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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week it has been! World Book Day was a truly joyful celebration across the school, and we were absolutely blown away by the creativity, colour, and imagination that went into the children's costumes this year. From courageous heroes to mischievous villains, from classic favourites to brand-new characters, the effort from families was outstanding. Thank you for making the day so special.

📸 *Look out for a full gallery of costume photos in next week's flyer!*

We were also thrilled to enjoy an amazing day out with Pine Class at the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth. The children were fascinated by the history of the ship, the artefacts, and the stories behind them. Their curiosity and enthusiasm made it a memorable learning experience for everyone involved.

A reminder that Parents' Evenings take place next week, on Tuesday and Thursday. Appointments should be booked through the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app.

How to Book Your Parents' Evening Appointment on MCAS

To book via the MCAS app:

1. Open the MCAS app and log in.
2. Select Parents Evening from the main menu.
3. Choose the relevant Parents' Evening event.
4. Select Book next to the teacher you wish to see.
5. Choose from the available times and confirm by clicking Done.
6. Your selected appointment will appear in green.

## Why Parents' Evenings Matter

Parents' Evenings are a vital part of our partnership with families. They offer the chance to:

- Discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps.
- Understand how your child is getting on both academically and socially.
- Ask questions, share insights, and work together on any areas where your child may need extra support.
- Celebrate successes and set goals to help your child grow in confidence and independence.

These conversations make a genuine difference and help ensure every child receives the support they need to thrive.

### Appointments with Mrs Chance or Mrs Cook

If you would like an appointment with Mrs Chance or Mrs Cook, please contact the school office directly, as these cannot be booked through MCAS. Their availability can be found later in this flyer.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend. I hope to see all of you at one of next week's Parents' Evenings—it's always such a valuable opportunity to connect and celebrate our pupils together.

*Mark*

### PARENTS' EVENING

Mrs Chance and Mrs Cook will be available to see parents at the following times:

Mrs Chance    Tuesday 10th March 1pm-4:30pm

Mrs Cook        Tuesday 10th March 5pm-6pm and Thursday 12th March 5pm-6pm.

If you wish to make an appointment, please pop into the school office. If you cannot make these times, please contact us and we will arrange an alternative time.

### PINE CLASS'S AMAZING ADVENTURE TO THE MARY ROSE MUSEUM

On Monday, Pine Class embarked on an unforgettable journey back in time on their trip to the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth. The day was packed with hands-on activities, awe-inspiring discoveries, and immersive experiences that helped us step directly into the world of Tudor sailors, scientists, and explorers. From uncovering the story of how the wreck was found, to planning full naval battle strategies, the entire visit was a perfect blend of history, teamwork, and excitement.

#### Discovering the Ship Beneath the Sea

Our adventure began with an activity focused on the incredible story of how the Mary Rose was rediscovered after spending more than four centuries beneath the waves. Through interactive displays and clues spread



across the museum's exhibits, we learned about the sonar technology, underwater surveying, and determination of archaeologists who spent years searching the seabed for the lost flagship.

The children worked in groups to piece together how experts identified the wreck, what clues proved it was the Mary Rose, and the careful steps taken to plan its recovery. Pine Class were brilliant detectives—asking questions, examining evidence, and uncovering the mysteries of the deep.



#### How Do You Lift a Ship? Pine Class Finds Out!

Next, we explored the incredible engineering behind raising the Mary Rose from the seabed in 1982. Through models and problem-solving challenges, the class discovered just how complicated it is to lift a fragile Tudor warship that has spent centuries underwater.

We examined replicas of the lifting frames, practiced balancing weight carefully, and even tried our hand at designing mechanisms to raise delicate objects without breaking them. The children were fascinated to learn how divers, historians, and engineers worked together in one of the most ambitious maritime recoveries ever attempted.

#### A Thrilling 4D Diving Experience

One of the highlights of the day was our visit to the museum's 4D cinema, where we joined a virtual dive team exploring the wreck on the seabed. With moving seats, surround sound, sea-spray effects, and a fully immersive underwater world, the children felt as though they were swimming alongside the divers themselves.

Pine Class "travelled" through the murky waters, inspected the timbers of the ship, and watched artefacts being gently retrieved. It was the closest we could possibly get to diving on the Mary Rose without putting on wetsuits!

#### Hands-on Cannon Firing Activity

After that exhilarating experience, Pine Class got to take part in a wonderfully noisy hands-on workshop all about Tudor warfare. Students learned about the different types of guns and cannons used aboard the Mary Rose, what roles the gunners performed, and how these huge weapons were loaded and fired.

The highlight, of course, was getting the chance to "fire" a replica cannon! Under careful supervision, the children followed authentic steps—ramming powder and shot, stepping back, lighting the fuse, and bracing themselves for the mighty boom. Their faces lit



up with excitement as they imagined being part of a real Tudor gun crew defending the English coast.

### Battle Strategy: The French vs the English!

Our final activity of the day was perhaps the most intense and competitive of all—a strategic battle-planning challenge! Pine Class was split into two sides:

- The French team, tasked with planning a daring attack on Portsmouth.
- The English team, responsible for defending the harbour and protecting the realm.

Using maps, models, and historical information, each team developed tactics, formations, and clever strategies to outsmart the other side. The French plotted sneaky approaches and surprise attacks, while the English prepared defences, traps, and strong naval positions.

The room buzzed with teamwork, debate, creativity, and impressive historical knowledge. When the plans were presented, both sides showed fantastic leadership and imagination—Tudor admirals would have been proud!

### A Day to Remember

By the time we boarded the coach home, Pine Class had journeyed through centuries of history, explored the brilliant science of underwater archaeology, and experienced the thrill of Tudor naval warfare. The Mary Rose Museum brought the past to life in a vivid, exciting and educational way, and every student took home new knowledge—and wonderful memories.

It truly was an amazing trip, and one that Pine Class will be talking about for a long time!



### JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FOR THE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP!

We are excited to invite all parents and carers to join our new Parent & Toddler Group, held every Friday from 2PM to 3:25PM in the school's quad. This welcoming group is hosted by our qualified ELSA, Mrs. Mullen, and offers a fantastic opportunity for families to connect and have fun. Each session will feature a variety of engaging activities designed for both parents and toddlers to enjoy together. It's also a great chance to ask questions, gain advice, and share experiences in a supportive, friendly environment. Whether you're looking for advice on parenting, new ways to engage with your little one, or simply want to meet other parents, this group is here for you. Come join the fun and be part of a wonderful community! We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Parent & Toddler Group

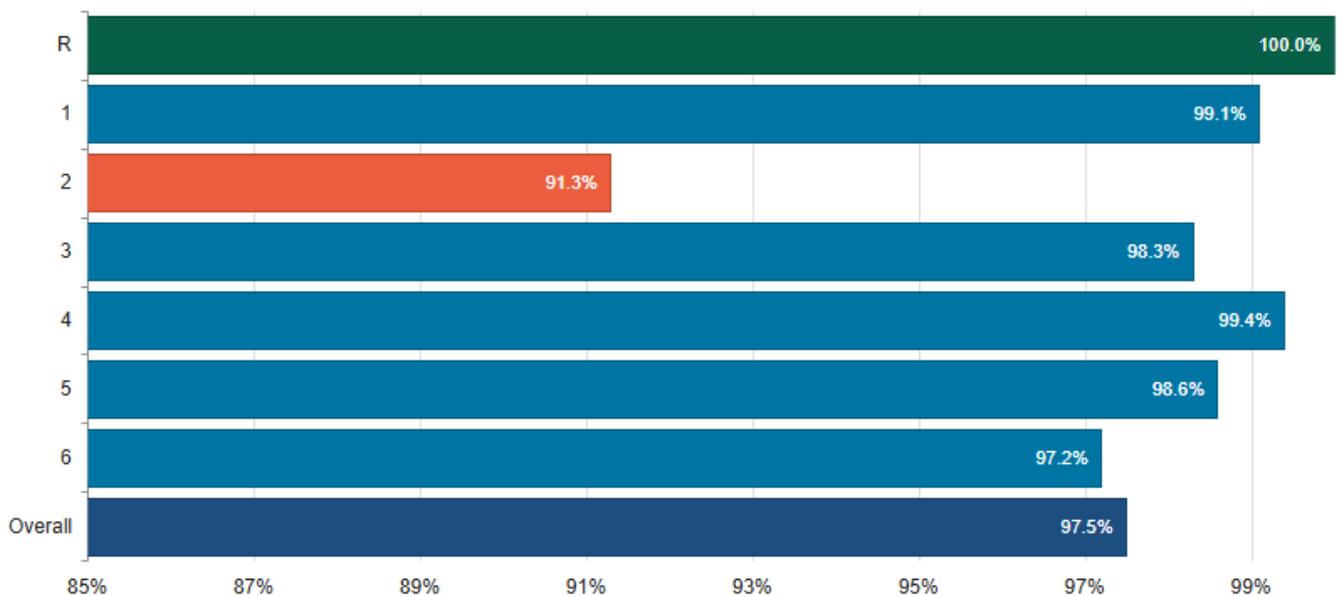
**Fridays 2:00-3:25**  
Run by our qualified ELSA

Ask for support, ask questions, connect, have fun



All parents and carers welcome!

### ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 97.5% This is 2.5% above our target of 95%.

### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

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

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak & Pine class – PE today Netball Club – year 5 only	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club Parents evening 5-8pm	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm Appointments booked through MCAS
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Beech class – PE today Parents evening 4-7pm	Please come in kit Appointments booked through MCAS
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	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
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak class Residential week at PGL Pine class – PE today Netball Club – year 5 only	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple, Beech & Pine – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Beech class – PE today	Please come in kit
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 2 Little woods – Acorns Grp 1 Netball at MRC Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit  More details to follow 3.30 - 4.15pm



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🐾 **Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!** 🐾

**Dates:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 9.30am- 2pm

**Location:** Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

*Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!*

🔮 **What to Expect:**

💖 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies**

🐾 **Pony Care**

🐾 **Riding and Mounted Games**

🌿 **Connect with Arts and Nature**

👫 **Make New Friends**

**Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice:**

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)



**Cost: £140 per child**

*BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH.*

**Spaces limited to 10 children per day**

**We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.**

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# Unusual Animals

Are you passionate about pangolins, infatuated with iguanas or an axolotl admirer? Scuttle to the library for stories of weird and wonderful creatures, plus a fun craft activity!



**Wednesday 1 April**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

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  
01703 716671  
midhurst.library@westsussex.gov.uk

# Unusual Animals

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**Thursday 2 April**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

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.



Chichester Library  
Tower Street, PO19 1QJ  
01243 777351  
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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**Wednesday 1 April**

**2:00 - 3:00pm**

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.



Petworth Library  
5 High Street, GU28 0AU  
01798 342274  
petworth.library@westsussex.gov.uk



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

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