



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Families

What a wonderful start we have had to the new academic year at Midhurst!

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our children back to school this week and hearing the corridors filled once again with laughter, excitement and enthusiasm for learning. The start of a new school year is always a special time, full of hope, opportunities and new beginnings.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our newest members of the Midhurst family, our Acorns children. It has been lovely to see their smiley faces as they have begun their journey with us. Starting school is a significant milestone, and we are delighted that they and their families have chosen to join our school community. We look forward to watching them grow, learn and flourish in the years ahead.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the families joining us for the first time this year. At Midhurst, we pride ourselves on being more than just a school; we are a school family. We value the strong relationships we build with our children and their families, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

This September, we are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our team. Mrs Beaven joins us as our new Year 6 teacher, Miss Pavitt joins our Year 3 team, and we are pleased to welcome Miss Hutchinson and Miss Savill as new members of our support staff. I know our new colleagues have already received a warm Midhurst welcome, and I am confident they will make a fantastic contribution to our school community.

As we embark on another exciting year together, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support. The positive partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths and helps us provide the very best opportunities for every child.

I am excited for the year ahead and all that it will bring. Here's to a successful, happy and rewarding year for everyone at Midhurst.

Mark

OUR FANTASTIC NEW SCHOOL MEALS I have been incredibly impressed with the meals being provided by our new catering company. The food has looked absolutely fantastic, the feedback from children has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying a nutritious and appetising lunch each day.

One of the biggest advantages of our new catering service is the flexibility it offers families. Parents can now order a school meal for their child right up until **8:00am on the day the meal is required**, providing much greater convenience for those busy mornings when plans may change unexpectedly.

As with any new system, however, there have been some challenges during the rollout of the new online ordering and payment platform, **Kanpla**. To place orders online, parents must first activate their account by clicking the invitation link that was sent to the email address we hold for you.

I am pleased to report that **110 of our families have already accepted their invitation and are successfully using the system**. However, this does mean that **more than 60 families have not yet activated their accounts**.

An invitation email was sent on **2nd September**, so if you have not yet registered, please take a few moments to check your inbox. Depending on your email security settings, the message may have been filtered into your junk or spam folder. If you cannot locate the invitation email, please contact the school office as we are now able to arrange for a new invitation to be sent. Please note, however, that the invitation links are **time-limited**, so it is important to activate your account as soon as possible after receiving the email.

Thank you for your patience and support as we transition to our new catering service and ordering platform. We are confident that once everyone is registered and up and running, families will find the system straightforward to use and enjoy the added flexibility it provides.

PARKING CONSIDERATELY AROUND SCHOOL As we begin another busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the importance of parking considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school.

We are fortunate to have positive relationships with our neighbours and local residents, many of whom live close to the school and experience increased traffic at the start and end of the school day. Recently, concerns have been raised about vehicles being parked in the private residential car park at the rear of Oxford Court, on the corner of Ashfield Road and Bepton Road.

Please be aware that this car park is reserved for residents only and should not be used for school drop-off or collection purposes.

If you require parking, there is a public car park available at The Grange, which is only a short walk from the school. We would encourage families who drive to school to make use of this facility where possible. We also have parking permits for the Grange. Please email sbm@midhurstprimary.co.uk for more details.

We also ask that all members of our school community:

- Park legally and safely at all times.
- Avoid blocking driveways, dropped kerbs or access routes.
- Be mindful of residents when turning, waiting or parking.
- Consider walking part of the journey if possible.
- Set a positive example for our pupils through courteous and respectful behaviour.

We greatly value the support of our families in helping us maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensuring the area around the school remains safe and accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

FOREST SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Forest School sessions are a valuable part of school life, giving children the opportunity to learn, explore, and develop confidence in the great outdoors. As our Forest School programme continues to grow and thrive, we would greatly appreciate some extra volunteer support with our Big Woods sessions (Year 2 and above). These sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. We leave school at 12.45 and are back by the end of the day.

Whether you can help regularly or just on a one-off basis, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. You do not need any special skills or experience, just a willingness to get outdoors and support our children as they learn and play in nature.

If you are able to help, even occasionally, please contact the school office for more information. Your time and support can make a real difference and help ensure that our Forest School sessions continue to thrive.

Thank you,

Mrs Alden

IMPORTANT UPDATE! FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) From September 2026 the Free School Meals programme will be expanded to include any family in receipt of Universal Credit, even if their total income is above the current £7,400 threshold.

We would like to encourage all families to apply through the West Sussex website if they currently receive Universal Credit but were not previously eligible for a FSM so that we can make sure your child receives a free meal from the beginning of the Autumn term.

If your child is already eligible for FSM you don't need to reapply. However, if your child is in Years R-2 and receives a free meal through the infant free school meals programme you should apply for this expanded FSM programme before September, as you will then be eligible to continue beyond Year 2.

The link for applications is below. We have been advised by WSCC that parents can start applying from 1 July, but as you can imagine, there are many more families applying at the moment than usual, so please keep trying over the summer holidays if the site isn't responsive straight away.

[Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)

A few minutes spent applying could unlock additional funding and opportunities that will directly benefit your child throughout their education.

HYDE HOUSING SCHOOL UNIFORM VOUCHERS – CHECK IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE! We would like to make parents aware of a school uniform support scheme being offered by **Hyde Housing**. Hyde has issued **£50 school uniform vouchers per school-aged child** to eligible Hyde Housing tenants. The vouchers can be used until **31 October 2026** and can help families with the cost of preparing for the new school year.

What can the vouchers be used for?

The vouchers can only be redeemed through **Trutex**. Although our branded school uniform is supplied by **Brigade**, Trutex stocks a wide range of **unbranded school essentials**, including:

- White school shirts and blouses
- White polo shirts and PE T-shirts
- Plain PE shorts
- School trousers
- School skirts
- School shoes and other uniform basics

This means Hyde families may still be able to use the vouchers to purchase many of the everyday uniform items needed for school.

Who is eligible?

Vouchers have been issued by Hyde Housing to eligible tenants with children who will be in **Reception to Year 11 in September 2026**. In most cases, vouchers were sent between **18 and 26 June 2026**.

Haven't received your voucher?

If you think you should have received a voucher:

- Check your email inbox, including your **junk or spam folder**, for an email from **no-reply@hyde-housing.co.uk**
- If you do not have email registered with Hyde, check for a letter sent by post
- Contact Hyde Housing at **schooluniforms@hyde-housing.co.uk** if you believe you are eligible but have not received your voucher

Need more information?

Further details, including how to use the vouchers and answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on Hyde Housing's website:

<https://www.hyde-housing.co.uk/help-and-advice/helping-hand-money-advice-and-support/school-uniform-vouchers-faqs/>

We encourage any Hyde Housing families to check whether they have received a voucher and make use of this support before the **31 October 2026** expiry date.

PE TIMETABLE

Class	PE DAY
Acorns	Tuesday & Friday
Birch	Tuesday & Thursday
Hazel	Monday & Tuesday
Maple	Tuesday & Thursday
Beech	Monday & Wednesday
Pine	Wednesday & Friday
Oak	Wednesday & Friday

Midhurst CofE Primary School Calendar 2026/27

<u>September 2026</u>		
Tuesday 1st	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Wednesday 2nd	Autumn Term Begins	
Monday 14th - Friday 18th	Oak Class Bikeability	
Wednesday 30th	Oak Class Experience day at MRC	
<u>October 2026</u>		
Tuesday 6th	Harvest Assembly in school	am
Tuesday 6th	Pine class visiting Foodbank to pack boxes	pm
Thursday 8th	Hello Yellow day	
Friday 9th	School Photos (individual)	
Monday 12th	Open day	9-11am & 4-6pm
Tuesday 13th	SEN Parents evening	
Friday 23rd	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Monday 26th - Friday 30th	Half term	
<u>November 2026</u>		
Monday 2nd	Back to school	
Tuesday 3rd	Flu Vaccinations - Whole school	
Wednesday 4th	Rotary Music Evening at MRC	
Sunday 8th	Remembrance service at church	
Wednesday 11th	Remembrance service at church for KS2	10.45am
Friday 13th	Children in Need	
Tuesday 17th	Parents evening	5-8pm
Thursday 19th	Parents evening	4-7pm
<u>December 2026</u>		
Wednesday 9th	KS1 Performance	6.30pm
Thursday 10th	KS1 Performance	6.30pm
Friday 11th	Reception Nativity	2pm
Thursday 17th	Whole School Carol Service in Church	6.30pm
Friday 18th	Last day of term - FUN DAY	
Friday 18th	PTA Raffle with Mince Pies and Mulled Wine	3pm
Monday 21st - Friday 1st	Christmas Holidays	
<u>January 2027</u>		
Monday 4th	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Tuesday 5th	Spring Term Begins	
<u>February 2027</u>		
Tuesday 9th	SEN Parents evening	

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Monday 15th - Friday 19th	Half term	
Monday 22nd	Back to school	
<u>March 2027</u>		
Tuesday 9th	Parents Evening	5-8pm
Thursday 12th	Parents Evening	4-7pm
Monday 15th - Friday 19th	Oak Class Residential - PGL Little Canada	
Thursday 25th	Last day of term	
Friday 26th - Friday 9th	Easter Holidays	
<u>April 2027</u>		
Monday 12th	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Tuesday 13th	Summer Term Begins	
<u>May 2027</u>		
Monday 3rd	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4th	Class Photo	
Monday 10th - Thursday 14th	Oak Class - SATs	
Monday 31st - Friday 4th June	Half term	
<u>June 2027</u>		
Monday 7th	Back to school	
Monday 7th - Friday 18th	Multiplication Tables Check	
Monday 7th - Friday 18th	Phonics Screening	
Wednesday 9th	New Intake Evening	
Friday 12th	Summer Fair (TBC)	
Tuesday 22nd	SEN Parents evening	
Friday 25th	Sports Day	1pm
<u>July 2027</u>		
Friday 2nd	Reserve Sports day	
Wednesday 7th	Oak & Pine Performance @ MRC theatre (matinee)	1.30pm
Wednesday 7th	Oak & Pine Performance @ MRC theatre (evening)	7pm
Monday 12th	Reports out	
Tuesday 13th	Open Evening (drop in - no appointment needed)	4-6pm
Wednesday 14th	Leavers service in church	1.45pm
Wednesday 14th	Leavers Tea Party at school	3.30-4.30
Thursday 15th - Friday 16th	Oak Class camping at Stedham	
Monday 19th	Beach Day	
Tuesday 20th	Last day of term - Final Assembly	
Wednesday 21st	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Thursday 22nd	Summer Holidays	

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 7th September		
Tuesday 8th September		
Wednesday 9 th September	Forest School – Beech class group 1	Please bring kit
Thursday 10th September	Swimming – Beech class	Please bring swimming kit
Friday 11th September	Forest School – Oak class group 1	Please bring kit
Monday 14th September	Bikeability for Oak	All week
Tuesday 15th September		
Wednesday 16th September	Forest School – Beech class group 1	Please bring kit
Thursday 17th September	Swimming – Beech class	Please bring swimming kit
Friday 18th September	Forest School – Oak class group 1	Please bring kit