



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Families

As we approach the final half term of the academic year, there is a real sense of excitement building across the school. It is always such a special time—filled with celebration, memorable experiences and opportunities for our children to shine—and this year is no exception!

We have a fantastic programme of events planned over the coming weeks. Sports Day is always a highlight, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children showing their determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, supported by the ever-enthusiastic cheers from families on the side-lines.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are already hard at work preparing for their end-of-year production of *Oliver*. Rehearsals are well underway, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they bring the story to life. We have no doubt it will be a truly entertaining and memorable performance for everyone to enjoy.

The Summer Fair is another exciting event on the horizon—always a lovely occasion that brings our whole school community together. We hope many of you will be able to join us for what promises to be a fun-filled and sociable afternoon.

For our Year 6 children, this half term is particularly significant and filled with special moments as they prepare to say farewell to primary school. Alongside their leavers' activities, they also have the much-anticipated leavers' camp at Stedham to look forward to. This is always a fantastic experience, full of adventure, laughter and lasting memories with friends.

As you will see further down in this flyer, we are currently advertising for a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our team. Our breakfast club plays an important role in starting the day positively for many of our children, and we would love to welcome someone new who is enthusiastic, caring and enjoys working with children. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please do take a moment to look at the details included.

At this point in the year, I would also like to take the opportunity to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to our entire school community. To our families—thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership.

To our staff—thank you for your dedication, energy and unwavering commitment to giving our children the very best experiences. It truly makes a difference every single day.

Finally, as we look ahead to the half term break, it seems we may be in for some beautiful weather—perfect for getting outdoors, relaxing and spending time with family and friends. I hope that all of our children, families and staff have a wonderful, restful and enjoyable half term, and return refreshed and ready for an exciting final few weeks of the school year.

Mark



PINE CLASS FOREST SCHOOL Pine Class had a wonderful time at Forest School on Friday, successfully dodging the forecast rain and enjoying the outdoors. The children loved cooking “oodles of noodles” together and worked brilliantly as a team. A real highlight was lighting a traceless fire, showing great care and respect for the environment. A traceless fire is a small, carefully managed fire that is made in a way that leaves no lasting impact on the environment once it is finished.

The idea comes from “Leave No Trace” outdoor principles—teaching people how to enjoy nature while protecting it. It’s a great skill for Forest School, as it helps children learn responsibility, safety, and respect for the environment.

Well done, Pine Class, for a fun and successful session!



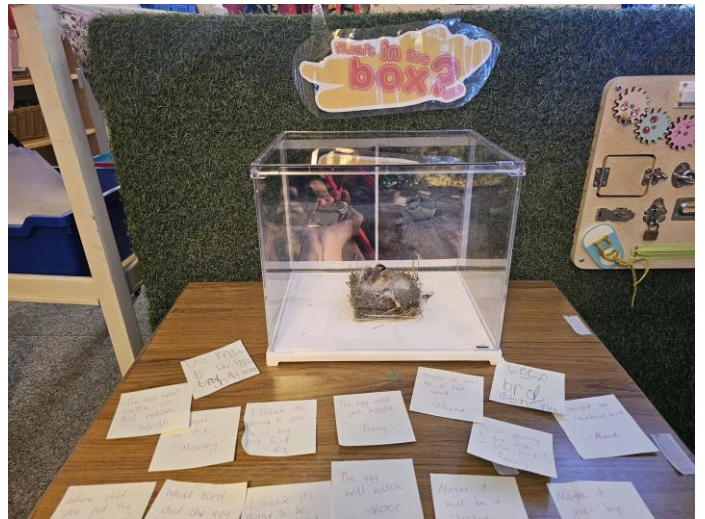
ACORN CLASS ENJOY A GOOD BOOK! The sun was shining on Acorn Class on Wednesday! It was the perfect chance to grab a favourite book and enjoy some relaxed reading time.

Children made the most of the weather, taking their books outside and settling into comfortable spots to read. It was great to see everyone engaged and enjoying their stories in such a calm and positive atmosphere.

A lovely way to make the most of a sunny day—well done, Acorn Class!

WHAT'S IN THE BOX? In Acorn Class, the Curiosity Cube is a special and exciting way for children to explore, investigate, and learn. It is a simple box filled with interesting objects or pictures that encourage children to ask questions and think more deeply about the world around them.

Each week, the Curiosity Cube has a different theme. For example, it might focus on nature, space, animals, or everyday objects. Inside the cube, children might find items such as leaves, shells, magnets, small toys, or mystery objects hidden in bags. The aim is not just to look at the items, but to encourage children to wonder, predict, and discuss what they see.



The Curiosity Cube supports the development of important early skills. It helps children build their speaking and listening skills as they describe what they notice and share their ideas with others. It also encourages problem-solving, as children try to work out what objects are, how they are used, or how they work. Most importantly, it nurtures curiosity, which is a key part of learning.

Teachers guide the children by asking open-ended questions such as “What do you think this is?”, “How does it feel?”, or “Why do you think it works this way?” These questions help children to think creatively and express their thoughts confidently.

Overall, the Curiosity Cube is a fun and hands-on learning tool that inspires young children to explore, ask questions, and develop a love of learning right from the start.

RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING EDUCATION AT OUR SCHOOL We would like to share an update with parents and carers about **Relationships, Health and Wellbeing Education (RSHE)** in primary schools. RSHE has been a statutory part of the curriculum since 2020, and **updated national guidance will come into effect from September 2026**. The changes strengthen children’s **safety, wellbeing and understanding of healthy relationships**, while remaining **fully age-appropriate** and sensitive to children’s needs.

What will children learn?

At primary age, RSHE focuses on helping pupils to:

- Build kind, respectful friendships
- Understand feelings and emotions, including managing worries and changes
- Learn about personal safety, including road, water and online safety
- Develop confidence to say no, ask for help and talk to a trusted adult
- Understand that families and friendships can look different

Online safety and wellbeing

The updated guidance places greater emphasis on helping children:

- Stay safe when using the internet and digital devices
- Understand why some apps, games and websites have age limits
- Recognise unsafe situations and know how to seek help

Safeguarding and body awareness

As part of keeping children safe, pupils may:

- Learn the correct names for body parts, taught sensitively and appropriately
- Talk about personal boundaries and privacy
- Learn how to recognise when something doesn't feel right and what to do

This supports our wider safeguarding responsibilities and helps children communicate confidently.

Working closely with parents

We are committed to transparency and partnership with families. Parents have the right to:

- See our RSHE policy
- View lesson materials
- Ask questions or raise concerns

Please complete the RSHE survey that will be shared before half term which aims to seek your views. Mrs Chance will be hosting a Coffee & Croissant Morning on Monday 1st June. If you would like to see any of the resources or discuss any of the new content, please pop along. If you are unable to make it, feel free to pop into the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Chance.

OUR RSHE SCHOOL PLAN

Theme	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1 Kindness	Friendships	Sense of self –achievement	Friendships and bullying	Media influences	Pressure to share and dares	Pressure and uncertain feelings
Autumn 2 Peace	Families	Identity and stereotypes	Safety rules and the law	Community and belonging	Health and prevention	Drugs and alcohol
Spring 1 Friendship	Fair and Unfair	Medicines and safety	Keeping safe and emergencies	Types of relationships	Changes in relationships – when things go wrong	Smoking and vaping
Spring 2 Forgiveness	Keeping safe and Emergencies	Body privacy	Early warning signs, saying yes or no, secrets	Personal boundaries and the right to privacy	Body Privacy	Sense of self – Self esteem
Summer 1 Respect	Recognising Feelings	Managing feelings	Cleanliness and hygiene	Sense of self – Achievements and goals	Sense of self - image and representation	Conception
Summer 2 Creativity	Keeping clean	Eating well and being active	Health and Wellbeing or Healthy Choices	Sleep and Emotional Wellbeing	Gender expectations	Transition - Saying goodbye and moving on



Edward's fundraiser for Stonepillow

A fundraiser organised by Edward Scott for Stonepillow

Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page. I am raising money by selling home made bracelets to help homeless people to have a better life. I will be selling them at school on Thursday 21st May or you can contact Mum (Hannah Scott) and we can arrange getting your bracelets to you. From Edward age 10



Help us reach our target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

Scan to donate

CELEBRATING EDWARD'S FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING EFFORT! A huge well done to Edward in Year 5 for his inspiring fundraising effort in support of Stonepillow. Yesterday, Edward spent time on the playground selling his colourful, hand-made finger-knitted bracelets – a wonderful display of creativity, kindness, and determination to help others. Edward has been raising money for Stonepillow, a charity that supports people experiencing homelessness and hardship in our community. His enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference have been truly impressive, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils supporting his cause.

Although yesterday's sale has finished, it is not too late to get involved! You can still support Edward and this very worthy cause by making a donation online using the link below:

👉 <https://www.justgiving.com/page/edward-scott-1>

HELP US MAKE OUR SUMMER FAIR A SUCCESS Midhurst Primary School's much-loved Summer Fair is fast approaching, and we need your support to help make it a fantastic event for our children and community.

We are calling on all parents, carers and members of the local community to get involved. Every donation — big or small — really does make a huge difference.

What We're Looking For

To help us create a fun and exciting fair, we are currently collecting a range of items, including:

- Cuddly toys
- Toiletries
- Chocolates and sweets
- Bottles (for bottle stalls)
- Bric-a-brac
- Raffle prizes
- Gift vouchers
- Unopened items

These donations will help us run a variety of stalls and activities that everyone can enjoy on the day.

How to Donate

Donations can be easily dropped off at the School Office. If you're unable to bring items in, please get in touch and we will do our best to arrange a collection. You can contact us at pta@midhurstprimary.co.uk

Thank You

SEND REFORM IN WEST SUSSEX – YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD West Sussex County Council is already planning what SEND Reform **will** look like locally over the coming years. These plans are being developed **now** for West Sussex.

If families don't speak up at this stage, decisions risk being made without truly understanding real life experiences of SEND in West Sussex.

By completing this survey, you are telling West Sussex County Council:

- What is working well for you and your child,
- What is not working and causes stress or delay,
- And what **MUST** change to improve support in the future.

This feedback will be used directly to inform local SEND Reform planning **happening now in West Sussex**.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

These parent carer voices help shape priorities, funding decisions, and the focus of future SEND support. If decision makers don't clearly hear from parent carers now, they may assume the system is working better than it is. This is your opportunity to make sure lived experience drives local change.

Please have your say now, as every response strengthens the collective voice: [SEND Reform Parent Carer Survey – Fill out form](#)



MIDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIR
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Calling all MPS parents, carers and the local community!
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- Bottles
- Bric-a-Brac
- Raffle Prizes
- Gift Vouchers
- Unopened Items

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Thank you for your support!
Let's make our Summer Fair a great success!

BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR NEEDED We're looking for somebody to help run our breakfast club while the permanent post-holder is unavailable. You will need to be in school from 7.50-8.50am during term time to help set up the tables and chairs, provide breakfast and play opportunities for up to 28 pupils, then clear away again for the beginning of school. The post is for five hours a week, paid at £12.85 per hour, and will start as soon as possible in the summer term. If you are interested, please collect full details and an application form from the office.

A REMINDER OF OUR NEW FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - ALL PARENTS WELCOME We are pleased to introduce our new Family Support Group, designed to offer a welcoming space for parents and carers to ask questions, share experiences, and access support. The group will run fortnightly, starting on Tuesday 5th May, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm, and is open to all parents. Sessions will be hosted by Kirstan Mullen, Family Liaison, and Stacey McGuinness, Family Support Worker, who will be available to listen, offer advice, and help connect families with other agencies or services where needed. Parents are warmly invited to drop in for a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed, informal setting. Whether you have a specific concern or simply want to talk things through, this group is here to support you. The service is completely free. Please come to the school office to sign in, and we will meet in the Quad building. We look forward to welcoming you — everyone is invited.

AN INVITATION FOR PARENTS OF NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-18 WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN ACCESSING CLUBS, HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT. This May half term, you're invited to our free information drop-in sessions. This is a space to meet the Aspens short breaks team with your young person, ask questions and get familiar with What We Do. You can expect:

- Our lovely team ready to answer any questions you may have
- Details of our summer holiday activities & trial sessions, including our transition into *Aspens Soft Start Sessions*
- Info and visual supports to share with your young people
- Sensory-friendly activities to try

When?

Tuesday 26th May

Where?

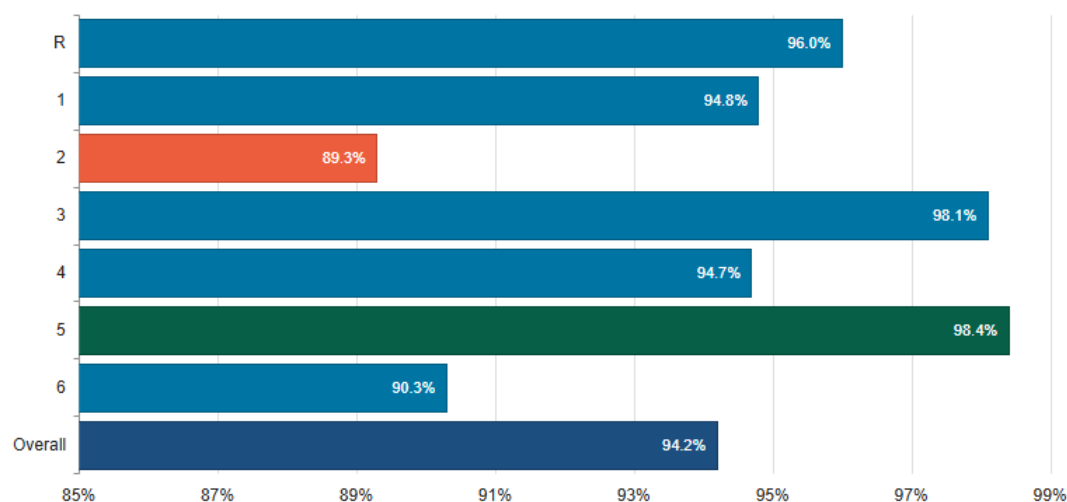
The Yews Community Centre, Haywards Heath RH16 1BJ from 10am – 2pm
K2 Youth and Community Centre, Littlehampton, BN17 7HE from 2pm – 4pm

Tickets?

No need to book, just pop in when you can!



ATTENDANCE



Our overall attendance this week is 94.2%, slightly under our target of 95%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS! Congratulations to Pine Class, our attendance champions this week with 96.4% attendance.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Half term - Monday 25th - Friday 29th May SCHOOL CLOSED		
Monday 1 st June	Oak & Pine class – PE today Coffee & Croissant morning	Please come in kit 9am in school hall
Tuesday 2 nd June	Acorns, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School - Mixed group from KS2 CM Sports football club	Please come in kit By invite only 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd June	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 4 th June	Maple & Beech class – PE today Forest School – Maple class Grp 1	Please come in kit please bring kit
Friday 5 th June	PTA – Own clothes day Acorns, Birch & Hazel Class Forest School Pine Class Grp 1 Little woods – Acorns Grp 3 Cricket @ MRC Cross country club	In exchange for a jar Please come in kit Please bring kit Please come in kit By invite 3.30 - 4.15pm
Monday 8 th June	Oak & Pine class – PE today Acorns Beach trip	Please come in kit Please see separate letter
Tuesday 9 th June	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today Forest School – Mixed group from KS2 Football Tournament at Rogate CM Sports football club	Please come in kit By invite only 3.30-4.30pm Some year 5 &6 children involved
Wednesday 10 th June	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 11 th June	Maple & Beech class – PE today Forest School – Maple class Grp 2	Please come in kit Please bring kit
Friday 12 th June	Acorns, Birch & Hazel Class Forest School - Pine Class Grp 2 Little woods – Acorns Grp 3 Summer Fair	Please come in kit Please bring kit Please come in kit 3.30pm

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RUNNING
SINCE
2021
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MIDHURST TOTS

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**FOOTBALL PLAYERS
WANTED!**
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Ages 4, 5 & 6 years old welcome!

Age 4

Last year
of Nursery



Age 5

Reception



Age 6

Year 1



★ ... To join, contact Gary on: ★



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MAY HALF TERM

at Haslemere Museum



Museum explorers
ages 5-11
Pond Dipping

Tuesday
26 May
10.30am-12pm

Investigate what lives below the surface of the Museum's pond, then see them under a digital microscope



Special opening
for SEND/ASC
Early Birds

Wednesday
27 May
9-10am

Come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public



Family activity
Get Creative

Thursday
28 May
10.30am-1pm

Explore different media to let your creativity flow and make your own creative masterpieces



Family activity
LEGO Drop-in

Friday
29 May
10.30-12.30pm

Come along and search through our Lego and let your imagination run wild

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson





MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS 2026 Programme



Camp Information

- Football & Cricket Camps run from 8:30am to 3pm
- Multi Sports Camps run from 8:30am to 3:30pm
- Multi-Sports Camps for children in years 1 to 6
- Football & Cricket Camps for children in years 1 to 8
- Single day bookings welcome

Join us!
From £24 per day!

Children require:

- a nut free packed lunch
- a mid-morning snack
- a refillable drinks bottle
- hot & cold weather protection
- shin pads for football
- trainers



cmsports.ipalbookings.com
info@cm-sports.co.uk

FOOTBALL

**Love Lane Playing Fields, Petersfield
Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May
In association with Petersfield Town FC**

CRICKET

**Bordon & Oakhanger Social Club
(BOSC)
Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May**



**2 x MULTI-SPORTS Venues
Buriton Village Hall
Easebourne Primary School
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th May**





TRAVEL BACK 2,000
YEARS IN TIME THIS
MAY HALF TERM...

CHICHESTER ROMAN WEEK

Tuesday 26 - Saturday 30 May 2026

Ever wondered what the Romans did for us? Find out at Chichester Roman Week, when five days of talks, tours and family activities bring the district's Roman past to life for all ages.

Scan the QR code or visit thenovium.org/romanweek to see what's on and plan your week in Roman Chichester.



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MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

FREE

HALF-TERM ACTIVITY ART DAYS

WITH



**WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026
&
THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2026**

10.00AM TO 12.30PM

Create art for the MADhurst Festival 2026
and be entered into a competition.
All materials provided, just bring your
imagination.



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MIDHURST
GU29 9DQ**

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Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person in West Sussex who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, advice, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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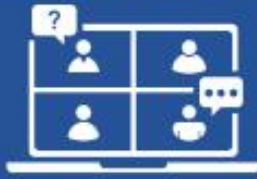


Reaching Families

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TRAINING

SUMMER TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge in Adolescence

Tuesday 21st April

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Masking

Thursday 23rd April

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Monday 27th April

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers

Tuesday 28th April

7.30 - 9 pm

Understanding Demand Avoidance

Wednesday 6th May

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)

Thursday 7th May

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Understanding Autism in Girls

Thursday 14th May

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Tuesday 19th May

10.30am - 12.30 pm

Making Sense of SEN Support at School

Wednesday 20th May

7.30 - 9.30 pm

THE SEND FOUNDATION COURSE

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parent-carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Wednesday, 22nd & 29th April

10.00 am - 1.15 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com



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UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Summer Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

14th Apr / 5th May / 2nd Jun / 30th Jun

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

22nd Apr / 13th May / 3rd Jun / 1st Jul

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

21st Apr / 12th May / 16th Jun / 7th Jul

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

7.30 - 9pm

23rd Apr / 14th May / 11th Jun / 9th Jul

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

15th Apr / 20th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub

28th Apr / 19th May / 23rd Jun / 14th Jul

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Arun West Family Hub

30th Apr / 21st May / 25th Jun / 16th Jul

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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Midhurst CofE Primary School

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!

GO
ALL
IN.



May is... Share a Story Month

Celebrating the fabulous world of children's fiction and inspiring a love of reading by sharing stories.



Borrow **books and audiobooks** on your library card to share aloud together at home. You can even download stories from our **eLibrary!**

Or celebrate by visiting **Storytime** at a West Sussex library near you



<https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/>



Join us for one of our special Half term boat trips in Chichester Harbour

Kids
tickets
starting
from just
£5!

Bird's Ahoy!



Fun bird-spotting for all ages. 1 hr, departing Itchenor.

Seal Safari



Three-hour trip to visit our special seals (age 8+).

Roman History Family Trip



Sail through history! 1.5 hrs, departing Itchenor.

All aboard 'Solar Heritage' our solar-powered, eco-friendly tour boat departing Itchenor



www.boattripschichesterharbour.co.uk

Gift vouchers and private hire available



Chichester
Harbour
National
Landscape

Once Upon a Storytime...



Step back in time this half term for some spellbinding stories and a charming craft activity



Thursday 28 May 2026

10.00 - 11.00am

Suitable for children aged 4+

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



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The Grange, Bepton Road, GU29 9HD
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Chichester Library
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