



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a magical time of year this is! The school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for the festive season. Our Acorn Class is filling the halls with joyful songs as they rehearse for the Christmas Sing-Along, and our Birch and Hazel Classes are working hard to bring this year's Nativity to life – we can't wait to share these special performances with you. Even our Forest School sessions have embraced the season, adding a sprinkle of festive fun to outdoor learning!

We're also thrilled to share that the school has been invited to take part in two wonderful community events this year:

- Christmas Street Party – Our KS2 classes will be performing in the church next Friday at 4:30pm for around 20 minutes. Letters with full details are going out today, so please keep an eye out and come along to support us!
- Christingle Service – We've also been asked to sing at the Christingle Service in Midhurst Parish Church on Sunday 7th December at 3:30pm. Again, letters will be sent home today. We hope you'll be able to join us for these festive celebrations and show your support for our talented children.

There's so much happening, so please keep reading for all the details. We also want to let you know that we are currently recruiting for two positions within the school:

- Midday Meals Supervisor
- Office Vacancy

You'll find more information about these opportunities further down the flyer.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this week's Book Fair. It has been wonderful to see so many children and families enjoying the fair and choosing books to treasure. Your support not only encourages a love of reading but also helps the school earn rewards to purchase new books for our library – a truly festive gift that keeps giving! Thanks to your generosity, we've earned £227 worth of reward books. A special thank you goes to Miss Hurriion and her team, who stepped in at the last moment to make the fair such a success.

As we move closer to Christmas, we're reminded of the warmth and joy that comes from our school community. Thank you for your continued support – it makes all the difference. We look forward to sharing more festive moments with you in the coming weeks!

Wishing you all a wonderful week filled with sparkle and cheer!

With every best wish

Mark

ACORN CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG – WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2025



Get ready to feel the Christmas cheer Acorn Class families! We are inviting you to a wonderful, jolly Christmas Sing-Along on Wednesday 17th December at 2pm. Come and raise the roof with your little Acorn as we sing some classis Christmas songs. After all that merriment, treat yourself to a delicious mince pie, hot drink or squash. We will also have a fun photobooth for keepsake snaps, and a special book of the children's Christmas stories to share. To help raise some funds to spend on fun activities in the new year, please bring along any spare change you can, to pop into our donation pot. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

MAPLE CLASS DANCE WITH THE ANGLO-SAXONS

This term, Beech class have been choreographing an Anglo-Saxon dance and last week their performed their final dance to Maple class.



FOREST SCHOOLS GET FESTIVE



Our Forest School sessions have taken on a festive twist! Children have been exploring nature while creating seasonal crafts, decorating with natural materials, and enjoying activities that celebrate the magic of winter. It's a wonderful way to combine outdoor learning with the joy of the holidays.

MAPLE CLASS VISIT ARUNDEL WETLANDS



Last Wednesday, Maple Class had a trip to Arundel Wetlands. Apart from watching the pelicans acting out with their funny hairdos and seeing all the other wonderful birds, we met Ava! Ava is half bird and half osprey who asked us all to become guardians of the wild. Maple Class were totally engaged with Ava's story and we all agreed that we can be a part of this amazing project - Generation Wild. As part of becoming a guardian, each child needs to engage in nature activities. While we were at the wetlands, we began our tasks with three activities. We saw Ava fly off and we are now following her journey to Senegal. Some comments from the children include.....

'I liked it when we made nests and making bug beds.'

'I loved seeing the pelicans and also Ava when she started speaking...and I liked the free walk.'

'I enjoyed doing the activities but it was really cold!'

'I liked the walk looking at the birds.'



A REMINDER - 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!

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.

OFFICE VACANCY

From January 2026 we will be looking for somebody to work part time in the office during the afternoons. All the details of the post and how to apply can be found on the West Sussex jobs website – follow the link and type Midhurst into the search box to find our current vacancies. Job search - [West Sussex County Council](#)

WINTER NIGHT TRAIL RUN | SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025 – FROM 5:10PM | COWDRAY ESTATE

BREAKING NEWS - Cowdray have added Junior races to our Run the Seasons series!

The next race is a night race on the 6th December and below is a 20% off voucher for any Juniors who like to take part. We then have a Spring and Summer race too.

The 3km is a nice flat race which starts and finishes before the adults, and the Junior 5km goes off with the adults.

Junior 3km is 6-11years

Junior 5km is 12-15 years

20% Discount Code is - HRUQHEQREK



Saturday 6th December 2025 | HEADTORCHES REQUIRED | [ENTER HERE](#)

Start Times: 17:10hrs Kids 3km | 17:35hrs All CaniRun together | 17:40 10km | 17:45 All 5km together.

Entry Fees: 5km: £19:50 | 5km CaniRun £21:50 | 10km: £25:50 | 10km CaniRun £27:50 | Kids 3km (6-11yrs) £10 | Junior (12-15 yrs) £15

The 3km kids run will take place first and only when all children have finished this run will the other races start. The kids race will be led and swept by mountain bike riders and there will also be hi-vis safety marshals running amongst the runners. Children will be issued with an LED safety bracelet.

Registration & number collection 3:30pm and 4:45pm. | [Race Information 2025](#)

Race HQ is The Walled Garden, Riverground Stables, Cowdray Park, Midhurst GU29 9AL

Parking options: Race starts at 5:10pm. 1. Midhurst, North Street, GU29 9DS (8am-6pm. First hour free, 2nd hour 80p) 2. Grange Road, GU29 9LT (8am-6pm 2hrs free. Distance 0.5mile walk 15min) . There is street parking and limited parking at Cowdray Farm Shop Car Park Distance 0.5mile walk 15min. Please leave plenty of time to park and walk to the start. [PARKING GUIDE](#)

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – AUTUMN 2025

Our breakfast club is going from strength to strength with more than 20 children coming on some days. The healthier food options we introduced after half term have been broadly welcomed, and the help-yourself fresh fruit is particularly popular. As well as the usual quiet after breakfast activities we now also have lego and some new games which children of all ages can play together.

Children going to the after-school club were still able to play outside for the earlier part of the term, but both loom bands and the straw construction kits have been a huge hit as we have moved indoors. We have been astonished at the creativity and ambition demonstrated with beautiful designs and everyone working together to make enormous dens.

In December we will be offering Christmas crafts three afternoons a week, so make sure you book your place if this is something your children would enjoy.

Next week's activities -

Monday 1st – Card Making

Wednesday 3rd – Cake Decoration

Friday 5th Christmas Puppet Making

- Amanda, Zoe, Margaret and the rest of the team

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - HOLIDAY VOUCHER

If your child is registered for benefit-related free school meals you will also get a supermarket voucher to cover the cost of providing lunch during the holidays. I will be issuing the vouchers for Christmas in the next couple of weeks, so if you think you may be entitled now is the time to apply!

If your child gets a free lunch because they are in YR-2 you won't automatically get the voucher, you have to register your eligibility on the West Sussex FSM site as well. The most common eligibility criteria are families getting Job Seekers Allowance, Universal Credit with an income of less than £7,400 or old-style Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190. You can see the full list and apply directly by Googling FSM West Sussex or using the link below.

You don't need to let me know you have applied – I will check the County list of registered pupils before I issue the vouchers and I will contact you if you are eligible.

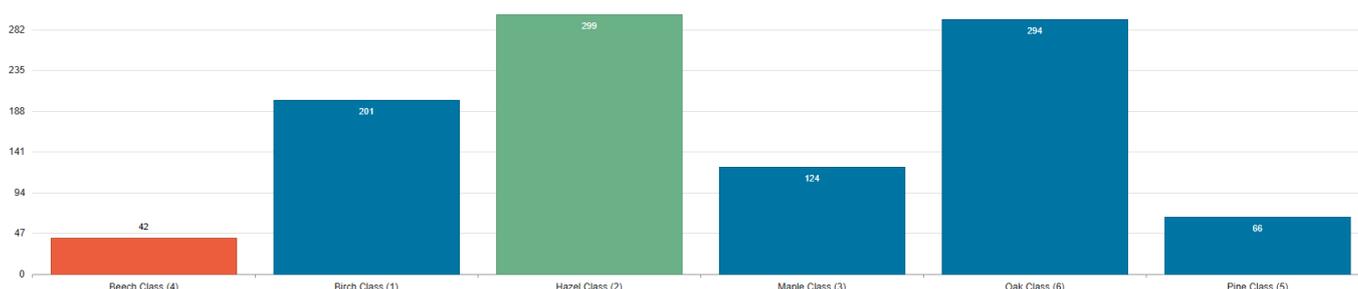
Don't miss out on this extra benefit – apply today.

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

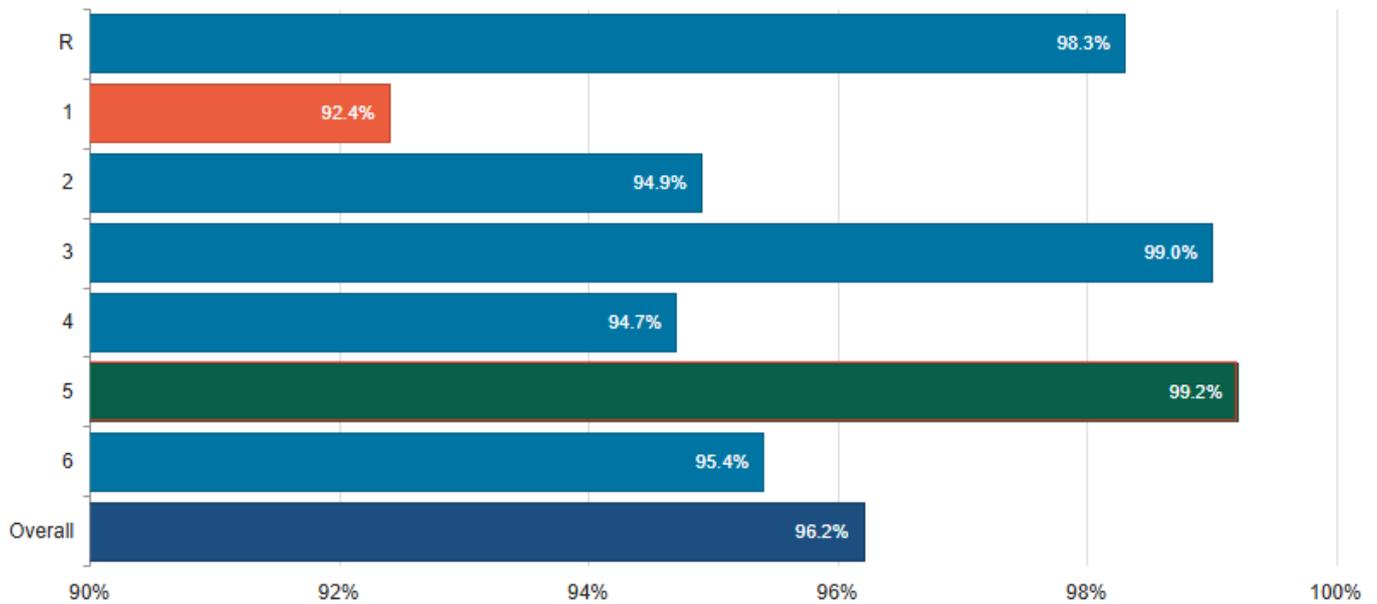
Many thanks - Helen (school bursar)

REWARD POINTS

Well done to Hazel Class with the most reward points with 299 in total!



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 96.2%, 1.2% above our target!!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Pine Class, our attendance champions this week with 99.2% attendance!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
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 KS2 Singing at Christmas Street Party	In aid of the PTA XMAS Raffle Please come in kit Please come in kit (unless your child is in Birch class and doing Forest Schools) Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm 4.30pm onwards

Sunday 7 th December	Christingle Service @ Midhurst Parish Church	3.30pm
Monday 8 th December	Oak & Pine class – PE today Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak to MRC Pantomime Dress rehearsal for Birch & Hazel class.	Please come in kit Please bring a warm/waterproof coat All costumes to be in school by Friday 5 th December
Tuesday 9 th December	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Beech class grp 2 CM Sports Football club (LAST ONE)	Please come in kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Carols at Pendean Maple & Beech Hockey Club (LAST ONE) Birch and Hazel performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'	Please come in kit 2pm – some of school choir involved 3.30 – 4.30pm 6.30pm (children to be at school by 6.10pm) more details to follow in separate letter
Thursday 11 th December	Cross country run with Easebourne before school Flu Vaccinations (no swimming for Maple class today) Maple & Beech class – PE today Birch and Hazel performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'	For some children. Letter to follow. For all – please remember to give consent online Please come in kit 6.30pm (children to be at school by 6.10pm) more details to follow in separate letter
Friday 12 th December	Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Oak class grp 2 Forest School – Birch class grp 2 Cross Country Club KS2 (LAST ONE)	Please come in kit (unless your child is in Birch class and doing Forest Schools) Please bring kit Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 15 th December	Oak & Pine class – PE today School Christmas lunch – own clothes day	Please come in kit Christmas clothes welcome today!
Tuesday 16 th December	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Vicar's Award Forest School	Please come in kit By invite only - please bring kit
Wednesday 17 th December	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Acorns Nativity	Please come in kit 2pm
Thursday 18 th December	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class Carol Service – in church	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit 6.30pm
Friday 19 th December LAST DAY OF TERM	Winter Fun Day – own clothes day PTA Raffle with mulled wine and mince pies	Activities during the day – no hot dinners today – everyone needs a PACKED LUNCH. 3pm in school hall.



Starlight Festival
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



MIDHURST PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE

Celebrate Christingle with us – an informal service for all ages.

7th December 2025 at Midhurst Parish Church

3.30pm for hot chocolate and refreshments
 Service starts at 4pm



Little Pickles MARKETS
 Havant, Chichester, Havant & Midhurst

Award-Winning
 Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale

MIDHURST

THE GRANGE LEISURE CENTRE
 SATURDAY 6TH DEC
 10.30am - 12noon

Shop 1000's of pre-loved bargains!

Sell with us, and keep great quality items in the loop and out of landfill

Adults £1.50 - Little Pickles free!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



ARUN AND CHICHESTER FOOD PARTNERSHIP | **Chichester District Foodbank** | **West Sussex Library Service**
 Together with Trussell

YOU ARE INVITED TO FESTIVE BITES ON A BUDGET

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER | FREE ENTRY | 4PM - 6PM

St. John's Church, Southbourne, PO10 8LB

Make tasty no-cook festive snacks together as a family. Share your creations while you listen to seasonal music. Enjoy Christmas stories and hot chocolate.

Spaces limited. Booking essential:
keely@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or 07300 802377

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/>



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

Midhurst This Week



Midhurst Christmas Street Party 5th December (meet Santa!)



Late Night Shopping 5th December



Pubs Are filling Up



Christmas Lights Switch On 5th December

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 26th 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 27th Nov...

- Game Tasting Evening (sit to eat 7:30pm) @ The Duke
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)
- BBQ Blues (best BBQ in town?) from 5pm @ Faustinos

... On Friday 28th Nov...

- Friday Fish & Chips £7.99 11:30 - 3pm @ The Grange
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
- Burger Night @ The Bricks
- Burger Night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Cole Carson Plays @ The Wheatshaeaf 8:45pm
- Open Mike Night @ The Bricks



... On Saturday 29th Nov...

- James Dixon Plays Fairview Wines 29th Nov 7pm
- Chris Roberts (Pop/Swing/Country) @ The Bricks 8pm.



... On Sunday 30th Nov...

- Indoor Car boot 10-1pm @ The Grange
- 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 1st Dec... **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS...**

- Wreath Workshop 10:30-1pm & 6:30-9pm @ Cowdray
- Monday Night is Burger Night @ The Duke

... On Tuesday 2nd Nov... **redtooth poker**

... On Wednesday 3rd Nov...

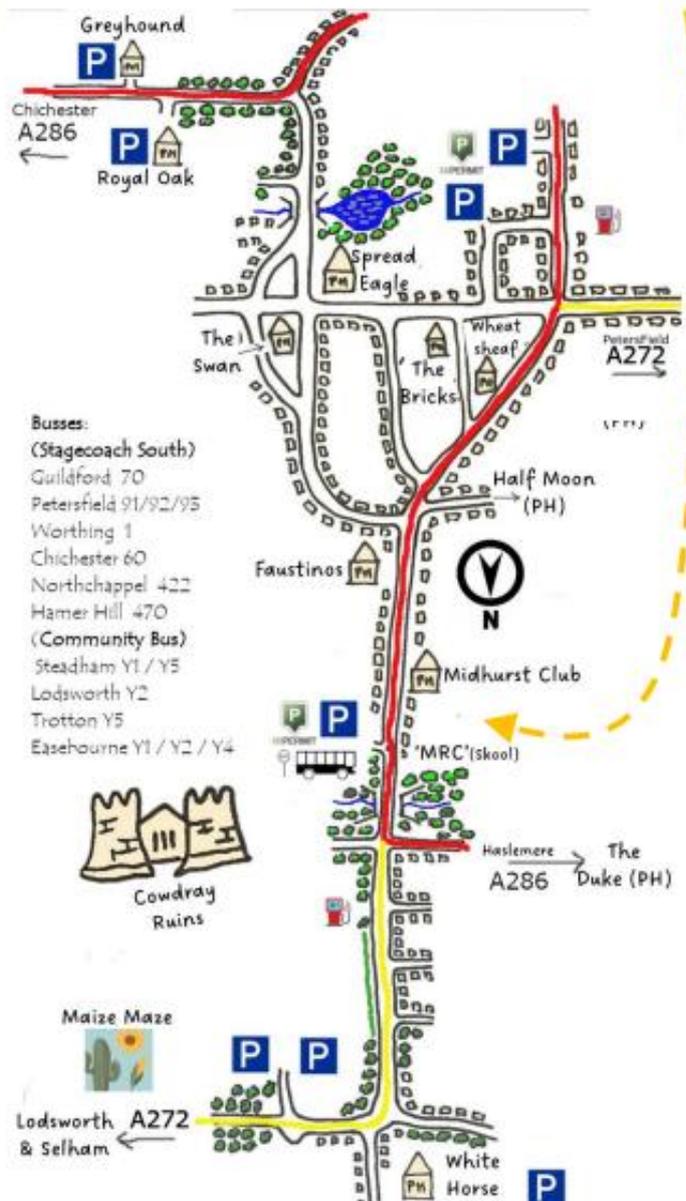
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Coming Soon...

Midhurst Christmas Street Party 5th December 4-8pm

- Live music with Willie Austin 4th December @ Faustinos
- Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm 4th Dec @ Walled Garden
- BBQ @ The Swan 4-8pm 5th Dec @ The Swan
- Double Cross play 6th Dec @ The Swan
- DJ's Scott and Sam Play Faustinos (Street Party After Party)
- Traditional Christmas Fair 9am-2pm 6th Dec @ The Grange
- Visit Santa (For little ones) 11-1pm 6th Dec @ The Grange
- Tim Oxford (Elvis) plays 9-Close @ The Bricks 6th December
- 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
- Christmas Quiz 11th December @ Faustinos
- Jess Lovelock play the Swan 8:30pm 13th Dec
- Carols in the Kitchen 5:30pm @ Cowdray

Midhurst & Easebourne



Buses:

- (Stagecoach South)
- Guilford 70
- Petersfield 91/92/95
- Worthing 1
- Chichester 60
- Northchappel 422
- Hamer Hill 470
- (Community Bus)
- Stadham Y1 / Y5
- Lodsworth Y2
- Trotton Y5
- Easebourne Y1 / Y2 / Y4



Lodsworth & Selham A272

Midhurst & Easebourne
Community Board



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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
Nr Pulborough
RH20 1LZ



LET IT GLOW
Cathedral Green
5pm - 7pm weekdays
4.30pm - 7.30pm weekends
FREE!

CHICHESTER'S MAGICAL WINTER ILLUMINATION
8 - 21 December

Presented by:

Festive FISHERS
Adventures Farm Park

Jack and the Beanstalk
THE PANTOMIME

Performances throughout December

Scan the QR code for more information

£15.00 per person

Book tickets at fishersfarmpark.co.uk

arena.westsussex.gov.uk

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.

Chichester Library
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chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk