



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Families

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week at Midhurst Primary School, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. It has been wonderful to see the school full of enthusiasm, curiosity and happy learning as our children settle further into the new academic year.

This week has provided many opportunities for our pupils to learn beyond the classroom. Acorn Class enjoyed a fantastic visit to Goodwood Farm, where they explored farm life first hand and gained valuable new experiences. Across the school, children have continued to demonstrate our values through their kindness, resilience and positive attitudes to learning.

We are also looking ahead to several important events over the coming weeks. In particular, I would like to draw the attention of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families to next Thursday's Census Day. As explained later in this newsletter, the number of children taking a school meal on this day has a direct impact on the funding the school receives. Your support in ensuring every infant child enjoys a school meal on Census Day is greatly appreciated and will benefit all pupils across the school.

As always, this newsletter contains a range of information, celebrations and reminders. Please take a few moments to read through it carefully and make note of the upcoming dates and opportunities available to our families.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some quality time together with your families.

Mark

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER IS SCHOOL CENSUS DAY, AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DAY FOR OUR SCHOOL. The number of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who eat a school meal on Census Day helps determine the level of Universal Infant Free School Meals funding received by the school. This funding supports the education and wellbeing of all our children.

For this reason, we want every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school meal on Census Day, including those who would normally bring a packed lunch.

Children who usually have school meals

Please continue to order your child's meal in the usual way. If a meal has not been booked by Tuesday of next week, the school will place an order on your child's behalf. This will be the pizza and chips option. If you wish to avail yourself of the wider menu please book via Kampla before Tuesday.

Children who usually have packed lunches

Again, to help ensure that every child is included, if a meal has not been booked by Tuesday of next week, the school will place an order on your child's behalf so that they can enjoy a school meal on Census Day.

Our catering team will be serving a delicious menu, and we look forward to seeing all of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoying lunch together.

By ensuring your child has a school meal on Census Day, you will be helping the school secure funding that benefits our pupils both now and in the future.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026 We are pleased to let parents know that Smile Yellow Photography will be visiting school on Thursday 9 October 2026 to take individual school photographs of all pupils.

Following feedback from parents, we are delighted that there will also be an opportunity for siblings who attend our school to have a special family photograph taken together on the day.

To enable sibling photographs to take place, **parents must complete Smile Yellow's online Sibling Request Form**. Unfortunately, sibling photographs cannot be guaranteed unless a request has been submitted directly to the photography company.

How to Request a Sibling Photograph

1. Visit: <http://www.smileyellow.com/sibling>
2. Enter the school password: **mid091026**
3. Complete the online request form.

Important Information

- **School Photo Day:** Thursday 9 October 2026
- **Password:** mid091026
- **Closing Date for Requests:** Midnight on Friday 2 October 2026

Please ensure that your request is submitted before the closing date, as the photographer will use the information received to organise sibling photographs on the day.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on photo day!

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.



ACORN CLASS ENJOYS AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT TO GOODWOOD FARM Acorn Class had an absolutely amazing day at Goodwood Farm yesterday, enjoying an unforgettable learning experience filled with fun, discovery and adventure.

Throughout the day, the children explored different aspects of farm life, met a variety of friendly animals and learned about where our food comes from. They were fascinated by everything they saw and eagerly asked lots of thoughtful questions, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm.

Our little adventurers represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour, kindness and respect throughout the visit. From start to finish, there were plenty of smiles, excitement and memorable moments.

A huge thank you to the staff at Goodwood Farm for making the day so special. Acorn Class returned to school full of wonderful stories and new knowledge to share. It was a fantastic trip that will be remembered for a long time!

COME ALONG TO OUR MIDHURST AND VILLAGES FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every other Friday at The Grange, Midhurst.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions, seek advice and chat with Mrs Mullen (Kirstan) and Stacey McGuiness (Family Support Worker), as well as meet other parents and carers from our local community.

The group is free to attend, and pre-school-aged children are very welcome.

We will also be inviting guest speakers throughout the year and would love your suggestions about who you would like us to invite.

This group is not just for families from our school. We welcome parents and carers from other schools in the community too, so if you have a friend whose children do not attend MPS, please bring them along and help spread the word.



Family Support Work
THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890



Midhurst & Villages Family Support

The Grange Community Centre
Bepton Rd
Midhurst GU29 9HD

SUPPORT

18th September
2nd October
16th October
6th November
20th November
4th December
18th December

For more information contact
Stacey on 07545092814 or
Kirstan on
kmullen@midhurstprimary.co.uk



Every Other Friday
Between 1.30 & 3pm



THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORK
CHARITY NO 285337. A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE REGISTERED NO 1648903.
REGISTERED OFFICE: SARTON HOUSE, 22 STANFORD AVENUE, BRIGHTON, BN1 6AA



Midhurst C of E Primary School
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Your support is always valued and very much appreciated. If you have knowledge, skills or experiences that you would like to share with the group, please let us know.

Next Meeting -

Friday 2 October
1.30pm to 3.00pm
The Grange, Midhurst

P.S. Our Toddler Group continues to run at school on the Fridays when we are not meeting at The Grange. You are very welcome to join us there too.

Why not make Friday afternoons your regular time to connect with us and other local parents, whether that is at school or at The Grange?

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs Mullen

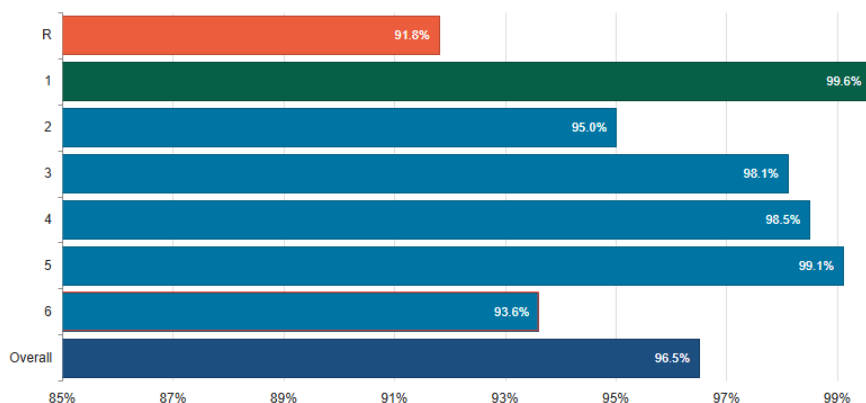
COFFEE & CROISSANT MORNING Mrs Chance, our Special Education Needs Coordinator, and Mrs Mullen, our Family Liaison Officer, are holding their half termly coffee and croissant morning on **Monday 12th October** between **9 – 10am** after morning drop off in the school hall. If you would like to pop in 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

ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week is 96.5% - 1.5% above our target of 95% a big improvement on last week.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

And a huge congratulations to Birch Class our attendance champions this week with 99.6%

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 28 th September	Little woods Birch class group 1 Years 3&4 Football Festival Hockey Club	Please bring kit See separate letter 3.30 – 4.30pm
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
Monday 5 th October	Little woods Birch class group 1 Hockey Club	Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 6 th October	CM Sports Football club Drama Club	3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Forest School – Beech class group 1	Please bring kit
Thursday 8 th October	Hello Yellow day Swimming - Beech class Cheerleading Club	More information to follow soon 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 9 th October	School Photos – Individual Football tournament at MRC Forest School – Oak class group 1	Smart uniform please By invite only – letter 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	

Midhurst CofE Primary School Calendar 2026/27

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	



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1870

Midhurst & Villages Family Support

The Grange Community Centre
Bepton Rd
Midhurst GU29 9HD



Every Other Friday
Between 1.30 & 3pm

18th September
2nd October
16th October
6th November
20th November
4th December
18th December



For more information contact
Stacey on 07545092814 or
Kirstan on
kmullen@midhurstprimary.co.uk



Midhurst C of E
Primary School
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

THE CHICHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORK
CHARITY NO 285337. A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE REGISTERED NO 1648903.
REGISTERED OFFICE: GARTON HOUSE, 22 STANFORD AVENUE, BRIGHTON, BN1 6AA

Get more out of what you're into!

Dungeons & Dragons

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.

6 sessions!



Scan to find
out more!

2 - 4pm Bognor Regis Library
Saturdays fortnightly from 12 Sep - 21 Nov
69 London Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1DE

**GO
ALL
IN.**



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

GO
ALL
IN.



Books About Books!

Are you overdue some fun? Treat yourself to a brilliant book-themed storytime and check out our novel crafts!



Wednesday 28 October
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
High Street, GU28 0AU
01798 342274

petworth.library@westsussex.gov.uk

Get more out of what you're into!

**Sarah Crossan
Livestream**

For
ages
13+



Livestream on West Sussex Libraries YouTube!

Join award-winning, best-selling Irish author and poet Sarah Crossan as she chats to Eastbourne LitFest Director Jane Branson.

Check out her latest thrilling novel
'Gone for Good.'



Scan to find
out more!

**7 October 2026 | 6.30pm
LIVE on West Sussex Libraries
YouTube**

**GO
ALL
IN.**



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Books About Books!

Are you overdue some fun? Treat yourself to a brilliant book-themed storytime and check out our novel crafts!



Monday 26 October

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



Southbourne Library
School Lane, PO10 8HN
01243 375924

southbourne.library@westsussex.gov.uk

CHOOSE A SCHOOL MEAL

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER IS CENSUS DAY.

The number of children enjoying a school meal on Census Day can help determine the meal funding available to your school.

By booking a meal for your child, you'll be supporting your school while giving them the chance to enjoy our special Today's Harvest menu.

**BOOK
YOUR CHILD'S MEAL
THROUGH THE FEED
APP TODAY!**

TODAY'S HARVEST

MAIN COURSES

- Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Halal Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Margherita Pizza Slice with Chips
- Jacket Potato with baked beans, tuna or cheese

SERVED WITH

- Sweetcorn from the Sunny Fields
- Country Baked Beans

DESSERTS

- Autumn Banana Bread with Custard
- Harvest Rainbow Fruit & Yoghurt

Plant-based and special-diet options are also available through the FEED app.

LET'S MAKE CENSUS DAY COUNT!

Thursday 1 October is Census Day — and your school meal numbers matter.

The number of children enjoying a school meal on Census Day can help determine the meal funding available to your school.

Please help us encourage as many families as possible to book and enjoy our special Today's Harvest menu.

Supporting points:

- Share the parent poster through your usual communication channels
- Remind families to book through the FEED app
- Include Census Day in newsletters, emails and school updates
- Encourage pupils and families to take part
- Help create some extra excitement around lunchtime

TODAY'S HARVEST

MAIN COURSES

- Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Halal Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Margherita Pizza Slice with Chips
- Jacket Potato with baked beans, tuna or cheese

SERVED WITH

- Sweetcorn from the Sunny Fields
- Country Baked Beans

DESSERTS

- Autumn Banana Bread with Custard
- Harvest Rainbow Fruit & Yoghurt

Plant-based and special-diet options are also available through the FEED app.

FREE



Midhurst **MOVIES & MUSIC** on the Square

Saturday 26 September 2026

Midhurst Town Square from 12noon



Live music & classic film screenings

A magical afternoon and evening of music-themed activities plus modern cinema classics, showing **CoCo at 2pm** and then **La La Land at 7pm**.



Funded by
UK Government

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



WS110(M) 08.26