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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the school is bursting with colour as pupils arrive in their brightest non-uniform outfits—all in support of our fantastic PTA and their annual Rainbow Raffle. This cheerful tradition not only brings a wonderful buzz to the end of the week but also plays a vital role in raising funds that directly benefit every child in our school.

The Rainbow Raffle is one of the PTA's biggest fundraising events of the year. Every donation and every ticket help enrich school life—from resources and activities to memorable events and learning experiences.

A brilliant example of the PTA's impact is the upcoming Love and Kindness Disco next Thursday evening. These joyful occasions bring our community together and create magical memories, and we can't wait to see our amazing children throwing their best shapes on the dance floor!

Another exciting opportunity made possible through PTA support is next week's visit from poet A F Harrold. Experiences like this spark imagination, nurture creativity, and give our children the chance to be inspired by a real-life writer—something we are very grateful to the PTA for helping us provide.

We hugely value the time, energy, and care our PTA gives. Their work has a lasting and meaningful impact across the school, and today's non-uniform day is a wonderful way for us all to show our appreciation.

If any parents or carers would like to get involved with the PTA, please contact the school office, and we will be delighted to point you in the right direction. Every helping hand makes a difference!

Thank you for your support—and for bringing a splash of colour to school today.

*Mark*

## SAFER INTERNET DAY – 10TH FEBRUARY: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW OUR CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART

Next week, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, schools and communities around the world will join together to mark Safer Internet Day, a global initiative designed to promote the safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology. This year's official theme is "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."

### Why Safer Internet Day Is Important for Our Children

The internet is a central part of children's lives—used for learning, connecting with friends, creativity, and entertainment. But as technology evolves, so do the challenges. Safer Internet Day encourages children, schools, and families to reflect on how they use technology and to build the skills needed to navigate the online

world confidently and safely.

This year's focus on AI (Artificial Intelligence) is especially relevant. Children increasingly encounter AI in search tools, apps, games, and learning platforms. While these technologies offer new opportunities, they also introduce risks such as misinformation, privacy concerns, and content that may be generated or influenced by AI without children realising it. The 2026 theme highlights the need to help young people understand both the benefits and the risks of AI, empowering them to make informed, safe, and thoughtful choices.

Educators and online safety experts stress that giving children the knowledge and confidence to recognise when AI is being used—and when something online doesn't seem quite right—is a vital part of keeping them safe. It also helps them develop critical thinking skills, an essential part of digital literacy.

### How Our Children Will Be Taking Part

To support this year's theme, our children will be engaging in a series of online lessons and activities throughout the day, all aligned with the Safer Internet Day focus on the safe and responsible use of AI. These activities are designed to:

- Help children understand where and how AI appears in the technology they use
- Teach them how to stay safe when interacting with AI-powered tools
- Encourage them to think critically about online information
- Build confidence in making responsible choices when using smart technology

Schools across the UK and internationally are using high-quality, age-appropriate resources created specifically for Safer Internet Day to support these conversations. These include interactive lessons, assemblies, quizzes, and activities that explore how to use AI safely and responsibly.

### Supporting a Safer Digital Future

Creating a safer internet is a shared responsibility. Safer Internet Day reminds us that parents, carers, teachers, and children all play a part in shaping a positive online environment. As AI continues to evolve, open conversations about online safety are more important than ever. By equipping children with the right tools and understanding, we help them make smart tech truly safe tech.

If you'd like to learn more or explore resources to use at home, you can visit the UK Safer Internet Centre's guidance for families

### WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE CHANGES

There will be a change to booking procedures for wraparound care from the second half of term. Rather than restrict bookings to a half-term at a time, we have decided to try opening the breakfast and after school clubs for the whole academic year. This means that when bookings for after half term open next week, you will be able to book all the way up to 22 July if you wish. Then in July, you will be able to book from September 2026 to July 2027. Sessions can be reserved and paid for directly through MCAS as usual, and you will still be able to make changes up to 24 hours in advance, just as you can now.

If you have a payment plan, please continue to email your requests to Helen, our bursar, for as far in advance as you wish.

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>

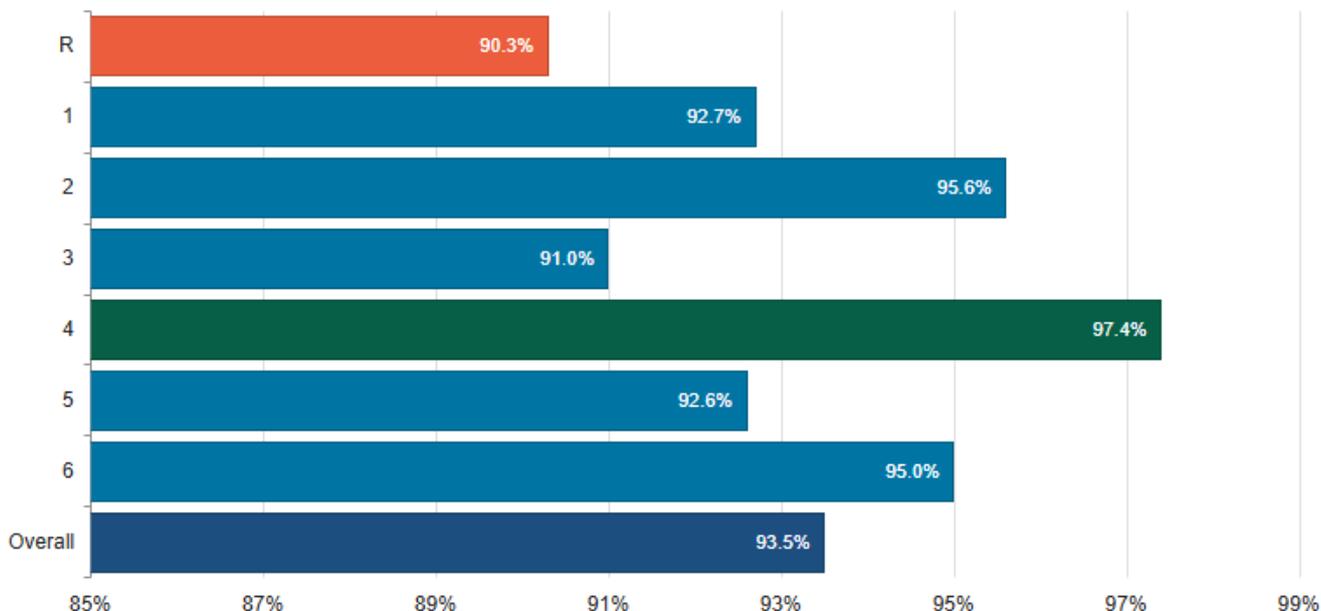
### WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE – MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

West Sussex County Council's Early Years and Childcare team has launched a new survey to understand families' experiences of wraparound childcare. Wraparound childcare provides families with care for school aged children before and after the school day. Please support this by sharing the survey with parents and carers at your school.

The survey is open to all families with primary school-aged children, whether they currently use wraparound childcare in West Sussex or not. It asks about what is working well, what could be improved, and how childcare outside of the school day can better meet the needs of local families.

Use [this survey](#) to make your voice heard! The deadline to complete the survey is **23:59 on Sunday 22 February**.

### ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 93.5% This is 1.5% below our target of 95%.

### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

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



CHILDREN'S  
BOOKFEST

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026

GO  
ALL  
IN.

Dear Families

We're delighted to tell you that your school is taking part in **The Children's Bookfest Bognor!**

The National Year of Reading is a gift to all of us and perfectly in tune with our mission to inspire a love of reading.

But every year we work with terrific teachers to bring authors, illustrators and poets into schools, to meet the children, inspire them with their energy and creativity, and answer all their fabulous questions.

And on top of all that, we gift each child a brand-new copy of the book, which the author will personally dedicate to them to keep and share and treasure.

To give you some context, in 2025 alone we bought over 8000 books for children in West Sussex and we're aiming even higher in 2026.

So, we are delighted to welcome your school to the BookFest for the first time!

**Your BookFest author for 2026 is AF Harrold, who will be visiting on Thursday 12th February with his book the *Pocket Book of Pocket Poems*.**

We hope your children thoroughly enjoy every second!

Warmest wishes

**Children's Bookfest**



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[@Children's BookFest](https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensBookFest)

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Vicar’s Award Forest School CM Sports football club	Please come in kit  By invite only 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 1 Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit 3.30 - 4.15pm
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	School Closed
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club	Please come in kit  3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Hedgehog visit - Acorn, Birch, Hazel & Maple classes	Please come in kit
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class Oak Class visiting Pendean nursing home	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit (last one)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 2 Little woods – Acorns Grp 1 Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit Please come in kit 3.30 - 4.15pm

# LOVE & KINDNESS SCHOOL DISCO!

♪ Dance, laugh, and celebrate kindness! ♪

**£2 Entry**  
(Includes cake & drink)

**Thursday 12th February**

## DISCO TIMES

KS1: 5:30 – 6:30pm

KS2: 6:45 – 7:45pm

## TREATS & FUN

- Pizza **£1**
- Crisps & sweets from **20p**
- Lucky Dip **50p**
- Toys & accessories from **20p**

## COMPETITIONS

- Heart Competition
- Best Dancers Competition 🏆





## Chartwells Catering have vacancies

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?  
If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

**Wisborough Green primary school RH14 0EE – 10hrs per week**

**Stedham Primary school GU29 0NY – 12.5hrs per week**

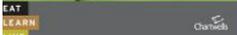
**Area support – 16.25hrs per week Working in different schools in your local area– must be a driver**

Appropriate training will be given, and smart uniform will be provided. DBS checks will be carried out on successful applicants.

For more information, please contact  
email

[Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk)

or 07867 202887



# OPENDAY

FREE STREET DANCE CLASSES  
**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**THE GRANGE, MIDHURST**

10.40-11.00 am	5-8 yrs
11.10-11.30	9-11

MIDHURST@STREETNATION.CO.UK



The menu is set against a pink background with a white curved band in the center. It features several colorful Easter eggs: a yellow one at the top left, a white one below it, a purple one at the bottom left, a brown one at the top right, a dark purple one below it, and a pink one at the bottom right. A white rabbit is positioned above the word 'EASTER'.

# EASTER TREATS

Thursday 26th March 2026

## MAINS

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

BBQ Chicken & Rice

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

## SIDES

Peas or

Seasonal Salad

## DESSERT

*Easter Cookie*

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than

Thursday 12th March 2026



*Please Note: Special diet meals will remain in place.*

**FREE  
HALF-TERM ACTIVITY**



# CIRCUS

## Workshop

with Nick Cook



**TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026  
10am to 12noon**

**At The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst GU29 9DQ**



**MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL**

# SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH

11AM - 2PM

THE GRANGE, BEPTON RD, MIDHURST GU29 9HD

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# COCKING TRAIL RACES

**10k 20k**  
**Junior 3k & 5k**



**10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**2026**

Enter online at [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)



**10K , 20k**  
**Junior 3K & 5K**



Perfect Motion  
Physio.

# Get involved in Midhurst This Week!



Snap Me don't Take Me 😊

Never a Dull Moment in Midhurst

All Details Now on [visitmidhurst.com/whats-on](http://visitmidhurst.com/whats-on)



New Menu @  
The Swan



The Greyhound  
this February



Book now for  
Midhurst Jazz Festival  
Valentines 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
6:30pm @ Kamaellis.



Valentine Menus  
Out now around  
the town.  
Book quickly.

## Things to enjoy in town this week:

... On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February...

🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

🎴 Poker Night @ Midhurst Club

...On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February...

🎲 Quiz Night @ Faustinos

🏉 6 Nations Rugby 8pm @ Bricks, Wheetshaeaf & Swan

...On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February...

🍷 Open Mike Night @ The Bricks

🎵 'Fab Fug Trio' play Faustinos 8pm

🐟 Fish and Chip Friday £7.99 @ The Grange

...On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February...

⚽ M&E FC Home Game 2pm @ Football Club £5

🍷 Pie & Pint £7.50 @ Football Club from 2pm

🎵 Free Duke Box all Night @ The Wheetshaeaf

🏉 6 Nations Rugby 2pm @ Bricks & Wheetshaeaf

🏉 6 Nations Rugby 4:40pm @ Bricks, Wheetshaeaf & Swan

...On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February...

🏠 Modeller Fair @ The Grange 10-4pm

🏊 Free Pool all day Sundays @ The Wheetshaeaf

🍷 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 9<sup>th</sup> February...

🎴 Red Tooth Poker Night @ The Bricks

... On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February...

🎵 'Sing Squad' Community Choir for kids

🚶 Wellbeing Walk: Goodwood Hills & West Dean 9:30am

... On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February...

🍖 Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound

🎴 Poker Night @ Midhurst Club

## Coming up Soon...



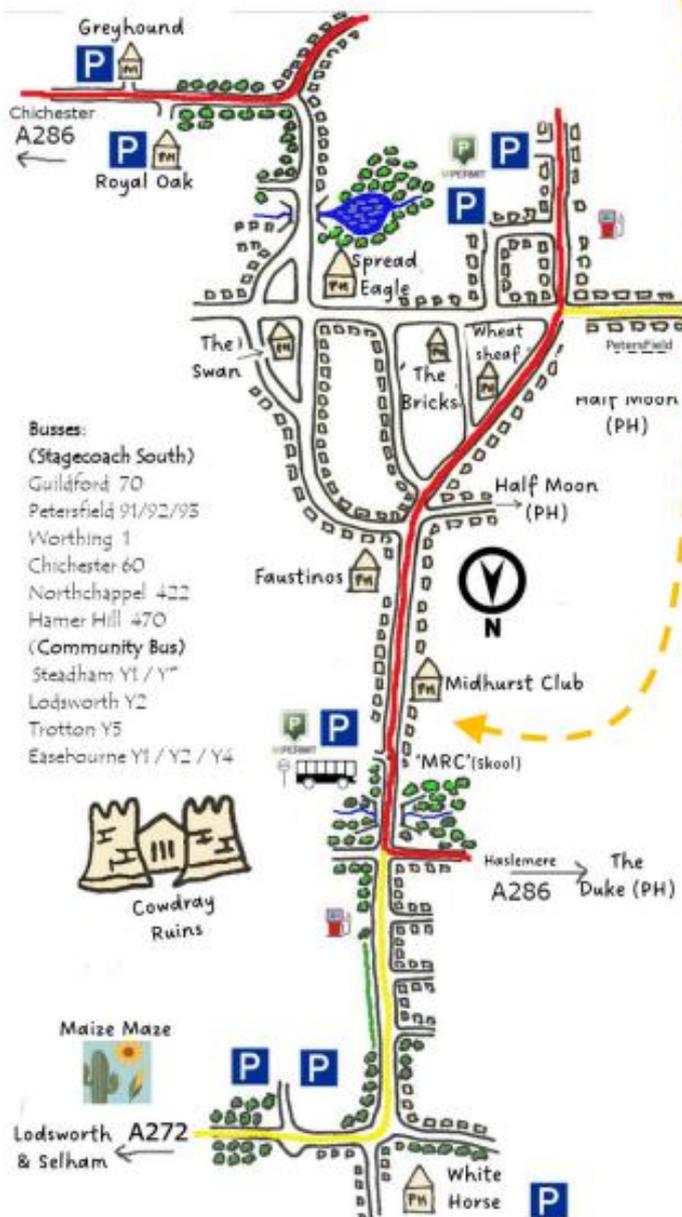
[VISITMIDHURST.COM/WHATS-ON](http://VISITMIDHURST.COM/WHATS-ON)

for a full list of upcoming events in and around the Town incl. The Pubs, The Grange, Steadham, Weald & Downland, Cowdray, Goodwood, The Leonfield, Local Clubs & Societies, National trust & Others

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## Midhurst & Easebourne



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Community Board

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# FEBRUARY

Half Term Holiday

# CLUBS

AT LODGE HILL

9AM –  
4PM



**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**£32**

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**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD? OUR FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY CLUBS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS, OFFERING EXCITING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

**LODGEHILL.ORG.UK**



# LODGE HILL SEND DAY

WEDNESDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY

10AM - 3:30PM  
Lodge Hill Centre,  
Pulborough

For families in West Sussex with a child under 18 with additional needs/ disabilities



## ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Climbing
- Low Ropes
- We Cycle Too Bikes
- Sno-tubing
- Orienteering
- Nature Trail
- Arts and crafts
- Freedom Through Fun with Chris North
- Woodland Crafts with Forest Knights



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# JOIN OUR UNDER 7s FOOTBALL TEAM!

**FUN  
SKILLS  
TEAMWORK**

**Training  
Saturday's  
9am**



**Midhurst & Easebourne FC, Dodsley Grove, GU29 9BE**

**Matches : Sundays, Kick off TBC**

**Boys & Girls under 7 – Need to be 6 by 28 Feb 2026**

**All abilities welcome**



**07855 310 628**



**andrew.midhurstfootball@gmail.com**

**Come and be part of the team!**



Nourishing Our Nation

## COMMUNITY FOOD HUB SCHEDULE

<b>MON</b>	<b>Midhurst</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00pm</b>	<b>(every other Monday)</b>
	The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9HD		
	<b>Burgess Hill</b>	<b>10:30 - 11:30am</b>	<b>(second Monday)</b>
	The King's Church, Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR		
<b>TUES</b>	<b>Oving</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(every other Tuesday)</b>
	Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving, PO20 2DQ		
	<b>Selsey</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00pm</b>	<b>(every other Tuesday)</b>
	Beacon Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey, PO20 0PD		
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>Bognor Regis</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(first Wednesday)</b>
	Youth and Community Centre, Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 5JZ		
	<b>Southwick</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(second Wednesday)</b>
	Southwick Community Centre, 24 Southwick Street, Brighton, BN42 4TE		
	<b>Crawley</b>	<b>10:30 - 11:30am</b>	<b>(third Wednesday)</b>
	Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley, RH11 9BA		
<b>THURS</b>	<b>Storrington</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(fourth Wednesday)</b>
	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, Storrington, RH20 4BG		
	<b>Parklands</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00pm</b>	<b>(every other Wednesday)</b>
	12th Chichester Scout Group, Sherborne Road, Chichester, PO19 3AB		
	<b>Petworth</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(every four weeks)</b>
	Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst Road, Petworth, GU28 0ET		
<b>WORTHING</b>	<b>Worthing</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(every four weeks)</b>
	Charmandean Centre, 1 Forest Road, Worthing, BN14 9HS		
	<b>Swanfield</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00pm</b>	<b>(every other Thursday)</b>
	Swanfield Park Community Centre, Swanfield Drive, Chichester, PO19 6TH		
<b>EAST WITTERING</b>	<b>East Wittering</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00pm</b>	<b>(every other Thursday)</b>
	United Reform Church, 2 Oakfield Avenue, East Wittering, PO20 8BU		
	<b>Whyke</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00am</b>	<b>(every other Friday)</b>
	St George's Centenary Centre, Cleveland Road, Chichester, PO19 7AD		
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>10:30 - 11:30am</b>	<b>(every four weeks)</b>
	The Ascension Church, 110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JS		
	<b>Graylingwell</b>	<b>3:30 - 4:30pm</b>	<b>(every other Friday)</b>
Graylingwell Chapel, Graylingwell Drive, Chichester, PO19 6BZ			

To find the date of your next Community Food Hub, please visit:

**[WWW.UKHARVEST.ORG.UK/CFH](http://WWW.UKHARVEST.ORG.UK/CFH)**

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# Travelling Tales

Jump on board this half term to **row**, **ride**, and **fly** with us through stories about all the different ways we get around, plus some *wheelie*-fun crafts and activities!



**Tuesday 17 February**  
**2.00-3.00m**

**Suitable for children aged 4+ years**

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.  
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



**Midhurst Library**  
The Grange, Bepton Road, GU29 9HD  
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