



FRIDAY FLYER

Happy Friday Everyone!

My theme this week is one of safety and in particular online safety. Keeping all of our children safe is central to everything we as a school and you as parents do. I am concerned by the rise in reports of cyber bullying amongst our children. Many parents have approached me with concerns that their child has been on the receiving end of unkind words and messages. We teach and model online safety in school and in particularly throughout our computing and Learning4Life curriculum and, whilst I am confident our children are aware and know how to keep themselves safe on the internet, all of the reported incidents take place out of school hours and – worryingly - on messaging platforms that are 13 years plus. That of course means that none of our children should be using these platforms.

Whilst I am aware that the world of instant messaging has become the preferred communication of choice, at the risk of seeming old fashioned I feel the impersonal nature of Whats App and Snapchat has led to many people saying things online that they might not say to someone's face. That being considered and the fact that both Whats App and Snapchat are 13 plus I wonder whether we should take time to think about the wisdom of our children using them?

To help you be more vigilant and make an informed choice I have included two sets of guidelines lower down in this flyer: one for Whats App and one for Snapchat. Please do take a look and discuss them with your children. In doing this you will be supporting us in ensuring your child is safe.

With every best wish

Mark

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VICAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS!



I was so proud to award this half term's Vicar's Award certificates. The Vicar's Award is given to those children that go above and beyond the embodiment of our distinctively Christian values of kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity and forgiveness.

This half term's Vicar's Award children will be taking part in a special Forest School session next week!

Congratulations to them all!

OAK CLASS ENJOYING THEIR FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS.



BIRCH CLASS COUNTRY DANCING

Birch Class have been learning a routine over the last few weeks and today performed the whole sequence together.



BIRCH CLASS MATHS

This week Birch Class have been busy exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been very creative and used playdoh, cocktail sticks and connectors and straws to make some of the shapes and are beginning to use the correct maths language to describe them.





ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



YOUR SPACE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

On the 25th of January 2025, Your Space Therapies are offering a practical and down-to-earth 'Anxiety Toolbox' webinar for parents and carers to support their children with anxiety and mental health.

All the details and a QR code for ease of booking are on the flyer.

We look forward to offering all parents and carers kindness and empowerment to support their children.

MRC MIXED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT- MATCH REPORT



Last week two intrepid teams of Year 5 and 6 footballers headed to MRC for our annual tournament. Arrayed against us were many of the local schools, all eager to win. Our teams faced many tough games, but throughout them all they displayed all of our school values and excellent sportsmanship. At the end of the group stages one of the teams was faced with a playoff game to make the final. After a brutal 5 minutes of sudden death football, the score was nil-nil and it was time for the dreaded penalties. After 5 rounds of sudden death penalties the score was 5-5. It was time for a coin flip. Luck was finally with us and we won the flip. We played an excellent game in the final but were unfortunately beaten by the champions, Harting.

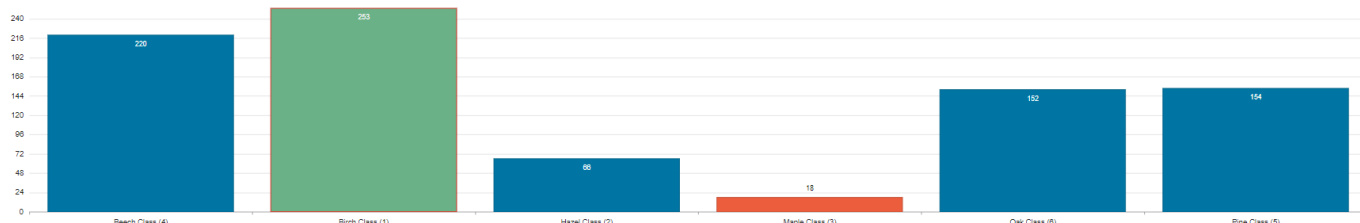
Well done to all the children who participated. They represented the school brilliantly.

SAFETY AT THE START AND END OF THE DAY

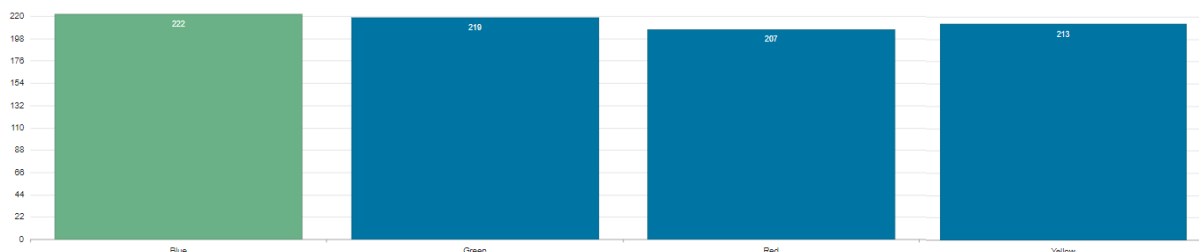
Returning to the theme of this week's message – safety. We are lucky to have a wonderful amount of outdoor play equipment for our children to use during break and lunch playtimes. To enable all of our children to play safely we ensure that staff are on duty during break and lunchtimes. Because of this I would ask that during drop off and pick up times your children do not use the play equipment.

BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Birch Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 253 points. Well done Birch Class!



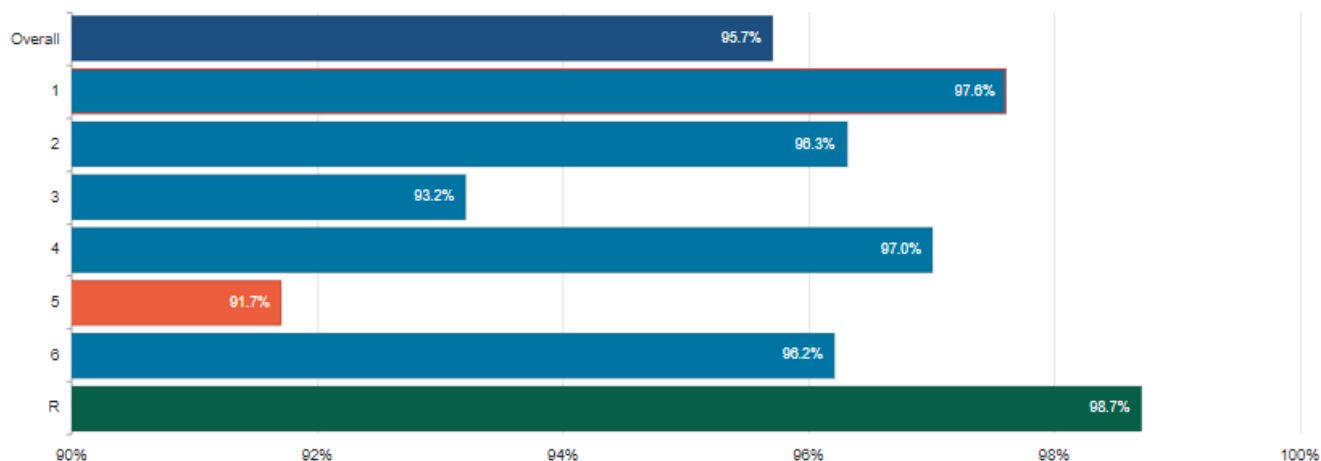
For the first time this term we can take a look at the House Standings!



Congratulations to Wey House!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 95.7%, only 0.7% above our target of 95%.



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Acorn Class, this week's attendance champions with 98.7%! Well done Acorn Class!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
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 Forest School – Vicar’s award Aspire Football club	Please come in PE kit Certificates sent home for those attending 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 PTA School Disco	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 1 (please bring kit) KS1 & Reception - 5.30 – 6.30pm KS2 - 6.45 – 7.45pm
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 Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods for Birch class Dance club	Please come in PE kit Group 2 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 5 th November	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club PTA AGM	Please come in PE kit 3.30-4.30pm All welcome
Wednesday 6 th November	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hampton Court Palace trip for Pine class Dance club	Please come in PE kit See letter sent home – must be in school by 8.40am. Arriving back by 4pm. 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 7 th November	Birch & Oak - PE today Forest schools Art Club – Maple & Beech class Friendship Tea Rotary music evening at MRC	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 1 (please bring kit) 3.30 – 4.30pm Some of Oak class involved Some children involved
Friday 8 th November	Maple & Pine PE today Forest schools Cross country club Hockey Tournament at MRC	Please come in PE kit Year 6 group 2 (please bring kit) 3.30-4.15pm Some children involved from Pine and Oak

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender, and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

CHAT LOCK

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. They subsequently developed an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for their locked chats. Unfortunately, this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS

A community is a collection of related groups on WhatsApp. They can consist of thousands of users. Communities can often be used by scammers to target large groups, hoping someone clicks on their link or responds to their requests. In communities and groups, there are multiple ongoing conversations, which results in pressure to respond. Members – even if they are not each other's contacts – will be able to see any messages sent into the group.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if a child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've hidden in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any 'view once' content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

SCAMS AND BLACKMAIL

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing message feature by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them (regardless of whether it is true or not) and will share them online unless they send them money. Teens then (understandably) panic and worry about the long-term consequences. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – either on this app or others.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight'. It claims the content shown here is relevant to each user, but it could also be seen as an easy way to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore,

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images or impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

A feature called 'SnapMaps' highlights your device's exact position on a virtual map, which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, selected friends or just you. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to help friends keep track of each other – but it could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET CONTROLS VIA FAMILY CENTRE

Snapchat has parental controls called 'Family Centre'. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. This allows you to view their friends list, see who they have chatted with in the last 7 days (but not to view the specific messages) and report any concerns.



TALK ABOUT REAL LIFE SCAMS

If a young person is mature enough to have Snapchat, then they are mature enough to have a conversation about scams, nudges and blackmail. Have this discussion before you let them join. Share some real-life examples. Discuss the importance of never adding strangers and discourage them from sharing nudes. If they are lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately, then block and delete the predator and screenshot any evidence.



DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage children to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.



CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind children that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some 'challenges' which become popular on the platform may have harmful consequences.



KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone a user adds unless they change their settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled. It's safest for a child to avoid adding people they don't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows people to see where users regularly visit.



BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.



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**Multi-Sports at
Buriton Village Hall
&
Easebourne Primary
School**

Thursday 31st October and
Friday 1st November
(2 Days)

For children in years 1 to
year 6.

Half day options
9am-12pm for reception
children



**Aspire Coaching
Autumn Half Term Sports
Camps**

All camps run 9am to 3pm with FREE drop off at
8:45am and collection by 3:15pm

Children require:

A nut-free packed lunch,

A refillable drinks bottle,

Sun protection for hot weather

Warm, spare clothes for poor weather

Shin pads required for football camps



**Football at
Love Lane Playing Fields,
Petersfield
In association with Petersfield
Town FC**

Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th
October (3 Days)

For children in year 1 to year 8
Half day options 9am-12pm for
reception children

TO BOOK - www.aspirecoaching.org.uk/school-holiday-bookings

Aspire are once again offering two free places to anyone of their Half term camps (see above). If you would like to have your child's name put into the hat for a chance of one of these places please let the school office know by Monday.



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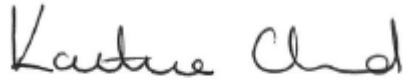
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The Rotary Club of Midhurst & Petworth will be stewarding the event. All profits made on the night will raise funds for MRC to directly help departments within the College with extra resources.

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
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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.



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 01793 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



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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



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

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Monday 7 October 2024.
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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

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HAPPY HAUNTINGS THIS HALF TERM



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26th-29th October 2024

10am - 4pm £5 per child

Arts and crafts

Face painting & spooky snacks!

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Limited tickets are available to buy on the door





MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL'S
HALF TERM ACTIVITY

Halloween Trail

FANCY A LAUGH?

Hunt for 12 jokes displayed in
Midhurst businesses anytime during
half-term and work out the spooky
password to claim a prize on
Thursday 31st October or
Saturday 2nd November
between 9am to 2pm from
The Old Library,
Knockhundred Row.

Collect the activity sheet from
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download from
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1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(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

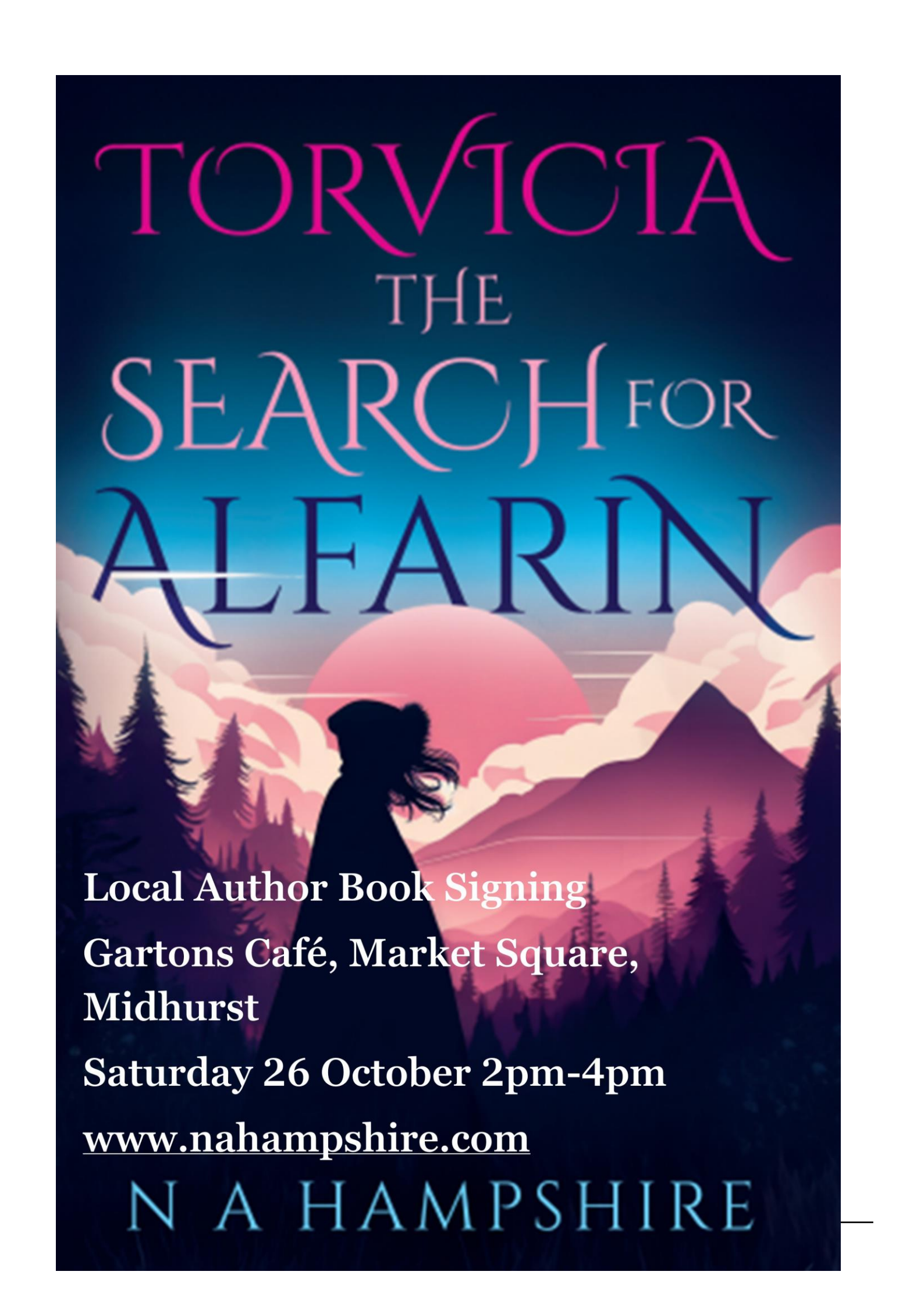
Thursdays via Zoom

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

The background of the entire poster is a stylized illustration. It depicts a person in silhouette, wearing a dark hooded cloak, standing in a forest of evergreen trees. In the distance, there are mountains and a large, glowing sun or moon in shades of orange and red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of blue and purple. The title text is overlaid on this background.

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