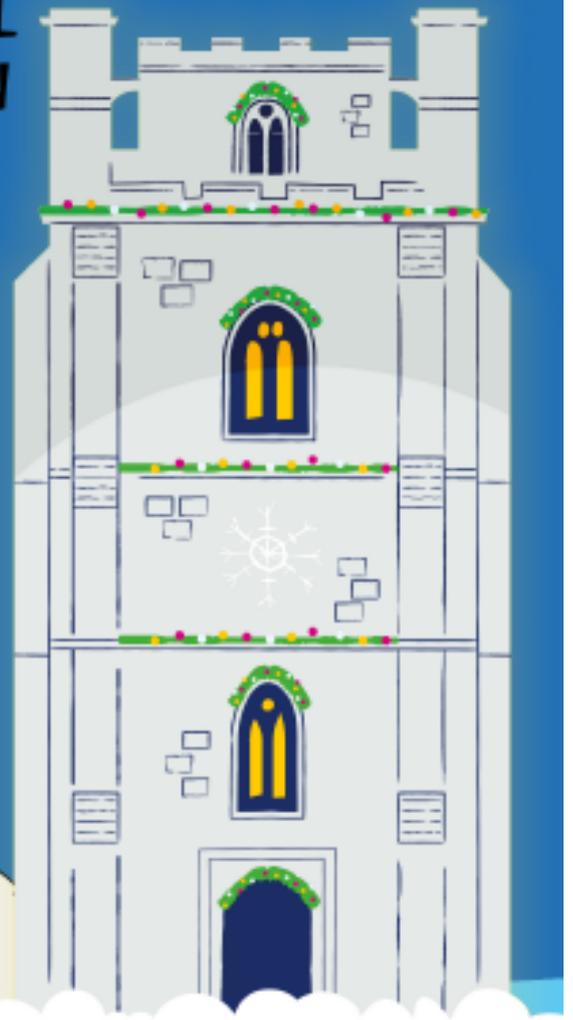


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8 - 21 December



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Performances throughout December

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£15.00 per person

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Christmas Storytime

Join us for some festive favourite stories and songs at our cosy Christmas Storytime!



Wednesday 24th December
11.00-11.45am

All welcome

Booking essential—please speak to staff to reserve your place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



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CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

10AM - 12:30PM

£45 PER PERSON

All wreath making supplies provided

Includes tea, coffee & mince pies

Please bring an apron and secateurs if you have them!



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THURSDAY
11 DECEMBER

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4PM - 6PM

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