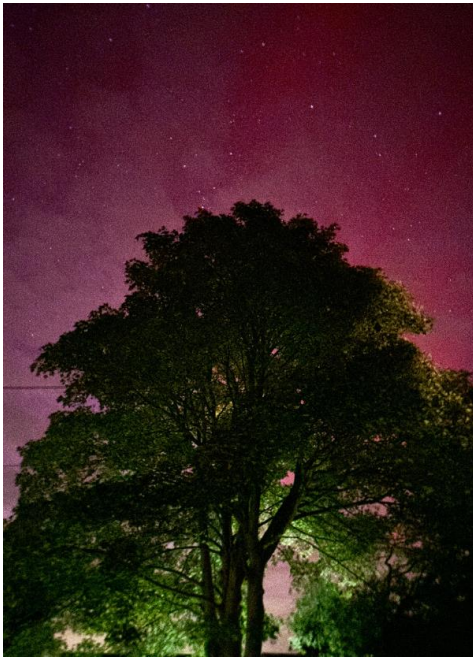




FRIDAY FLYER



Happy Friday Everyone!

Were you, like me, one of the lucky ones to turn their face to the sky yesterday evening and see the wonder of the Northern Lights? Who knew, I would be standing in my garden and then later on the Trundle to the early hours of the morning enjoying the awe and wonder of something I've always wanted to see but never have. I hope you witnessed it too.

What do we mean by Awe & Wonder?

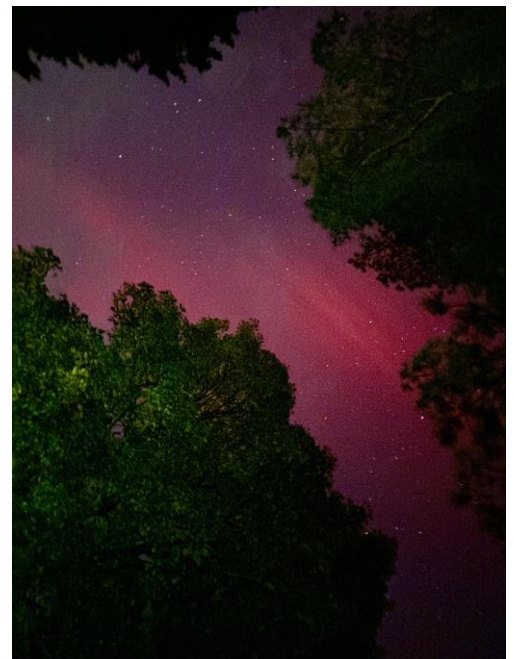
Can you recall that feeling of seeing something so amazing, you said "Wow!?" That is what we mean by awe and wonder. We love to capture wow moments at Midhurst and are active in promoting this magical feeling throughout our curriculum for our children. Experiencing wonder is often compared to looking at the world like a child. Naturally, because for our children many things are new, and thus not (yet) familiar, they are much less bothered by preconceptions and existing

expectations about how the world works and the place of things in it. Our vision and values underpin the way in which we strive to provide our children with the skills, tools and language to understand life and the wonder of what it means to be human in an inclusive environment, so that they may live life in all its fullness as compassionate, self-aware, responsible members of society.

We have recently rebuilt our curriculum, or learning journey as we like to call it. The golden thread that runs along our journey is the importance of evoking wonder about the content of the curriculum and to show how this can routinely be done in our classrooms. Importantly, the experiences encountered along the journey should develop every child's enthusiasm for learning, a love of reading and an inquisitive mind. This motivates our children in a positive way and helps them to find interest, satisfaction and a sense of achievement in their learning and a sense of wonder in the world around them.

Every day at school is full of WOW moments. The peace and stillness of our forest school sessions, the taking part in our team sports, the journey a good book takes us on, the world we create in our writing.

We love to tell you about these WOW moments and the Friday Flyer is a wonderful way of doing just that.



I hope you have a weekend full of wonder. Who knows, we may get clear skies and another chance to glimpse one of the wonders of the world we live in.

With every best wish

Mark

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies

HAZEL CLASS VISIT THE FIRE STATION

Hazel class visited Midhurst Fire station this week. They learnt about fire safety and what to do if there is a fire, had a tour of the fire engine and had a great time using the hose!



#HELLO YELLOW

A huge thank you to you all for supporting #HelloYellow Day. We were able to raise £300 for Young Minds - the UK's leading charity fighting for a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health

OAK CLASS ENJOYING THEIR FOREST SCHOOL SESSION.



WRAPAROUND CARE PARENT SURVEY

A simple questionnaire was sent out in bookbags this week asking whether you currently use our breakfast and after school clubs, or whether you are likely to use them in the next few years. We have been asked to collect this information to support the government request for all primary schools to offer wraparound care from 8am to 6pm so that parents are able to go to work. Please could you make sure you complete the survey and send it back into school in your child's bookbag or drop it into the office as soon as possible. There is no need to add your name.

B/ASC BOOKING

B/ASC dates for the second half of the summer term will be available for booking on MCAS from Monday 14 October. Parents with an approved payment plan should send in their requests to bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk in the usual way.

LET'S GET WRITING - A REMINDER!



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:

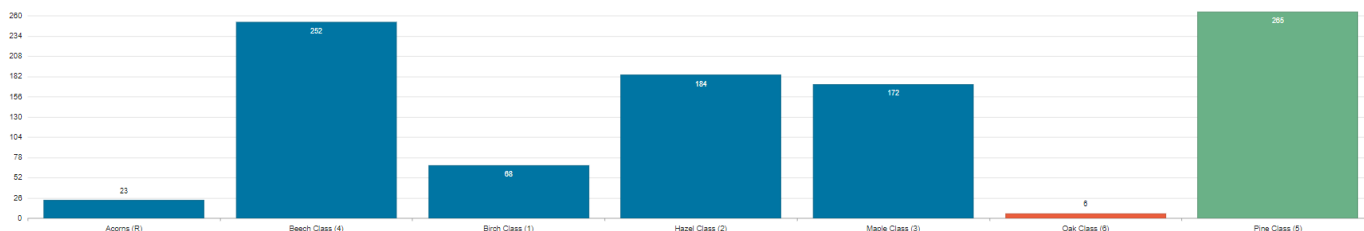
- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

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.

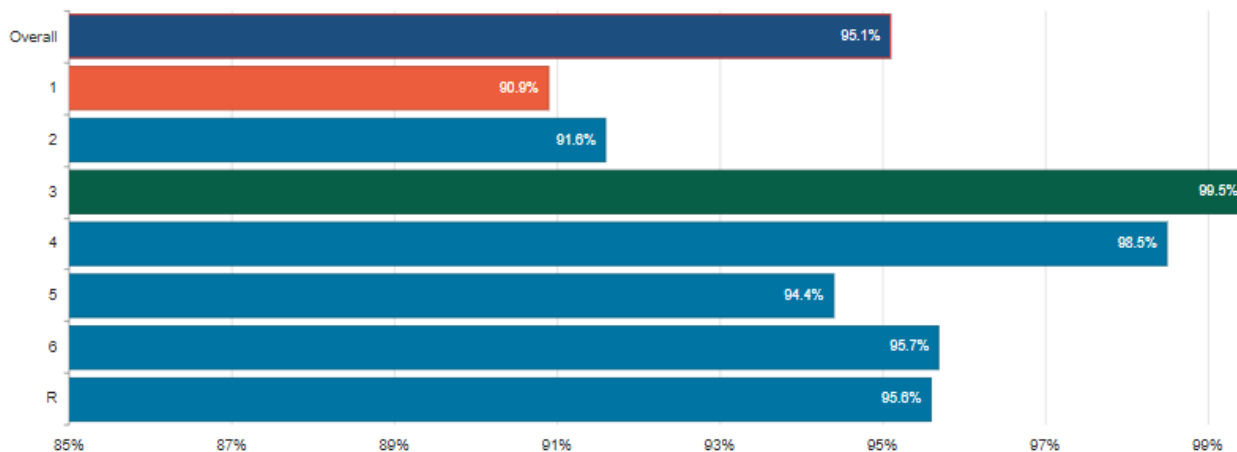
BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Pine Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 265 points. Well done Pine 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 Maple Class, this week's attendance champions with 99.5%! Well done Maple Class!



TOMMY'S HELI HIKE!

A huge well done from us all goes to Tommy Glue in Hazel Class. As you know, Tommy was raising money for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance by taking Part in the Heli Hike walk around Cowdray Estate.

Tommy loved every minute of the walk which took part last weekend in lovely sunshine. He raised £500 overall for the air ambulance and was 2nd in the fundraising table out of everyone who walked/fundraised for Heli Hike Sussex!

Thanks to you all, the school raised £143.36 to help him achieve this!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 14 th October	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	Please come in PE kit Group 1 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 15 th October	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club PTA AGM	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm All welcome
Wednesday 16 th 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 th 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 th 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
Monday 21 st October	Bike Ability for Oak class Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	All week Please come in PE kit Group 1 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hockey Club Dance club	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	Birch & Oak - PE today Forest schools	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 1 (please bring kit)
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 th November	BACK TO SCHOOL	



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9 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Midhurst Rother College is delighted to announce its 5th big annual fundraiser and magnificent Fireworks Night at MRC on Friday 8 November 2024. We will have yet another spectacular 12-minute professional pyromusical display staged again by Aurora Fireworks. The display will take place on our sports field at the front of the College with standing room in the car park. No need to wear your wellies to this fireworks event!! Entry gates will open at 6.00pm with last entry at 6.45pm, so everyone can enjoy what we have on offer and find the best spot before the show starts.

Why not make it a night to remember and enjoy a lovely bite to eat from our wonderful selection of food trucks. We will have a great selection of bespoke food trucks including Spud Shack, Dirty Mac, Simply Hog Roast, The London Churro Company, and Amazing Graze, plus a licensed bar hosted by the local community and run by local shop owners. Really Awesome Coffee Chichester will also be serving hot drinks and Bombshell Bakes will have amazing cake jars, brownies and cookies. Our ADT department will have a sweets and goodies stall and the community bar will once again sell glow sticks for the younger members of the audience.

Ticket prices to the event are Family (2 adults, 2 children) £16, Adult £6, Child aged 4 and over £3.50, and are available online via Eventbrite using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-2024-tickets-1040454085177> or by searching on Eventbrite for Midhurst Rother College Events. Tickets are also available to purchase at The Upholsterer on North Street and MRC Reception. Any remaining tickets will be available on the night at the gate.

We would like to thank in advance our fantastic local sponsors who make this event possible: AfterBurn Gym Ltd, MacDonald Oates LLP, Gartons Coffee House, Porters Estate Agents, Lewis Brownlee Chartered Accountants and Sky Park Farm.



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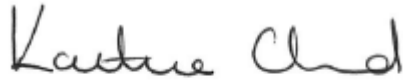
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www.mrc-academy.org

The Rotary Club of Midhurst & Petworth will be stewarding the event. All profits made on the night will raise funds for MRC to directly help departments within the College with extra resources.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to this great event.

Yours sincerely



Katherine Chard
Director of Business



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Fireworks Night

Friday 8 November
Gates open 6.00pm

2024

Tickets on Eventbrite

- 🍷 Hot food & snacks
- 🍷 Licensed Bar
- 🎟️ Raffle to start the display
- 🚗 No parking on-site
(disabled parking available if booked in advance)

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Admission

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TOYS & FIDGETS 50P – £2

GAMES

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AND MORE...

COSTUMES NOT REQUIRED.



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 haslemere-museum.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>Tuesday 29 October 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>Tuesday 29 October 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>Thursday 31 October 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



Chichester Library, Tower Street
Chichester, PO19 1QJ
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk
01243 777351

Apply online at:
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

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

www.westsussexsendias.org





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HAPPY HAUNTINGS THIS HALF TERM



Come and join us for a fun packed event this Halloween

26th-29th October 2024

10am - 4pm £5 per child

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(optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**

Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Autumn Term 2024

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Southwick Community Centre
10th Sept / 1st Oct / 5th Nov / 26th Nov

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
11th Sept / 2nd Oct / 6th Nov / 27th Nov

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
17th Sept / 8th Oct / 12th Nov / 3rd Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
18th Sept / 16th Oct / 20th Nov / 18th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Donnington Parish Hall
26th Sept / 17th Oct / 21st Nov / 12th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
24th Sept / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:
outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

19th Sept	7.30 pm - 9 pm
24th Oct	7.30 pm - 9 pm
14th Nov	7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Dec	7.30 pm - 9 pm

Training

Autumn 2024

(1st half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Workshops

September

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 10th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Friday 13th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 17th	10.30am
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Tuesday 24th	10.30am
Understanding Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)	Friday 27th	10.30am

October

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Friday 4th	10.30am
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 10th	7.30pm
An Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 23rd	7.30pm

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 2nd October / 9th October (2-part course) Wednesdays 10.00am-1.15pm

All training above will be delivered via Zoom



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

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