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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start to the festive season we've had! Last Friday evening, around **50 of our wonderful children** braved the wet weather to sing at the **Christmas Street Party in town**. Despite the rain, their enthusiasm and joy lit up the evening and made us all proud. On **Sunday**, some of our amazing children sang beautifully at the **Christingle Service in Church**, creating a truly magical atmosphere. This week, we were treated to **two delightful performances of the KS1 Nativity Play**—the children sang and acted with such confidence and charm. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make these events so special.

And the excitement doesn't stop there! Next week is packed with festive fun:

- **Monday:** Non-uniform **Christmas Clothes Day** and our **Christmas Lunch**.
- **Wednesday:** The **Acorns Reception Class Nativity Sing-a-long**.
- **Thursday:**
  - **Oak Class** will sing at the **Friendship Tea in church** (please collect Oak children from the church at **4:30pm**).
  - In the evening, all **KS2 children** will take part in our **School Carol Service** at **6:30pm in the church**. Parents, please join us for this wonderful celebration!
- **Friday (Last Day of Term):**
  - **Winter Fun Day** with games in the morning. Rumour has it, **Santa himself may visit!**
  - A packed lunch, and yes—the children have asked for a **Christmas Disco!**
  - At **3pm**, we'll finish with the **annual Christmas Raffle Draw** in the school hall, run by the PTA. Enjoy festive songs from the children, plus **mulled wine and mince pies** served by our governors.

It promises to be a fantastic week full of joy and community spirit. I hope to see you at some of these events as we celebrate together!

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### NEED A LITTLE HELP WITH CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS?

As the festive season approaches, we know 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 are able to provide support with stocking fillers and small Christmas gifts for children. If you feel your family would benefit from a little extra help this year, we warmly encourage you to get in touch.

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](mailto: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.

### OUR CHILDREN SHINE AT THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



We are delighted to share that some of our current pupils, along with a few of our former pupils, took part in the Christingle Service at church on Sunday. Their beautiful singing added warmth and joy to this special occasion, and we are so proud of their contribution to the community celebration.

#### What is Christingle?

The word *Christingle* comes from a German term meaning "Christ's light." It is a symbolic tradition celebrated during Advent, reminding us of Jesus as the Light of the World. A Christingle is usually made using:

**An orange** – representing the world.

**A red ribbon** – symbolizing the love and blood of Christ.

**Four sticks with fruits or sweets** – representing the four seasons and God's creation.

**A candle** – signifying Jesus bringing light into darkness.

The Christingle Service is a beautiful way for families and communities to reflect on hope, light, and love during the festive season.

## JOYFUL VOICES LIGHT UP MIDHURST AT THE CHRISTMAS STREET FAIR

Last Friday evening, the heart of Midhurst was filled with festive cheer as around 50 children took to the stage at the Christmas Street Fair, delivering an unforgettable performance of seasonal songs. Their voices rang out across the town, creating a magical atmosphere that brought smiles to everyone in attendance.

The event was made even more special by a heartfelt message from Midhurst Town Council, who shared their appreciation:

*"On behalf of Councillors and MTC Staff, thank you to the Midhurst Primary School Choir for your amazing performance at the Christmas Street Party. Your beautiful singing brought joy to the whole community and we hope you are able to join us again next year."*

The celebration didn't end there. On Wednesday, in the true spirit of giving, Oak Class extended the joy by visiting Pendean Care Home, where they entertained residents with an hour of festive songs and warm holiday cheer. Their thoughtful gesture brought happiness and connection to the community's older generation, reminding us all of the power of music to unite people across ages.

This year's Christmas Street Fair was more than an event—it was a testament to community spirit, kindness, and the magic of the holiday season. A huge thank you to all the children, teachers, and organizers who made these moments possible. We can't wait to see what next year brings!



## OAK CLASS STARS SHINE AS JUDGES!

We are thrilled to share that two of our wonderful Oak Class children, Nyla and Masha, were invited to act as judges for the Midhurst Christmas Window Competition!

After a busy morning carefully inspecting all the festive displays, they joined Mr Jefferson for a well-earned hot chocolate at Gartons. Who knew judging could be such hard work?



A huge well done to Nyla and Masha for representing our school so brilliantly – what a fantastic experience!

### BIRCH AND MAPLE CLASS ENJOY THEIR NATIVITY PLAY!

At last, it was time for Key Stage 1 to shine. The children put on three shows this week, one to the school and two to the parents. The whole cast were absolutely amazing. The Whoopsy Daisy Angels remembered all their lines and the narrators did us proud. I am sure those of you who came to see the children agreed it was a very memorable nativity that brought smiles and cheer to us all. All the adults were incredibly proud of all of the dancing snowflakes, angelic angels, musical wise men and camels, super shepherds with their animals. Mary and Joseph warmly welcomed all the special visitors who were led to Bethlehem by our stunning stars. Thank you to you all for making in a success. - Karen Griffiths and Julie Hurrion



*A note from Mr Jefferson – I'd like to add to this by adding A Huge Thank You! to all of our amazing staff who worked tirelessly to make this year's Nativity Play such a wonderful success. Your creativity, dedication, and teamwork brought the story to life in a truly magical way. The children couldn't have done it without you!*



### THIS WEEKS WRITING AWARD

This week it was wonderful to host the writing award and to catch up with what each year group have been learning. We were treated to a wonderful piece of writing by Lucy Hutchings which Mr Ind read out loud. The Mythical Beasts booklet definitely intrigued our younger audience.

Some of our younger children had worked hard to improve letter formation and the lower end of Key Stage 2 were developing their written skills extending their writing and presentation. We have some great writing happening across the school. The writing will be up on our spotlight wall in the hall from Monday, please do come and take a peep. - Julie Hurrion

## THE WOOLBEDING WINTER WHIP

Yesterday, before school had even started, our amazing cross-country squad were racing in the Woolbeding Winter Whip with the cross-country team from Easebourne. This is the first time this event has been run and it was brilliant. The course was muddy, hilly and tough! All the children were simply amazing, taking part with determination and enthusiasm. Parents and supporters, you were amazing too, thank you for all your support. As ever, the team demonstrated lovely sportsmanship, and team spirit, encouraging all the competitors and representing the school impeccably. We are very proud of all of them and I am already looking forward to the next race.



## WRAPAROUND CARE

A reminder that bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs for the next half term are now open. Sessions can be reserved and paid for directly through MCAS, or if you have a payment plan, email your requests to Helen, our bursar. Breakfast club starts at 7.55am and after school club runs to 6pm. Don't forget that you may be able to get help paying for your wraparound care by setting up a Tax-Free Childcare account – for every £8 you pay into the account, the government adds £2 – and our clubs are already registered with the scheme so you can use the money to pay for your sessions. There's a link below to see if you are eligible, but if you need any help, please contact Helen.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## HOT LUNCHES FOR THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026

Please can we remind all parents of children in Acorn, Birch and Hazel classes (Year R-2) to book a hot lunch for the Spring census day on Thursday 15 January. The booking deadline is Thursday 1 January which is still in the holidays, so please make sure you place your order before then. If you don't select an option by the deadline the school will choose the burger for your child unless they are registered with us as vegetarian. School lunches cost £3.20 each and the UIFSM grant is only £2.61 per meal so we need the maximum grant possible to see us through the year, and we will only receive the grant if your child takes a meal. Thank you.



### Message from Chartwells

Dear Parents

Children's favourites are the menu of the day on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026, Please don't delay, review the menu and get your order placed before the end of term. (Ordering is open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and closes Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January)

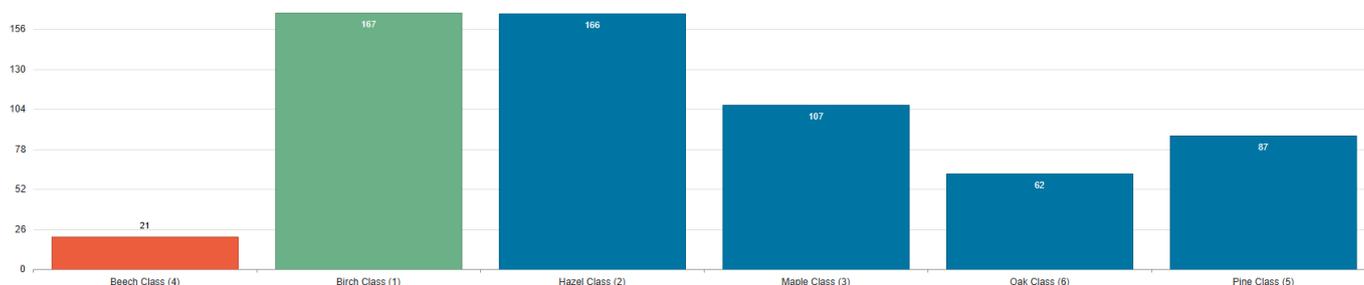
January 15<sup>th</sup> is School Census Day so please support your school by taking up the hot lunch option.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

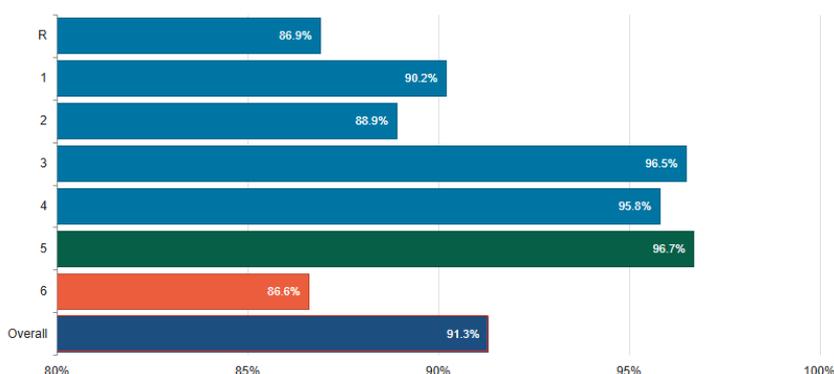
If you need support placing your order, please contact [u73041@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:u73041@compass-group.co.uk) / 01243 774175

## REWARD POINTS

Well done to Birch Class with the most reward points with 167 in total! Beating Hazel Class by 1pt!



## ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 91.3%

### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Pine Class, our attendance champions this week with 96.7% attendance!

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak & Pine class – PE today <b>School Christmas lunch – own clothes day</b>	Please come in kit <b>Christmas clothes welcome today!</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Vicar’s Award Forest School	Please come in kit By invite only - please bring kit
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today <b>Acorns Nativity</b>	Please come in kit <b>2pm</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple class – PE today Swimming – Maple Class <b>Carol Service – in church</b>	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit <b>6.30pm</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December LAST DAY OF TERM	<b>Winter Fun Day – own clothes day</b> <b>PTA Raffle with mulled wine and mince pies</b>	<b>Activities during the day – no hot dinners today – everyone needs a PACKED LUNCH.</b> <b>3pm in school hall.</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Back to School</b>	

 **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](mailto:office@midhurstparishchurch.net)



# 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](http://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](mailto:susan.madden@westsussex.gov.uk). Or contact the Area Co-ordinator, Caroline Martin, on 07775 502874.

## OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU



# 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](http://fishersfarmpark.co.uk)

[arena.westsussex.gov.uk](http://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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