



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the festive lights dim and the holiday cheer settles into warm memories, we are thrilled to welcome all our children and families back to school! We hope your Christmas break was filled with joy, laughter, and quality time with loved ones. Now, as we step into a brand-new term, we look forward to an exciting season of learning, growth, and community.

The start of a new term is always a wonderful opportunity for fresh beginnings. January brings with it a sense of renewal—a chance for students to set new goals, embrace challenges, and explore new ideas. Whether your child is eager to dive into their favourite subjects or discover new interests, this term promises plenty of opportunities for success.

We know the holidays are a special time for families, and we hope everyone had the chance to relax and recharge. The stories, experiences, and traditions shared during the break enrich our school community, and we encourage children to bring that festive spirit into the classroom. Sharing holiday memories can be a great way to reconnect with friends and teachers.

This term is packed with exciting activities and learning experiences. From engaging lessons to creative projects, sports events, and school-wide initiatives, there's something for everyone. We'll also be focusing on personal development—helping students build resilience, confidence, and teamwork skills that will serve them well both inside and outside the classroom.

We understand that returning to school after a long break can feel overwhelming for some children. Our teachers and staff are here to provide a warm, supportive environment where every child feels safe and valued. If your child needs extra help settling back in, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to work together to ensure a smooth transition.

Education is a partnership, and we deeply appreciate the role families play in supporting learning at home. This term, we encourage open communication between parents and teachers. Together, we can help every child thrive academically and emotionally.

As we embark on this new chapter, let's embrace the opportunities ahead with enthusiasm and positivity. The year ahead is full of promise, and we can't wait to see the amazing things our students will accomplish. Welcome back—we're so glad to have you with us. Let's make this term one to remember!

Mark

DROP OFF TIMES

We have recently witnessed some very erratic driving and unsafe parking during drop-off times on the school site, including vehicles stopping or parking on the chevrons leading up to the school entrance. This is a serious concern.

Parking on the chevrons is not permitted because these areas are designed to keep sightlines clear and provide safe space for pedestrians and vehicles to move. When cars park on the chevrons, it creates blind spots, restricts traffic flow, and significantly increases the risk of accidents involving our children and families. If both parking and driving continue in this manner, the safety of our children and families is at risk. Please ensure you drive with care and attention at all times while on school grounds and avoid parking on the chevrons.

Your cooperation is essential to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding and support.

INTRODUCING... THE SOUTH DOWNS SING SQUAD!

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. Starts Tuesday 13th January at 4:45, Midhurst Parish Church.

More about the 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.

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

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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)

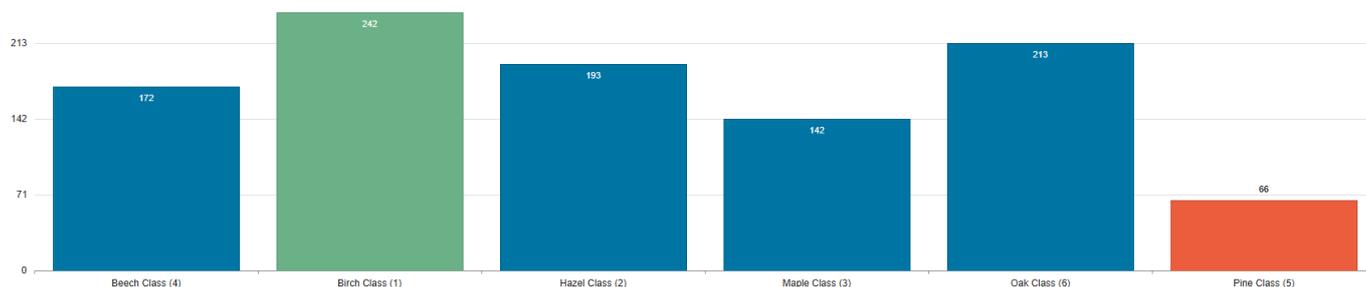
January 15th is School Census Day so please support your school by taking up the hot lunch option.

www.parentpay.com

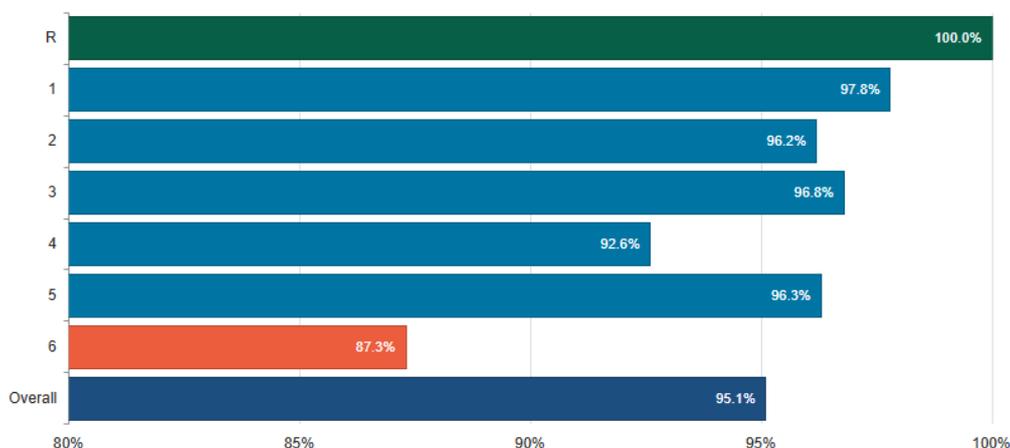
If you need support placing your order, please contact u73041@compass-group.co.uk / 01243 774175

REWARD POINTS

Congratulations to Birch Class with the most reward points this week with 242.



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 95.1%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Acorn Class, our attendance champions this week with 100% attendance!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
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	Census day Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class	All children in Acorns, Birch & Hazel to have a hot lunch (see above for more info) Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 16 th January	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 1 Quad Athletics at MRC Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit Letter sent home to children involved 3.30 - 4.15pm
Monday 19 th January	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 20 th January	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 21 st January	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 22 nd January	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 23 rd January	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 1 Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit 3.30 - 4.15pm



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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](#)

Loads Going on in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊

You Are Right Here Right Now

All Details Now on visitmidhurst.com



Get your tickets for the kids Robin Hood Panto 10th Jan 3pm @ MRC



Get your tickets for a Charity Burns Night 24th Jan 7-11pm @ Memorial Hall



Courtney's Butchers running a pop-up shop in 'The Greenhouse' whilst they refurb.

Midhurst & Easebourne



Things to enjoy this week:

- ... On Wednesday 7th January..
 - 🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
 - 🔥 25% off Tapas @ Faustinos
- ...On Thursday 8th January..
 - 🚶 Wellbeing Walk 10am-1pm Cowdray Café Car Park
 - 🎮 Quiz Night @ Faustinos
- ...On Friday 9th January...
 - 🍷 Andy's Open Mike Night @ The Bricks
 - 🎵 Maya Dodkins plays Live @ The Wheatsheaf
- ...On Saturday 10th January... (My Birthday!)
 - 🎭 Robin Hood Panto for Kids 3pm @ MRC £8
 - 🎵 Free Duke Box all Night @ The Wheatsheaf
- ...On Sunday 11th January...
 - 🏠 Antiques Fair @ The Grange 10-4pm
 - 🏊 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
- ... On Monday 12th January...
 - 🎮 Red Tooth Poker Night @ The Bricks
- ... On Tuesday 13th January...
 - 🔥 25% off Tapas @ Faustinos
- ... On Wednesday 14th January
 - 🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
 - 🔥 25% off Tapas @ Faustinos
 - 🎮 Poker Night @ Midhurst Club

Coming up Soon...



VISITMIDHURST.COM
for a full list of upcoming events

**Midhurst & Easebourne
Community Board**



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www.visitmidhurst.com/whats-on



PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ANY PARENT OR CARER WHO IS SUPPORTING A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 18 LIVING IN WEST SUSSEX.

WE SUPPORT YOU TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- PEER SUPPORT GROUPS- BOTH DURING THE DAY (IN PERSON) AND IN THE EVENING (ON-LINE)
- MONTHLY 'EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE' GUEST SPEAKER ZOOM EVENING SESSIONS, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS SELF-HARM, EBSA, AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH, MASKING AND MORE...
- 1:1 SESSIONS WITH A PEER SUPPORT WORKER
- CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP; REGULAR NEWSLETTERS AND ACCESS TO TRAINING, E-LEARNING AND WEBINARS (ON THE WEST SUSSEX MIND WEBSITE).
- PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSES ACROSS WEST SUSSEX

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT OUR HELP POINT

MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 10AM UNTIL 4PM ON 0300 303 5652
OR EMAIL HELPPPOINT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG
OR USE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE -
WWW.WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

CHARITY NO: 1155918 COMPANY NO: 08884776

Parenting Mental Health Support Service Online Evening Groups

Expert by Experience presentations- 19:30-21:30

(including time for Q & A)

Peer support groups - 19:30-21.00

Date	Group Topic
Weds 7 th Jan '26	Peer Support
Weds 21 st Jan '26	Supporting children/young people's self esteem
Weds 4 th Feb '26	Peer Support
Weds 18 th Feb '26	Supporting children/young people in a digital world
Weds 4 th March '26	Peer Support
Weds 18 th March '26	Supporting children/young people who self harm

To book onto any of our expert by experience presentations please visit our training page on; www.westsussexmind.org

(If you are already signed up to the Parenting Service, please use the Zoom link provided).

To access the online peer support groups you need to have signed up to our service already. You can do this by calling our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email; helppoint@westsussexmind.org



We are a friendly, supportive group and there is no pressure to share if you don't feel comfortable to do so.

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Winter/Spring 2026 Timetable

**New
locations
added**



If you are a parent or carer to a child or young person who needs some support with their mental health, you may not know where to start and may need some support of your own. There is no criteria for our drop-in groups, so no concern is too small or too big.

We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support drop-ins across the county, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

Online parenting support drop-ins:

10:00-11:00am

- Tuesday 13th January
- Tuesday 10th March
- Tuesday 7th April

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2437 6726

Passcode: 131440

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service. Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

Or for more information, please contact parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org

Come and join us in:

Worthing

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane,
BN13 2QG

13:00 - 14:00

- Tuesday 6th January
- Tuesday 10th February
- Tuesday 24th March

Chichester

Family Hub (The Green Room),
St James' Rd, Chichester PO19 7WX
(NB: For SatNav use PO19 7HY)

10.00-11.00

- Thursday 15th January
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th March

Haywards Heath

Mid Sussex Family Hub, 51 Penn Cres,
Haywards Heath, RH16 3HP

11.00-12.00

- Tuesday 20th January
- Tuesday 24th February

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.