



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Families

As another busy and successful week draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Our school has been filled with learning and exciting opportunities this week, and it has been wonderful to see our children embracing every moment.

One particular highlight has been Year 6 Bikeability, where our oldest pupils have been developing important cycling skills, road awareness and confidence. The instructors commented positively on the children's engagement and enthusiasm, and they should be proud of the maturity they demonstrated throughout the week.

Attendance continues to be a key priority for us, as every day in school matters. I am delighted that our whole-school attendance this week was 95.3%, placing us just above our school target of 95%, and congratulations go to Maple Class, our attendance champions, with an impressive 99.2% attendance. Thank you to all families who work so hard to ensure children arrive at school every day, on time and ready to learn. Consistent attendance has a direct impact on children's progress, confidence and wellbeing.

As you read further through this week's flyer, you will find information about a number of exciting opportunities for families, including our new Family Support Group, the upcoming Coffee & Croissant Morning with Mrs Chance and Mrs Mullen, and our appeal for Forest School volunteers. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong school community, and these initiatives help us continue to support both children and families beyond the classroom.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the importance of a healthy, balanced lunch. Recently, we have seen a small number of packed lunches that do not provide children with sufficient nutrition for a full day of learning, sometimes containing little more than a couple of biscuits and snacks. Children learn best when they are properly fuelled, and a balanced lunch should include a combination of protein, fruit or vegetables, carbohydrates and a healthy drink. Nutritious food supports concentration, energy levels and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. For families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, I would also like to remind you that all children are entitled to a free universal infant school meal each day. Our new catering team are producing delicious, freshly prepared and well-balanced meals which are proving very popular with many of our children. If your child currently brings a packed lunch, it may be worth considering giving our school lunches a try.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this week's flyer and wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mark



We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Midhurst Community Hub and Family Support Work to launch a new **Family Support Group**, which begins this week at The Grange Leisure and Community Centre.

The group will run **fortnightly on Fridays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm** and is open to parents, carers and families from across Midhurst and the surrounding communities. Best of all, it is completely free to attend, with tea, coffee and refreshments provided.

At Midhurst CofE Primary School, we know that parenting can be one of life's greatest joys, but also one of its greatest challenges. Sometimes families simply benefit from having an opportunity to talk, share experiences, seek advice, or meet other local parents who understand the ups and downs of family life. This group provides exactly that: a warm, welcoming and informal space where everyone is welcome.

The Family Support Group is not just for families experiencing difficulties. It is a place to build connections, reduce isolation, access local support networks and enjoy friendly conversation in a supportive environment. Strong communities are built when people come together, and we believe this group will be a wonderful opportunity for families to develop new friendships and discover the many

sources of support available within our local area.

We are incredibly proud to be supporting this initiative and would encourage any parent or carer who feels they would benefit from a chat, a cup of tea and some friendly company to come along and see what it is all about.

Together, we can continue to ensure that every family in our community feels connected, supported and valued.

COFFEE & CROISSANT MORNING Mrs Chance, our Special Education Needs Coordinator, and Mrs Mullen, our Family Liaison Officer, are holding their half termly coffee and croissant morning on **Monday 12th October** between **9 – 10am** after morning drop off in the school hall. If you would like to pop in for an informal chat or just share a coffee and croissant, they would be very pleased to see you.

LEARNING FOR LIFE Following our consultation with parents in the summer term regarding our updated Relationships, Health and Wellbeing Education (RSHE) curriculum, please find below an updated curriculum map. Our Learning for Life curriculum strengthens children's safety, wellbeing and understanding of healthy relationships, while remaining fully age-appropriate and sensitive to children's needs. We have created parent cards for each of the topics covered and these will be sent out at the beginning of every half term via email so that you can see the content that will be covered in Learning for Life lessons. If you have any questions or concerns about the content, please direct these initially to the class teacher.

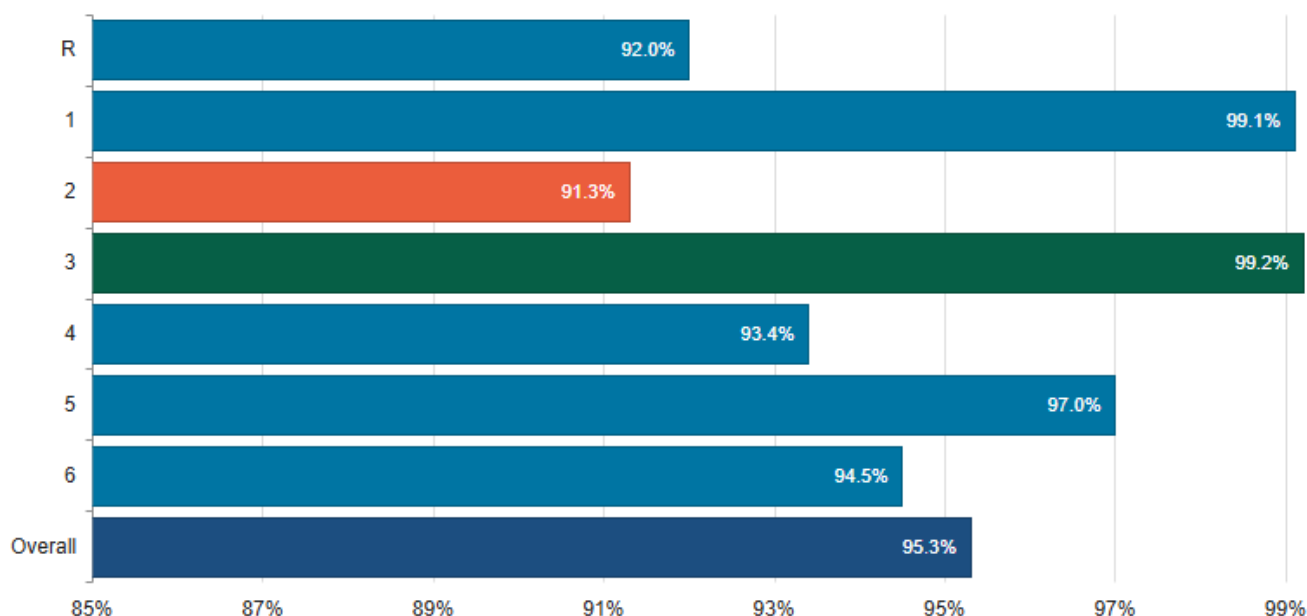
Whole School Planning

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	Body Privacy	Smoking and vaping
Spring 2 Forgiveness	Keeping safe and Emergencies	Changes in growth	Early warning signs, saying yes or no, secrets	Personal boundaries and the right to privacy	Puberty	Sense of self – Self esteem
Summer 1 Respect	Recognising Feelings	Coping with changes	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Sense of self – Achievements and goals	Sense of self - image and representation	Conception
Summer 2 Creativity	Keeping clean	Being healthy and active	Healthier lifestyle choices	Sleep and Emotional Wellbeing	Identity - Gender expectations	Transition - Saying goodbye and moving on

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.

ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week is 95.3% - just above our target of 95%!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

And a huge congratulations to Maple Class our attendance champions this week with 99.2%

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 21 st September	Little woods Birch class group 1	Please bring kit
Tuesday 22 nd September	Oak class River trip CM Sports Football club Drama Club	See separate letter sent last week 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd September	Forest School – Beech class group 1	Please bring kit
Thursday 24 th September	NO SWIMMING this week for Beech class Acorn class trip to Goodwood Farm Cheerleading Club	See separate letter for more info 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 25 th September	Birch class trip to Amberley Museum Forest School – Oak class group 1	See separate letter for more info Please bring kit
Monday 28 th September	Little woods Birch class group 1 Years 3&4 Football Festival	Please bring kit See separate letter
Tuesday 29 th September	CM Sports Football club Drama Club	3.30 - 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Oak Class Experience Day at MRC Forest School – Beech class group 1	Children need to wear school uniform, bring a coat and a packed lunch and drink. Please bring kit
Thursday 1 st October	Swimming – Beech class Cheerleading Club	Please bring swimming kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 2 nd October	Pine class – 5 ways to wellbeing Forest School – Oak class group 1	More information to follow Please bring kit

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	

FAMILY Support GROUP



A friendly place to connect, chat and feel supported



Meet other
parents and
carers



Enjoy tea, coffee
and refreshments



Share experiences
in a welcoming,
informal setting



Access family
support and local
community
connections



WHEN:
Friday 18 September



TIME:
1:30pm to 3:00pm



VENUE:
The Grange Leisure and
Community Centre, Midhurst

CONTACT US



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Whether you would like advice,
a friendly chat, or simply an
opportunity to meet other
local families, come along
and join us.



FREE to attend



Tea, coffee and
refreshments available



Parents, carers and
families **welcome**



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Building community

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For
ages
14-17



Join us at the library this autumn for Dungeons & Dragons sessions led by an expert Dungeon Master. Suitable for young people aged 14-17 years.

All the resources will be provided, or bring your own.

Free, but places are limited.

Each week must be booked separately online.

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**Greg Jenner
Livestream**

For
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13+



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Join historian, broadcaster and author Greg Jenner as he chats to content creator and author Katie Kennedy @thehistorygossip about his phenomenal career, including chart-topping BBC Radio 4 podcast You're Dead to Me and CBBC's comedy sketch show Horrible Histories.



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**22 September 2026 | 6.30pm
LIVE on West Sussex Libraries
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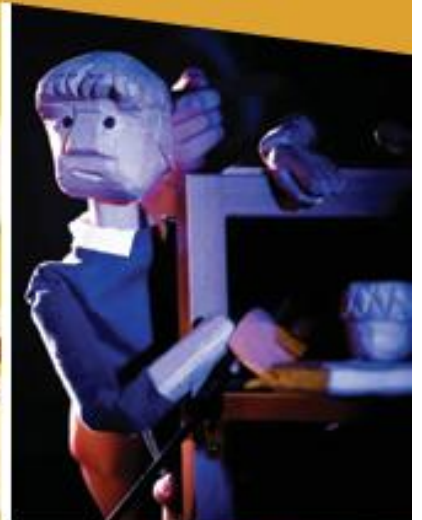
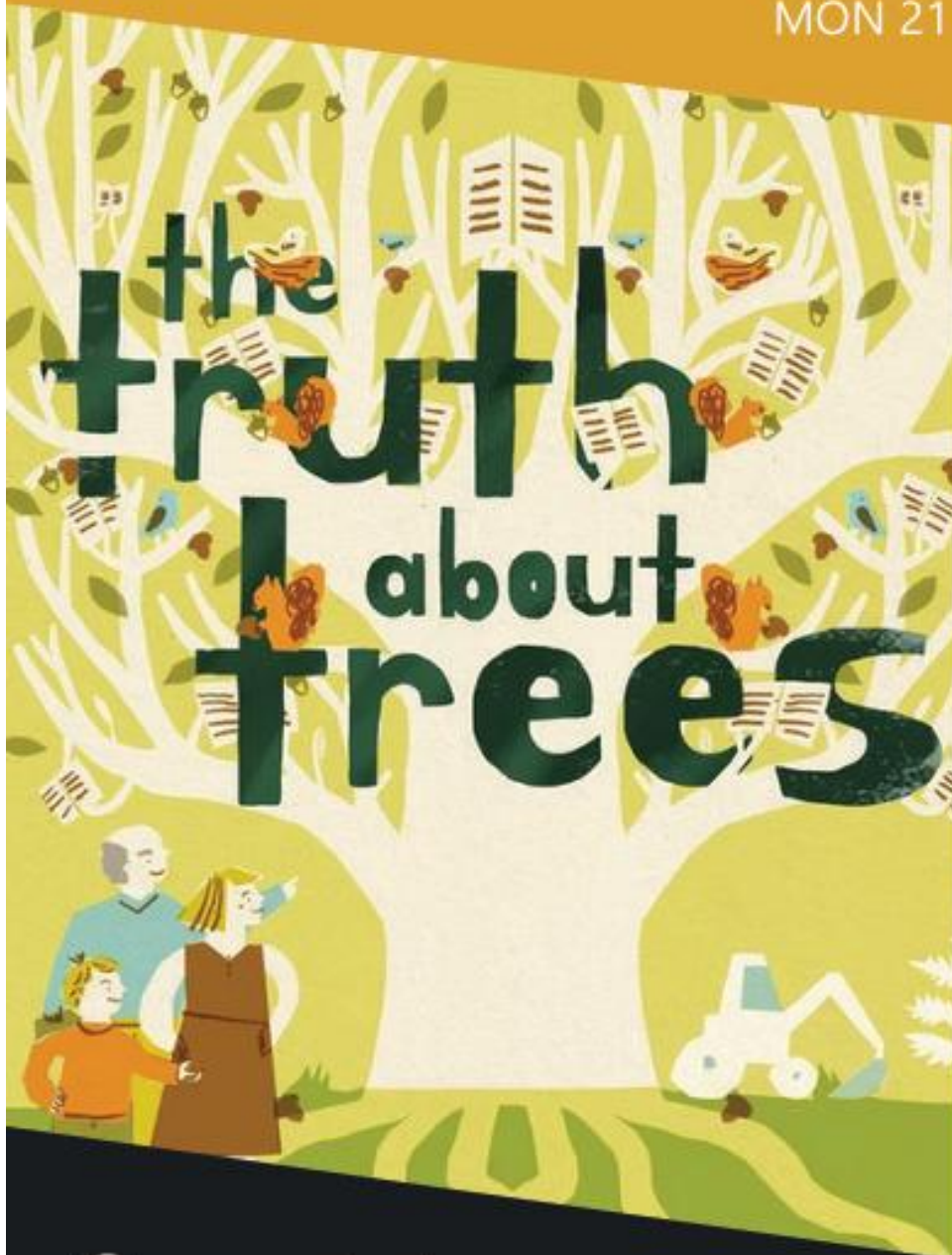


- DRAMA
- TALKS
- MUSIC
- POETRY
- DANCE

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