



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the final Friday before Christmas, it is almost hard to believe that we have reached the end of a truly remarkable fourteen-week term. It has been a long stretch—one filled with energy, learning, growth, and an extraordinary array of opportunities for our children. Yet, as we glance back over these past weeks, what stands out most is not the length of the term, but the richness of the experiences that have shaped it.

Throughout this term, our weekly flyers have shared just some of the many highlights taking place across the school: exciting classroom projects that sparked curiosity; sporting achievements that showed our children's perseverance and teamwork; creative arts events that brought imagination to life; enrichment activities that stretched new skills; and community moments that reminded us how strong and vibrant our school family truly is.

These snapshots have painted a picture of a school community alive with purpose and joy, and yesterday evening, all of this seemed to culminate beautifully in our magical Christmas Carol Service at Midhurst Parish Church. The setting—warm, atmospheric, and filled with quiet anticipation—provided the perfect backdrop for an evening that celebrated not only the festive season but the spirit and togetherness of our school. Hearing our children sing with such confidence, clarity, and heart was profoundly moving. Their readings, their music, and their presence reflected the very best of what we strive for: children who feel supported, inspired, and able to shine. It was a truly memorable way to close the term, and one we will all certainly carry with us into the Christmas season.

As we reach this moment of pause, it feels important to express our gratitude.

First and foremost, thank you to our wonderful children—for their enthusiasm, their hard work, their kindness, and their willingness to embrace every challenge and opportunity placed in front of them. They are the reason our school is such a special place.

A heartfelt thank you also to our staff, who work tirelessly every day to nurture, guide, and encourage our pupils. Their dedication—often unseen, always deeply felt—creates the conditions in which our children can thrive. From teaching to support roles, from the front office to behind-the-scenes work, every contribution helps shape the vibrant learning community we are so proud of.

And finally, to all our families: thank you for your constant support, partnership, and trust. Your presence at events, your encouragement at home, and your ongoing involvement in school life help make everything we do not only possible, but truly meaningful.

As we now look toward Christmas itself, may we all take a moment to reflect upon the true message of this season—a message of hope, peace, generosity, and light. Whether celebrated in faith, in tradition, or simply as a time of togetherness, Christmas invites us to pause, to appreciate those around us, and to share kindness wherever we can.

On behalf of everyone at the school, we wish you all a very happy, peaceful, and joy-filled Christmas, and a New Year that brings renewed hope, rest, and plenty of wonderful moments ahead.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term together.

Mark

INTRODUCING.... THE SOUTH DOWNS SING SQUAD!

Does your child love to sing? Do they come home humming tunes from school or belt out songs in the car? South Downs Sing Squad is a new youth choir for children in Years 3 – 8 from Midhurst, Easebourne and surrounding villages. It's launching in the new year - more information and sign- up sheet will follow soon.

The details:

What: A fun, friendly space where young singers can grow in confidence, discover favourite songs and make new friends. The sessions will be warm, encouraging and enjoyable – we want Sing Squad to be the highlight of everyone's week!

When: Tuesday evenings, 4.45pm - 6pm, starting in the second week of January 2026.

Where: Midhurst Parish Church.

Music: Secular music - everything from feel-good pop to uplifting favourites chosen with input from the children. Sessions will include both printed music and live music, helping your child build musical skills while they sing.

Cost: None at this stage. The choir is currently a community-supported project. Donations are welcome.

Musical requirements: Just enthusiasm and a love of music. There are no auditions and no experience needed.

Other requirements: To begin with, each child will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments: Water and squash will be provided.

Your choir team:

- Marcus Collie, Choir lead, safeguarding and administration
- Judith, Musical Director
- Tracey, Accompanist
- Plus additional DBS-checked volunteers as the choir grows

"We can't wait to welcome your children to the South Downs Sing Squad. We're excited to get started and bring even more music into our community.

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 15th 2026, Please don't delay, review the menu and get your order placed before the end of term. (Ordering is open from Monday 15th and closes Thursday 1st January)

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

www.parentpay.com

If you need support placing your order, please contact u73041@compass-group.co.uk / 01243 774175

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Monday 22 nd December – Monday 5 th January		
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day	School Closed
Tuesday 6 th January	Back to School Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today	Please come in kit
Wednesday 7 th January	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 8 th January	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 9 th January	Acorns, Birch & Hazel Class Forest School Birch Class Grp 2 Forest School Hazel Class Grp 1	Please come in kit (unless your child is in Birch class and doing Forest Schools or Acorn class) Please bring kit Please bring kit
Monday 12 th January	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 13 th January	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Children's Concert - Maple & Beech CM Sports football club	Please come in kit See separate letter for more details 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 14 th January	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 15 th January	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 16 th January	Acorns, Birch & Hazel Class Forest School Acorn Class Grp 1 Forest School Hazel Class Grp 1	Please come in kit (unless your child is in Acorns who will bring PE kit in) Please bring kit Please bring kit



INFO@CM-SPORTS.CO.UK

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Year R - 6 Football Club



Midhurst C.E. Primary School



TIME

Tuesdays
3:30pm - 4:30pm



DATES

January 13th -
March 24th



COST

Full Term £47.00
Spring 1 £27.50

BOOK NOW

★ **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

Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊

You Are Right Here Right Now

Its Nearly Christmas in Midhurst



Christmas Window Competition



Pub Carol Singing
Swan 'Raucous': 20th
Duke 'Carol-oke': 21st
Royal Oak 'traditional': 23rd



Free Juke Box
Every Friday at
The Wheatsheaf



Charity Tractor
run through
Midhurst 29th

Things to enjoy this week:

... On Wednesday 17th December...

- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club
- Christmas Quiz 6:30pm @ The Swan £17.50 (inc Food)

...On Thursday 18th December...

- Live Music: Fab Fug Treo @ Faustinos
- Amuse Manouche Jazz @ The Lion Den Midhurst 7pm
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm (Special Price Thurs)

...On Friday 19th December...

- Christmas Fun Day @ The Grange
- Friday Fish & Chips £7.99 11:30 – 3pm @ The Grange
- Kemællis Evening Dining 5:30-11pm
- Burger Night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Party Night (3 Courses + Live Music) from 6pm @ The Oak
- Christmas Quiz @ The Lions Den 7:00pm
- Jez the Busker @ The Wheatsheaf 8:45pm

...On Saturday 20th December...

- French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- Market 8:30am-2pm @ The Grange
- Jay Butler (60s-Current) Plays The Bricks
- Christmas Quiz @ Midhurst Club
- Irreverent 'Carols Singing' in The Pub @ The Swan
- Epic comedy night at memorial hall @ the Swan 8:30pm

...On Sunday 21st December...shortest day...

- French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- 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
- Traditional Christmas Carol Service 6pm Parish Church
- Christmas Carol-oke with Marco @ The Duke 7:30pm

... On Monday 22nd December...

- French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- Monday Night is Burger Night @The Duke
- Red Tooth Poker Night @ The Bricks

... On Tuesday 23rd December...

- French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- Kids Christmas Party 4-7pm @ Midhurst
- Sing-along Carols 6pm @ Royal Oak (free Mulled wine & Mince Pie)
- Christmas Pub Quiz @ The Greyhound
- Christmas Party with 'The Wide Eyes' @ Faustinos

... On Wednesday 24th 'tis the night before Christmas...

- French Mini-Market @ Midhurst Bakery
- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night 7:30pm @ The Club

...and then its Christmas...



Bricks open (Drinks) 12-3
Greyhound open (Drinks) 12-3
Duke open (Drinks) 12-2pm
Swan Open (Drinks) 11.30-2.30



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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

JOIN US AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Robin Hood

The pantomime

M&M THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS
ON BEHALF OF
EASEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 10th January
Doors open 2:30pm
for a 3pm start

£8 a ticket

