13th November 2026

Midhurst C of E Primary School
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Families

As we move deeper into the autumn term, it has been another busy and successful week at Midhurst CofE Primary School. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of our children demonstrating our values both in school and within the wider community.

This week, you can read about our Key Stage 2 children representing the school with great dignity and respect during the Armistice Day commemorations in Midhurst, a moment that made us incredibly proud. You will also find news of our fantastic sports team, who once again demonstrated outstanding teamwork and determination by winning their hockey competition, as well as a wonderful report from Pine Class's educational visit to Hampton Court Palace.

There are also important reminders about next week's Parent Consultation Evenings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their progress with class teachers. If you have not yet booked an appointment through MCAS, please do so as soon as possible.

As we begin to look ahead to the festive season, you will find information about our Christmas Community Support Appeal, details of Christmas Lunch Day, and a number of opportunities and events taking place both within school and across our local community.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers about the letter sent home last week regarding our upcoming Staff Training Day. Please note that school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 23rd November to allow teaching and support staff to participate in a whole-school professional development programme. We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to invest in the development of our staff and the quality of education we provide for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I hope you enjoy reading this week's flyer and wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW We would like to remind all parents and carers that our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place next week:

- Tuesday 17th November: 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- Thursday 19th November: 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Appointments should be booked through MCAS (MyChildAtSchool App). Parents and carers may choose either the Tuesday or Thursday session, depending on which is most convenient.

Parent Consultation Evenings are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their achievements, discuss progress, and explore any areas where additional support may be beneficial. These conversations help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and ensure that every child is supported to achieve their very best.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible via MCAS. We look forward to welcoming you next week and sharing your child's successes with you.
Thank you for your continued support.





ARMISTICE DAY Midhurst CofE Primary School was proud to join together with members of our wonderful community to honour the 2 minutes silence for Armistice Day. All of our KS2 children represented the school with dignity and respect, and we were very proud of the maturity they showed. Some of our Year 6s even read some warm poems as part of the civic service in church. We will remember them. *– Mr Ind*

HOCKEY CHAMPIONS (AGAIN)! A huge well done to our MPS Sports squad as we conquered all in the hockey. A massive well done to all of our players, with a special mention to Finn, who top scored in the entire competition with 15 goals! We played 7 games, winning all of them – conceding a single goal and scoring 21!



YEAR 5 TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT Pine Class were lucky enough to head off on a visit to Hampton Court Palace last week. We had a truly splendid time and made excellent time on the way there. They learnt all about how the palace operated and how it changed from Cardinal Wolsey's home into a royal palace for Henry VIII. We wandered through the beauty of Clock Court, where we marvelled at the amazing astrological clock and also explored the expansive kitchens. The children enjoyed the haunted gallery and we felt the chills of Katherine Howard's ghost as we walked. We had an excellent workshop about Henry VIII's personality where I was incredibly proud of all the knowledge the children were able to share. Finally, we read the final chapter of Treason while sat on the cobbles back at Base Court – a truly fitting end to a terrific Tudor day! (It's all in the execution after all!)














CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPEAL As we begin to prepare for the festive season, we would like to invite our wonderful school community to come together to support families who may be finding Christmas a little more challenging this year.

We know that rising costs and household pressures affect us all, but for some families the festive season can bring additional worries. With your help, we hope to make Christmas a little brighter for children within our school community.

If you are able, please consider adding an extra item to your Christmas shopping this year. Donations of new gifts, or good-quality pre-loved toys and books, suitable for children aged 4-11 years, would be very gratefully received. There is no need to wrap any donations, as our team of helpful school elves will take care of that.

Donations can be placed in the collection point located in the main entrance. If you would like to let us know that you have dropped something off, please feel free to contact Mrs Mullen at kmullen@midhurstprimary.co.uk .
We are incredibly proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our MPS families and know that, together, we can help ensure that every child experiences some Christmas magic this year.

If you are finding the festive season difficult and would appreciate some support, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email address above. Any request will be treated sensitively and confidentially. Support is available throughout the year, so please remember that help is always here whenever it is needed.

Thank you for helping us continue to care for one another as a school community. *– Mrs Mullen*

ADDITIONAL COUNSELLING AND PLAY THERAPY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

We understand that, from time to time, children and families may benefit from additional emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support outside of school. We have therefore been asked to share information from Your Space Therapies Ltd, a local provider of counselling and play therapy services for children and young people.

Your Space Therapies offers a range of therapeutic support designed to help children explore their feelings, build resilience and develop positive strategies for managing challenges they may be facing. Parents and carers who are interested in learning more about these services can find further information in the accompanying poster.

Please note that any support accessed through Your Space Therapies would be arranged directly by parents or carers and is separate from school provision.



We are pleased to share information about services that may be beneficial to families within our community and encourage anyone who feels their child may benefit from additional support to explore the information provided.

Please see the attached poster for full details and contact information.

EARLYBIRD PLUS PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

We would like to make families aware of the EarlyBird Plus Programme, a National Autistic Society approach designed to support parents and carers of children with a diagnosis of autism.

The programme brings together parents, carers and education professionals to develop a shared understanding of autism and explore practical strategies that can help children both at home and in school. Research highlights the importance of early intervention and shows that when families and professionals work together, children can benefit from more consistent and effective support.

EarlyBird Plus is aimed at children in Reception to Year 4/5 (ages 4-9) and is delivered by accredited trainers from the West Sussex Educational Psychology Service and Autism and Social Communication Team.
The next course will take place at Chichester Baptist Church and will consist of six morning sessions beginning in January. Places are available for teams made up of two parents/carers and one professional who works with the child.

If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please contact Lizzie Lynas, Educational Psychologist, at earlybirdplus@westsussex.gov.uk or call 0330 222 8520.

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- Early Intervention for children and parents as soon as possible after diagnosis is considered vital.
- Parents have a need for support in the post diagnosis period.
- Involvement of parents in early intervention has been shown to have a positive effect.
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The age range for EarlyBird Plus is Year R to Year 4/5 (age 4 to 9 -less than 10 years of age before the start of the programme). *EarlyBird Plus* is available to teams of 3 adults: 2 parents/carers & a professional working with the child. There are places for up to 8 teams on each course.

Members of The Educational Psychology Service and The Autism and Social Communication Team are accredited trainers of the above approach and we are able to offer parents of children attending mainstream schools the opportunity to participate in the programme.

The next series of sessions will be held at **Chichester Baptist Church, 124 Sherborne Rd, Chichester PO19 3AW.** Lizzie Lynas and Katherine Miles will be the trainers for this series of 6 sessions. Confirmed dates are the following Mondays in 2027:

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Time: 9.30am -12.00pm

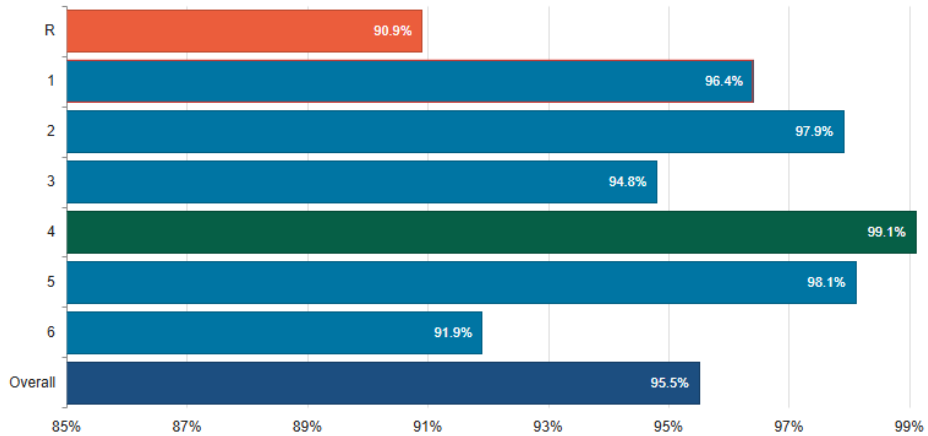
The Information Meeting for the course will take place on:
Monday 7th Dec 10-11.30 at Chichester Baptist Church.

At this meeting for parents with allocated places, the course will be discussed, and you will have the opportunity to meet the course leaders and the other participants and ask any questions about the course.

If you would like to register your interest in the course please contact: Lizzie Lynas, Educational Psychologist at earlybirdplus@westsussex.gov.uk or on 0330 2228520. Please note that we sometimes have more parents interested than places available and if you are not successful at gaining a place this time round you will be notified when another course becomes available.

Please note that places are limited and demand can sometimes exceed availability. Families who are unsuccessful in securing a place will be informed about future courses.

ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week is 95.5%, just above our target of 95% and a big improvement on last week!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

And, again, a huge congratulations to Beech Class. Our attendance champions this week with 99.1%.

That's three weeks in a row!

Well done Beech Class.

PTA Corner

Our PTA is made up of a lovely group of parents and staff who come together to raise funds for our school and help make school life that little bit more special for all our children. From fun events to new opportunities and experiences, we love being able to give something back to our school community!

We couldn't do it without you!

We rely on the wonderful support of our school community, and every little bit of help makes a difference. Whether it's baking cakes, volunteering at events, wrapping prizes, making decorations or simply lending a hand, we appreciate it all. There's no need for a big commitment – even a little of your time goes a long way.

Halloween School Disco

We've kicked off the year with some spooky fun, music and treats at our Halloween School Disco! A massive thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations, baking, setting up, clearing away and volunteering on the day. We really appreciate your support! Thanks to your generous support we raised £700.68 for the school!

A huge well done to all the children who took part in our Halloween plate-decorating competition! We were so impressed by the fantastic creativity and effort that went into making the wonderfully spooky plates that decorated our hall.

Mr Ind and Mrs Hatch had the difficult task of choosing just six winners from all the fabulous entries! **A big congratulations to our six lucky winners:**

Theo year 3, Laura year 3, Ruby year 4, Cody year 1, Victor year 1, Nevaeh year 2

The sweets leftover from the disco were donated to the Midhurst Town Council for the children to enjoy the daytime trick or treating in town.

Upcoming events...

Winter fun day and the Christmas Raffle are fast approaching and we would love some volunteers to help make the day extra special for our children! If you are able to help in anyway please message us or find one of us on the playground!

We're excited about all the events and activities we have planned for this school year, so keep an eye on this space for PTA news, upcoming events and ways to get involved.

The PTA Team

Contact – pta@midhurstprimary.co.uk



Christmas is Coming!

Our much-loved **Christmas Lunch Day** will take place on **Tuesday 15th December**, and we would love as many children as possible to join us for this special festive celebration.

Our kitchen team will be preparing a delicious traditional Christmas lunch, making it a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy a festive meal with their friends and classmates.

Book Now to avoid Disappointment!

To help ensure everyone who would like a Christmas lunch can have one, we encourage parents and carers to **book their child's lunch as early as possible to avoid disappointment**.

We look forward to sharing this festive occasion with the children and making it a memorable part of our Christmas celebrations.



DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 16th November	Little woods Birch class group 2 Hockey Club	Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 17th November	Oak class to D-Day Museum Parents Evening CM Sports Football club Drama Club	See separate letter for details 5 – 8pm 3.30 - 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 18th November	Forest School – Beech class group 2	Please bring kit
Thursday 19th November	Swimming – Maple class Cheerleading Club Parents Evening	Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 4 – 7pm
Friday 20th November	Forest School – Oak class group 2 **Book Fair – in school hall** Cross country club Netball club	Please bring kit **3.30 – 4pm** 3.30 – 4.15pm 3.30 - 4.15pm
Monday 23rd November	**INSET DAY School Closed**	
Tuesday 24th November	CM Sports Football club **Book Fair – in school hall** Drama Club	3.30 - 4.30pm **3.30 – 4pm** 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 25th November	Forest School – Beech class group 2 **Book Fair – in school hall**	Please bring kit **3.30 – 4pm**
Thursday 26th November	Cross county @ Woolbeding Swimming – Maple class **Book Fair – in school hall** Cheerleading Club	8am by invite only Please bring kit **3.30 – 4pm** 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 27th November	Forest School – Oak class group 2 Cross country club Netball club	Please bring kit 3.30 – 4.15pm 3.30 - 4.15pm

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

September 2026		
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	
October 2026		
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	
November 2026		
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
December 2026		
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	
January 2027		
Monday 4th	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Tuesday 5th	Spring Term Begins	
February 2027		
Tuesday 9th	SEN Parents evening	

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Monday 15th - Friday 19th	Half term	
Monday 22nd	Back to school	
March 2027		
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	
April 2027		
Monday 12th	Staff INSET (School closed)	
Tuesday 13th	Summer Term Begins	
May 2027		
Monday 3rd	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4th	Class Photo	
Monday 10th - Thursday 14th	Oak Class - SATs	
Monday 31st - Friday 4th June	Half term	
June 2027		
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
July 2027		
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	

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You are invited to
Messy Church
Midhurst Parish Church
SUNDAY
22nd November, 2026
TIME: 2.45pm for 3pm
Christmas Carols - Bible story - Craft
Food - Fellowship.
Come & Celebrate Christmas
Free of charge!!



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High quality, preloved
baby and children's clothing and shoes (0-12yrs),
maternity wear, nursery equipment, toys, books and more

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SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

10:30AM - 12:00PM



Early entry from 10:15am for NCT members and expectant parents

Camelsdale Primary School, GU27 3RN

Entry: £1 suggested cash donation per adult to NCT charity

*Contactless payment preferred
*Bags for life available for £2 or please bring a bag for your bargains
*Limited parking is available
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Festival
Make or draw anything
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Please leave in the basket at the back of church for us
to display. Queries to office@midhurstparishchurch.net


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BY ANTHONY PAUL LASHLEY
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SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2026
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SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2026 | 9AM - 12PM
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Lodge Hill invites you to our...

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Join us for a cosy and creative festive morning!

Includes hot drinks and sweet treats!

All materials are provided – just bring your apron and secateurs if you have them!

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

10AM – 12:30PM

£45 per person

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Vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol – term time only

Midhurst C of E Primary School

Position located at Holmbush Way & New Road
08.20 – 08.55am and 15.30 – 15.50pm.

West Sussex County Council employs a loyal team of dedicated men and women who assist children and pedestrians across busy roads during term time. This is a great opportunity to play a key role in your community.

Good reasons to work for us:

- A vital rewarding role helping your local community.
- Term time only.
- You will be trained using specific procedures to control traffic and pedestrians.
- Regular monthly pay and an hourly rate of £12.65 (pro rata).
- A uniform to protect you from all weathers.
- West Sussex County Council staff discount scheme.

The successful candidate will be subject to a DBS background security check and medical assessment.

School Crossing Patrol – Donna, *"It is the most rewarding job I have ever done. I honestly wake everyday looking forward to seeing the children's smiley, happy faces getting safely to school. Something I hope to carry on doing till I'm unable to work anymore."*

For more information and to complete your application go to: **westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/search-for-a-job** and search for School Crossing Patrol.

If you are unable to apply online or have further questions please contact Ryan Posgate, Area Co-ordinator on 07860 920392 or Sue Madden School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator (SCPs) on 07594 510698.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU