



# FRIDAY FLYER

Happy Friday Everyone!

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for supporting your children and donating to this week's Harvest Festival. Rev Marcus led our action-packed assembly during which he was able to bless the large amount of food you generously donated to the foodbank. Some of our children will be going down to the foodbank warehouse in town on Monday to see how their donations are processed, but in the meantime, I can proudly say that the foodbank has contacted me asking to pass on their thanks to you for your generous gifts that amounted to 103kgs of food! Thank you so very much.

MIDHURST CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**OPEN DAY**  
Mon 7th October 2024  
1.30 - 6.30pm  
Midhurst CofE Primary School Ashfield Rd, Midhurst GU29 9JX  
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Monday of next week sees our Open Afternoon. If you have any friends or neighbours who would like to visit the school please do let them know. This is an open-door event not just for new children to the school but for all. Please do feel free to come and visit us and join your child in their classroom.

A reminder that Thursday is Hello Yellow Day! On Thursday, we are joining thousands across the country by raising money for Young Minds by saying #HelloYellow and are asking the children to wear something yellow. This could be by wearing yellow socks, head bands, t-shirts, ribbons or anything yellow you can find in your wardrobe.

Right now, less than 1 in 3 young people with a mental health condition are getting access to NHS care and treatment. This isn't good enough and things need to change. Take a look at our #HelloYellow reminder to find out more about the fun we are planning for the day.

And finally, Friday of next week is School Photo Day! All children to come to school in smart uniform. If your child has PE on Friday afternoon they need to bring their kit to change into after the

photos. Could I also add that I am sure you would like your child to look their very best on their photos so I think best, smartest uniform and tidy hair might be the order of the day!

My weather app tells me that this weekend we are due a respite from the rain we have grown accustomed to over the past weeks. We may indeed see some sun. Have a restful and enjoyable weekend!

With every best wish

Mark



## READING TREASURE CHEST



Oak Class spent some time on Thursday selecting giant books to put in our Sensory Garden treasure chest. They were then joined by a group of Acorns who loved listening to a story shared from our story seat.

## OAK CLASS FOREST SCHOOL



## BEECH CLASS TAKE PART IN A HARVEST CARNIVAL



On Thursday Beech Class took part in a live Harvest Carnival lesson run by the National Farmers Union. All of the children in the class were so proud that during the live lesson, of all the 100,000 children that took part, their question was chosen from them all. Their question was 'Does Celery have flowers?' – one of the mysteries of the universe! Thank you to Flo and Finn for the report!

## LET'S GET WRITING!



The BBC 500 words competition is open and closes on the 8th November. Mr Jones and Mrs Mullen are encouraging our children to enter as many exquisite entries as they possibly can; so, we need your help!

We want our children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. Children can only submit one story each. There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

Just bring your story to school and we will take care of the rest. We will also be holding an internal competition to find our favourites from each year group.

There will be a small club of volunteer writers on Monday lunchtimes to support the children. Entry to this will be drawn from a hat as we can't take too many.



## HAZEL CLASS AND THEIR WAX-TASTIC UPCYCLING

In Science this week, Hazel class have been melting and reshaping wax crayons.



## HELLO YELLOW DAY!

This year on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will join with thousands of schools, companies and communities to celebrate World Mental Health Day and make it that little bit brighter. As part of our celebration, we ask you to wear yellow to school in exchange for £1 to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together. After school, Year 6 will be holding a cake sale on the bottom playground and Year 4 will be holding a croissant stall. Please help us raise money for Young Minds by bringing in cakes to sell. Store bought and homemade welcome. But please provide an ingredients list if baking. All proceeds will go to Young Minds Charity. Thank you for your support.

## A REMINDER FROM MRC REGARDING THEIR OPEN EVENING FLYER

MRC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Evening is **Wednesday 16 October 2024 9.30am - 11.30am**, not Thursday, which is 17th, as stated on the flyer.

**Midhurst Rother College**  
The best in everyone™  
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**Open Evening**  
Wednesday 25 September 2024  
6.00 - 8.00pm

**Drop-In Mornings**  
Tuesday 8 October & Thursday 16 October 2024  
9.30 - 11.30am

**Please come and hear about:**

- Grammar Stream for the most able
- Music and Drama performances
- Residential visits to places in Europe and further afield
- Extensive clubs and enrichment offers

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## GOOD LUCK TO TOMMY AND HIS HELI HIKE

**KSSX**  
KID SAFETY SCHOOL

**HELI HIKE**  
Sussex

Walk. Save lives.  
Be a Heli Hike hero!

Heli Hike in Sussex

**Tommy Glue**

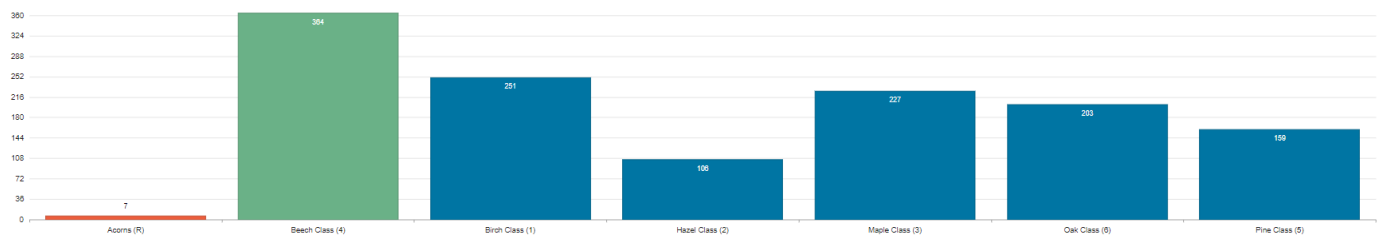
We wish Tommy Glue in Hazel Class good luck on his Heli Hike walk this weekend! It's not too late to sponsor Tommy!

Please sponsor Tommy  
by scanning this QR code



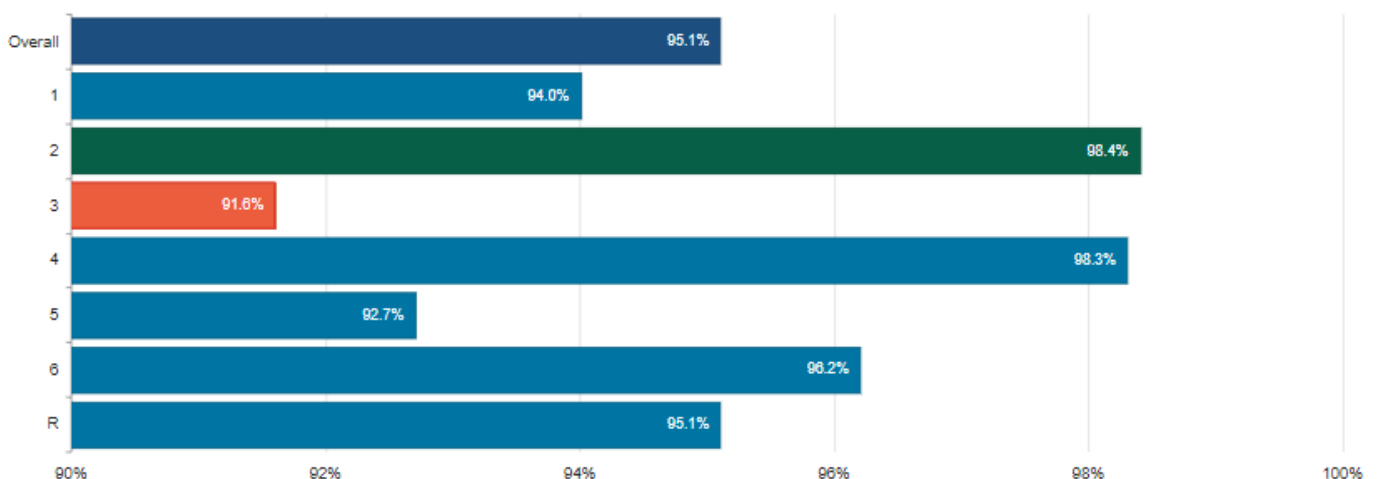
## BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Beech Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 364 points. Well done Beech Class!



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 95.1%, only 0.1% above our target of 95%.



## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Hazel Class, this week's attendance champions with 98.4%! Well done Hazel Class!

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Fire Station visit <b>Open Afternoon/evening</b> Dance club	Please come in PE kit  Group 1  Hazel class <b>1.30 – 6.30pm – school open.</b>  3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club	Please come in PE kit  3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hockey Club Dance club	Please come in PE kit  3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HELLO YELLOW DAY!</b> Birch & Oak - PE today Forest schools	<b>Wear yellow for a £1 donation, cake sale after school</b> Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 1 (please bring kit)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>School Photos</b>  Maple & Pine PE today Forest schools Cross country club	<b>All children to come in uniform and bring kit for PE to change into after the photos</b> Please bring in PE kit Year 6 group 2 (please bring kit) 3.30-4.15pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	Please come in PE kit  Group 1  3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club <b>PTA AGM</b>	Please come in PE kit  3.30-4.30pm All welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hockey Club Dance club	Please come in PE kit  3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Birch & Oak - PE today Forest schools Friendship Tea	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 1 (please bring kit) Some of Oak class involved
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Maple & Pine PE today Forest schools Cross country club	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 2 (please bring kit) 3.30-4.15pm



# HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

KS1: 5:30 – 6:30PM

KS2: 6:45 – 7:45PM

£2 ENTRANCE – INCLUDES  
UNLIMITED SQUASH AND A CUPCAKE.

FACEPAINTS

TOYS & FIDGETS 50P – £2

GAMES

LUCKY DIP

HOT DOGS £2.50

TATTOOS

AND MORE...

COSTUMES NOT REQUIRED.







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This half term, families can experience the culture of south India with a magical Kathakali dance and drama show, with spectacular costumes and make-up -

Kathakali performance at Haslemere Educational Museum  
Half term Monday 28 October, 4-6pm  
More info and tickets at [haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson](http://haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson)

Haslemere Educational Museum has lots more events for families and children in its new autumn What's On programme, including half term sessions, halloween fun and the annual fireworks & bonfire evening. You can see the full programme by clicking the link below -

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ad3651fd39.html>

<p>www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries   West Sussex Libraries   @WSCCLibraries</p> <h2>SPOOKY (NOT SCARY!) STORIES</h2> <p>Join us this half term for some fiendishly fun tales and a creepy craft activity!</p>  <p>Suitable for children aged 4 -8 years. Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place. Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 29 October</b> 10.00-11.00am</p> <p>west sussex county council   West Sussex Library Service Midhurst Library The Grange, Bepton Road, GU29 9HD 01730 716671 midhurst.library@westsussex.gov.uk</p>	<p>www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries   West Sussex Libraries   @WSCCLibraries</p> <h2>SPOOKY (NOT SCARY!) STORIES</h2> <p>Join us this half term for some fiendishly fun tales and a creepy craft activity!</p>  <p>Suitable for children aged 4 -8 years. Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place. Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 29 October</b> 2.30-3.30pm</p> <p>west sussex county council   West Sussex Library Service Petworth Library High Street, GU28 0AU 01798 342274 petworth.library@westsussex.gov.uk</p>	<p>www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries   West Sussex Libraries   @WSCCLibraries</p> <h2>SPOOKY (NOT SCARY!) STORIES</h2> <p>Join us this half term for some fiendishly fun tales and a creepy craft activity!</p>  <p>Suitable for children aged 4 -8 years. Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place. Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.</p> <p><b>Thursday 31 October</b> 2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>west sussex county council   West Sussex Library Service Willowhale Library Pryors Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 4JF 01243 265712 willowhale.library@westsussex.gov.uk</p>
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# Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Calling all 4-8 year olds!



**Chichester Library**  
**Tuesday 29 October**  
**10.00–10.30am or 10.45–11.15am**

Each 25 minute workshop is led by an experienced, DBS actor/drama teacher appearing in the role as the Little Green Alien. Using drama, dance and singing, they'll take the children on a fascinating, improvisational exploration through outer space.

**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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Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)



# Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so they are eligible to start school  
in September 2025

## 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 7 October 2024.**  
If you would like further advice or  
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

**Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025**

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



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# West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2025?

- Do you think, for whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

## Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 2 September 2024.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:

Thursday 31 October 2024.

## Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 7 October 2024.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Wednesday 15 January 2025.

For more information on the admissions process:  
[www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: [send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk)

[www.westsussexsendias.org](http://www.westsussexsendias.org)







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# HAPPY HAUNTINGS THIS HALF TERM



Come and join us for a fun packed event this Halloween

**26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**10am - 4pm £5 per child**

Arts and crafts

Face painting & spooky snacks!

Book online today [westdean.ac.uk/events](https://westdean.ac.uk/events)

Limited tickets are available to buy on the door

