



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is truly my favourite time of year! The school is buzzing with excitement as the children work so hard in preparation for the festive season. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and dedication shining through in every rehearsal and activity. This afternoon, our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes will be singing in the church as part of the Christmas Street Party. Letters went out last week, but even if you haven't returned yours, please do bring your child along – it promises to be great fun! We'll be meeting in the church at 4:15pm, and we should finish by 4:55pm, ready for the children to enjoy the festivities outside.

Looking ahead to Sunday (7th December), our KS2 children have been invited to sing in the Christingle Service at the church. If you can bring your child to meet us at 3:00pm, that would be amazing! They'll be performing *O Holy Night* – a favourite for many, and I know it will be a truly special moment.

Meanwhile, our KS1 children are busy preparing their Nativity Play. I've had so much fun playing the piano during rehearsals, and I can promise you it's going to be a magical performance! Please make sure you've secured your tickets soon – you won't want to miss it.

On Wednesday 17th December at 2:00pm, we invite all Reception parents to join us for a Jolly Christmas Sing-Along. Come and raise the roof with your little Acorn as we sing some classic Christmas songs together – it's always a joyful and heart-warming occasion!

On Thursday 18th December at 6:30pm, we will gather in the church for our School Carol Service. This is, without doubt, the most important and festive service in our school calendar. ALL KS2 children will be taking part, and I truly hope you can support their hard work by bringing them along and joining the congregation. It's a wonderful opportunity to share in their achievements and celebrate the season together.

Next week, a number of our children will be heading out during the day to sing for various community groups, spreading festive cheer far and wide. These opportunities are so important – they remind us that our children are not only learners but also valued members of our wider community.

On Monday, all KS2 children will be walking up to MRC for the pantomime – another highlight of the season that we know they'll love!

As the festive season approaches, we also recognise that this time of year can bring both joy and pressure for many families. If you are finding things a little tougher this Christmas, please know that you are not alone. Our school is working closely with local charities who can provide support with stocking fillers and small gifts for children. If you feel your family would benefit from a little extra help, we warmly encourage you to get in touch.

Finally, we are now entering a period of curriculum and teaching review. To do this effectively, we need your feedback on the current system of subject teaching in the afternoons for KS2 children. On Monday, we will

circulate a link to an online survey asking for your thoughts – the advantages, disadvantages, and any suggestions you may have. Please do take a few minutes to complete it. Working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.

Wishing you all a restful weekend as we head into the festive period. I hope to see many of you at the exciting events coming up in the next few weeks!

Mark

REMINDER: WINTER FUN DAY – FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

As usual, the last day of term will be our **Winter Fun Day**, packed with festive games and activities organized by our amazing Parent Teachers Association. In the afternoon, we'll have a **Christmas Disco** to celebrate the season!

- **Non-Uniform Day:** Please dress with a **Christmas theme**.
- **Important:** There will be **no Chartwells meals** provided on this day. Parents are kindly asked to send their child with a **packed lunch**.

We can't wait to see everyone in their festive outfits and enjoy a fun-filled day together!

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 classic 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!

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](#)

NEED A LITTLE HELP WITH CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS?

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Your request will be handled confidentially, and we will do our very best to ensure that every child can enjoy a magical Christmas experience.

If you would like support, please contact Mrs Chance at lchance@midhurstprimary.co.uk or speak to us in confidence at the school office.

We are here for you — and we want every family in our school community to feel cared for, supported, and included this Christmas.

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.

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.

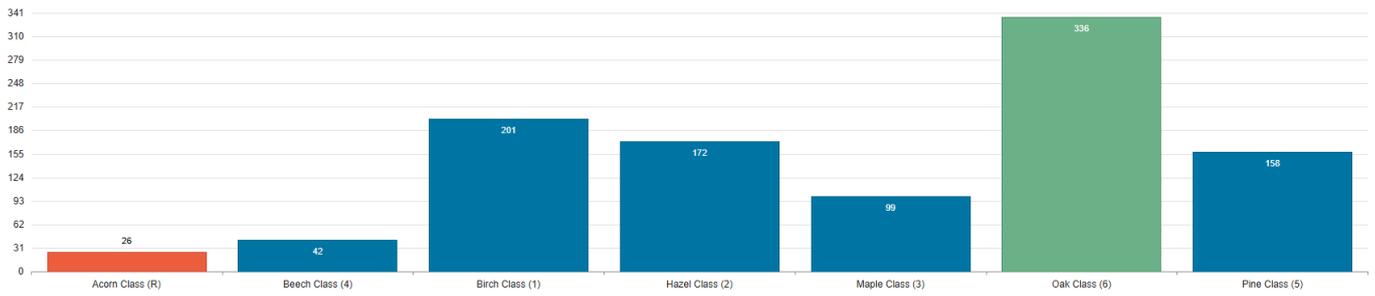
Don't miss out on this extra benefit – apply today.

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

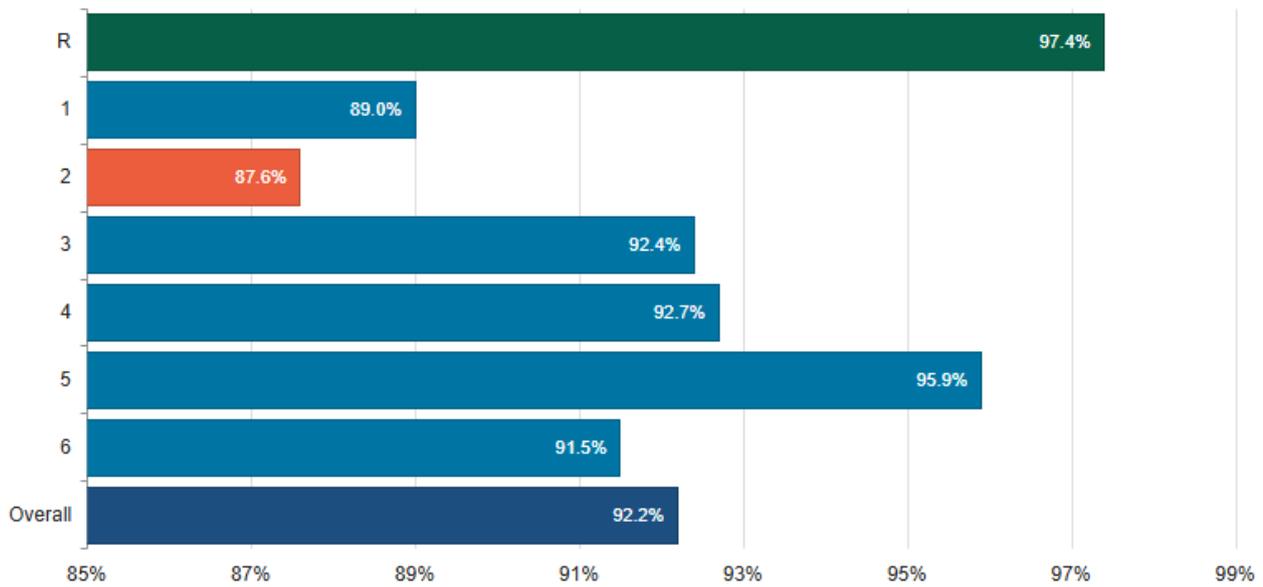
Many thanks - *Helen (school bursar)*

REWARD POINTS

Well done to Oak Class with the most reward points with 336 in total!



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 92.2%, 2.8% below our target!!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Acorn Class, our attendance champions this week with 97.4% attendance!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
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



Chichester District
Foodbank
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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**



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 😊

Midhurst This Week

			
Xmas Steet Party 5th Dec 4-8pm (meet Santa!)	Late Night Shopping 5th December	Christmas Display @ Midhurst Museum	Christmas Lights Switch On 5th December

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 3rd December...

-  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 4th December...

-  Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ Walled Garden
-  Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)
-  Live music with Willie Austin @ Faustinos

...On Friday 5th December...

-  Friday Fish & Chips £7:99 11:30 – 3pm @ The Grange

 **Midhurst Christmas Street Party 4-8pm**

-  BBQ @ The Swan 4-8pm @ The Swan
-  Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
-  Burger Night @ The Bricks
-  Burger Night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
-  Joe Johnson @ The Wheatsheaf 8:45pm
-  Street Food BBQ @ The Bricks
-  DJ's Scott and Sam @ Faustinos (Steet Party After Party)

...On Saturday 6th December...

-  Traditional Christmas Fair 9am-2pm @ The Grange
-  Christmas Market @ Old Library & Town Square 9-2pm
-  Contemporary Craft Show 10-5pm @ Rother College £4
-  Visit Santa (For little ones) 11-1pm @ The Grange
-  Cowdray Ruins Kitchen: Christmas 11am-12 @ Cowdray
-  Little Pickles Market (Baby Clothes: Buy & sell) @ The Grange
-  Christmas Bazar @ Cobdon Hall (Heyshott) 2-4:30pm
-  Run the Season Race 5-7pm @ Cowdray
-  Tim Oxford (Elvis) plays 9pm @ The Bricks
-  Double Cross play @ The Swan

...On Sunday 7th December...

-  Contemporary Craft Show 10-4pm @ Rother College £4
-  Indoor Car boot 10-1pm @ The Grange
-  Free Pool all day Sundays @ The Wheatsheaf
-  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
-  Christmas Craft Fair @ The Unicorn Inn Heyshott 5pm

... On Monday 8th December...

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

... On Tuesday 9th December...

... On Wednesday 10th December...

-  Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ Walled Garden
-  Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
-  Wreath Making Workshop 6pm @ Royal Oak
-  Live Jazz over Dinner 6-8pm @ Fratelli's West Street
-  Carols in the Kitchen @Cowdray Ruins 6:30pm
-  Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

DECEMBER IN MIDHURST...

- 10th Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ Walled Garden
- 11th Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ Walled Garden
- 11th Christmas Quiz @ Faustinos
- 12th Christmas Afternoon Tea 12-4pm @ Walled Garden
- 12th Party Night (3 Courses + Live Music) 6pm @ Royal Oak
- 12th Lily Donald play The Wheatsheaf 8pm
- 13th Midhurst Vintage Fair 10-4pm @ Market Square
- 13th Christmas through the Ages 11am-12 @ Cowdray Ruins
- 13th The Lion Club Santa Grotto in Court Yard @ Bricks 1-3pm
- 13th Carols in the Park 3-5pm @ Easebourne Park
- 13th Jess Lovelock play The Swan 8:30pm
- 14th Indoor Car boot Sale 10-1pm @ The Grange
- 14th Christmas Quiz Night 6:30pm @ The Swan £17.50
- 14th Christmas Charity Quiz Night 7:30 @ The Bricks
- 18th Fab Fug Tree 8pm @ Faustinos
- 18th Amuse Manouche Play @ The Lion Den Midhurst 7pm
- 19th Christmas Fun Day @ The Grange
- 19th Party Night (3 Courses + Live Music) 6pm @ Royal Oak
- 19th Christmas Quiz @ The Lions Den 7:00pm
- 19th Jez the Busker Plays the Wheatsheaf
- 20th Market 8:30am-2pm @ The Grange
- 20th Jay Butler (60s-Current) Plays The Bricks
- 20th Christmas Quiz @ Midhurst Club
- 20th Irreverent 'Carols Service' in The Pub @ The Swan
- 20th Jay Butler plays @ The Bricks 7:30pm
- 21st French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- 22nd French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
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- 23rd Sing-along Carols 6pm @ Royal Oak (Free mulled wine etc)
- 23rd Christmas Pub Quiz @ The Greyhound
- 23rd Christmas Party with 'The Wide Eyes' @ Faustinos
- 24th French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- Bricks open (Drinks) 12-3 Christmas Day
- Greyhound open (Drinks) 12-3 Christmas Day
- Duke open (Drinks) 12-2pm Christmas Day
- 26th Special Boxing Day menu @ The Duke
- 26th Boxing Day Bongo Bingo and Karaoke @ Faustinos
- 28th Oli Austin & The Miricle Piglets play Faustinos
- 30th 'tinos Quiz of The Year only @ Faustinos
- 31st NYE Dinner & Disco 8pm @ Royal Oak
- 31st NYE Après Ski Party @ Faustinos
- 31st Josh Eade Plays the Bricks
- 1st Jan NYD Roast at The Bricks (booking Essential) 12-4pm



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



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8 - 21 December

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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.

100 Years
West Sussex County Council

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