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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Happy Friday Everyone

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Following our SIAMS inspection on Thursday 12th December 2024, we are delighted to share with you our report, which is available on our school website.

During the inspection, Mrs Pamela Gough, identified many school strengths and found that 'Midhurst Church of England Primary School is a haven of compassion and nurture'.

The report goes on:

*The Christian vision at Midhurst Primary school inspires a caring, compassionate and harmonious culture.*

*The provision, which adults receive through family support work, is exceptional.*

*Staff ensure that pupils are cared for as unique individuals.*

*Midhurst Primary School is a big family where everyone matters*

*Lessons are carefully planned to incorporate a range of learning styles. This ensures that pupils have opportunities to succeed.*

*Provision for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is bespoke and imaginative.*

Overall, the inspection found that,

*... children are flourishing by being a pupil at Midhurst Primary School.*

I am so extremely proud of the report which reflects the hard work of both the children, staff and parents which make our Midhurst family, a family I am proud to be part of.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and hope that you enjoy reading the full report.

With every best wish

Mark

## FOREST SCHOOLS



Our fantastic Forest School has started already. Forest School is a type of outdoor education in which children visit forests/woodlands, learning personal, social and technical skills. At Midhurst CofE Primary we are proud to offer our children a fantastic Forest School experience, within our own school grounds for our younger children in Acorns and Birch Class and then in our own dedicated woodland area in Woolbeding for our older children in Hazel Class and above. We understand the huge benefits of Forest School and have developed two superb areas in which to deliver a high-quality programme, of Forest School activities.

“Forest School is an inspirational process, which offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. Forest School is a specialised learning approach that sits within and compliments the wider context of outdoor and woodland education.” Forest School Association



## WRAPAROUND CARE

A reminder that after school care is now available until 6pm on weekdays. If you would like to make use of after school care, please book your child's place in the normal way via MyChildAtSchool or if less than 24 hours in advance via the School Office. Can I also remind you that the breakfast club doesn't open till 7.55am. Please don't drop your children off before this as there are no staff available to supervise them.

## SHOPPING BUS

Our amazing Family Support Worker, Kirsty, has worked hard to keep the shopping bus going after Christmas. The next dates for the bus are 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. The bus leaves for Chichester at 9am from school and returns around 11am. If you would like to use this service, please contact the school office at [office@midhurstprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@midhurstprimary.co.uk) in the first instance.

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STAYING SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

West County Council have asked the school to forward their guidance on WhatsApp to you. Once again, the guidance reflects our recommendation and again clearly states the age restrictions of WhatsApp as 13 years and older.



### Your child's mental health and wellbeing: WhatsApp guide

#### WhatsApp and emotional wellbeing

**WhatsApp age restriction is 13+**  
WhatsApp is a convenient and easy way to keep in touch with others. We know that connection to others is really important in terms of our wellbeing, however we need to be aware that there are also some risks to WhatsApp use, particularly for children and young people.

#### Who is contacting me?

**To start a chat on WhatsApp, all anyone needs is a person's phone number.** If a child has given their number to someone else who then adds them to a group chat, everyone in this group chat will now have access to their number. This means that complete strangers can contact them.

Does your child know what to do if they get a message from someone they don't know?

#### Secrecy and chat lock

**Be aware of chat lock.** Chat lock is a feature which allows WhatsApp users to keep their chats in a separate locked folder, with its own secret code. This allows users to hide conversations, even if someone checks their phone and messages. This could include messages about harmful behaviours such as self-harm and inappropriate sexual content.

#### Disappearing content

**WhatsApp has a feature which allows messages to be sent and only be viewed once.** Unfortunately, this allows users to send inappropriate and abusive content which cannot be re-opened once seen. This means there is no evidence of what has been sent. It also means that if you check your child's phone you won't see a complete picture of what they have viewed.

You can never really know what has been sent or received by your child's account.

#### Scams and fakes

**Information sharing on WhatsApp can reach a lot of people, very quickly.** This means that false information can rapidly gather momentum resulting in sharing of fake news. Children and young people may not have the critical thinking needed to understand what is real and what isn't. This also means that they may be vulnerable to scams. Internet Matters have produced a [toolkit](#) for parents and carers.

#### What can we do?

**Teach them to be cautious.** Guide them to ask themselves how likely a message from an unknown number is really from someone they know.

**Adjust the settings.** You can specify who can and cannot add them to group chats. You can do this in the **'Settings'** menu under the **'Groups'** tab.

**Talk to them openly** without judgment about what they are sharing and how they contribute. Consider with them how they can use group chats safely and that is okay to exit group chats if they feel uncomfortable.


**Internet Matters: What is WhatsApp – A Guide for Parents**  
[Internet Matters](#) is a fantastic website with a huge amount of information about internet safety. There are numerous guides for parent and carers, including WhatsApp.

**Social Media Survival Guide**  
A recommended book for children and young people aged 10+ to empower them to stay safe online when using social media.



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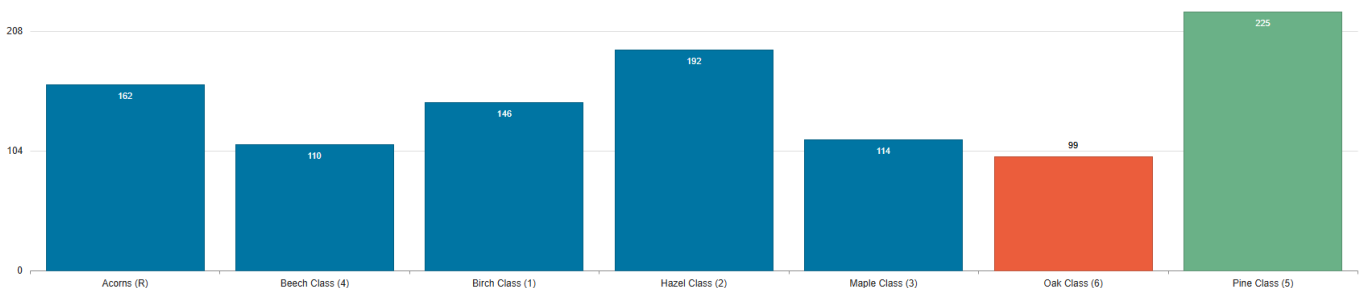
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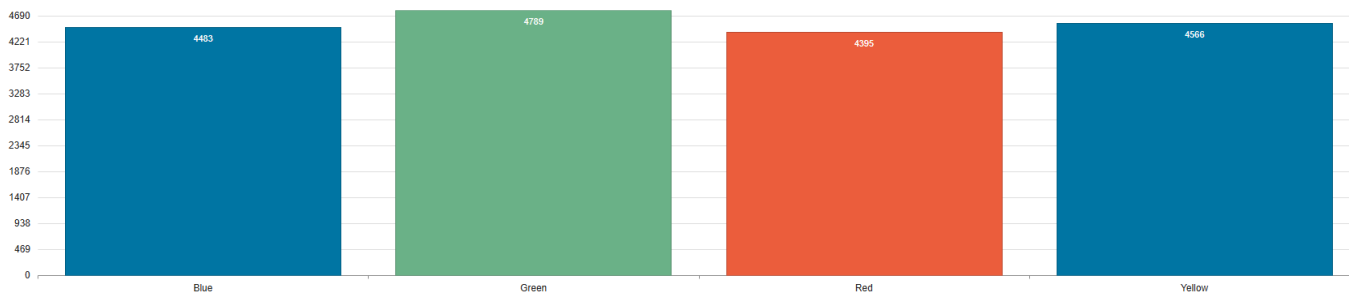
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## BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Pine Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 225 points. Well done Pine Class!



Rother House have retaken the lead this week with 4789 points so far this year

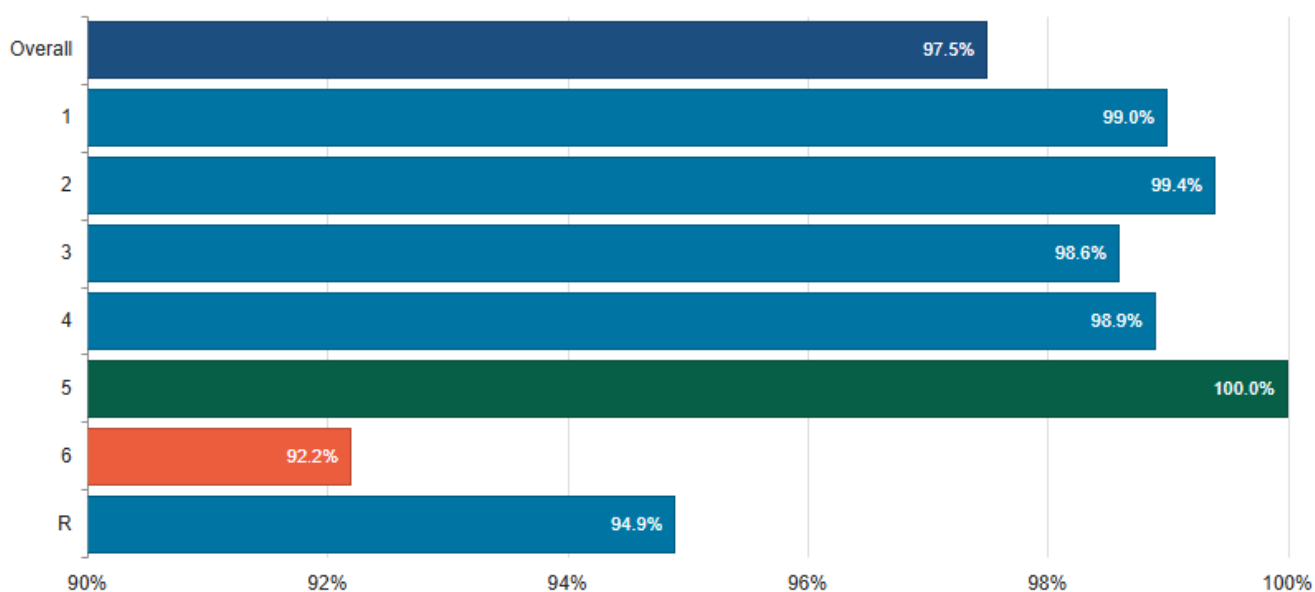


### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 97.5%, 2.5% above our target of 95%

Overall

Attendance ▼



### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Pine Class, this week's attendance champions with 100%

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Hazel & Beech - PE today KS2 Coding Club Dance Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Pine class - Children's concert Beech class – Children's concert Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit Am (see letter) Pm (see letter) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Census day  Birch & Oak – PE today Forest School Art club for Pine & Oak Dance Club	All pupils in Acorns, Birch & Hazel will have a hot lunch booked unless you let us know otherwise. Please come in PE kit Year 3 – group 1 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple & Pine PE today Cross Country	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Hazel & Beech - PE today KS2 Coding Club Dance Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Birch & Oak – PE today Forest School Art club for Pine & Oak Dance Club	Please come in PE kit Year 3 – group 1 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple & Pine PE today Cross Country	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.15pm



MIDHURST PRIMARY  
AFTER SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL CLUB



Day	Tuesdays
Times	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Years	Year R to Year 6
Start Date	14th January
Finish Date	25th March
Half Term Date (no session)	18th February
Full Term Price (10 weeks)	£40 = 1 Child. £36 per Sibling
Half Term 1 Price (5 weeks)	£25 = 1 Child. £20 per Sibling
Half Term 2 Price (5 weeks)	£25 = 1 Child. £20 per Sibling

### Information on Attending the Club

- For safeguarding reasons - No child can attend without prior booking and payment until such time it is received. They will be returned to the school office.
- Every child should wear suitable clothing for the time of year and activity – warm clothes for cold weather and sun protection for hot weather
- All sessions will be held on or near the school premises where children will need to be collected unless otherwise stated
- Children should bring a drink to stay hydrated
- Shin pads must be worn for football courses
- If the weather is bad, a session may be cancelled. A later session will either be added or credit given
- Aspire Coaches are NGB qualified, have enhanced DBS's, emergency aid and safeguarding qualifications

### How to Book & Pay

- Bookings and payments can be made via our website [www.aspirecoaching.org.uk](http://www.aspirecoaching.org.uk). Fill in the booking form for After School Clubs [www.aspirecoaching.org.uk/after-school-clubs](http://www.aspirecoaching.org.uk/after-school-clubs) and you will be taken to the payments page to complete your order either by bank transfer, Stripe, or via PayPal
- BANK TRANSFERS can be made with child's school & surname as reference, but please book first.
- Account Number 46372537 and Sort Code 09-01-28
- All places are accepted once booking and payment has been received, unless you hear otherwise
- For full terms and conditions please visit our website
- NO REGISTRATION & PAYMENT = NO ATTENDANCE



# Figure.23 Dance

Figure 23 Dance & Fitness

Midhurst primary School Dance Clubs



Day	Mondays	Day	Thursdays
Class	Street Dance	Class	Ballet Fusion
Times	3:30-4:30	Times	3:30-4:30
Years	All	Years	All
Start Date	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start Date	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Finish Date	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Finish Date	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Price per child	£8.50	Price per child	£8.50
Price for this term (5 weeks)	£42.50	Price for this term (5 weeks)	£42.50
Maximum of Participants	20	Maximum of Participants	20
15% off 2 class deal!! (Mon & Thur) (Applies to siblings)	£72.25	15% off 2 class deal!! (Mon & Thur) (Applies to siblings)	£72.25

- No child can participate without pre booking and paying for a slot.
- All children should wear appropriate gym clothing, (not their uniform) with trainers or bare feet.
- Classes will be held on school premises where children will need to be collected.
- We advise children to bring water to have during the class.
- We must be made aware of any health conditions or injuries of any children who take part in our classes. (Via Email - [Figure23dance@gmail.com](mailto:Figure23dance@gmail.com))
- F.23 coaches are enhanced DBS checked, first aid trained and carry liability insurance .

## Booking and payment

Enter the Link into your user browser for the online booking system, where you will find the name of your required class and payment details.

[https://www.calengoo.com/booking/figure\\_23\\_dance/](https://www.calengoo.com/booking/figure_23_dance/)  
**Class required**

You will need to click on the 13th or 16th Jan fill in the details and click book, you will only need to do this for the first date of this term.

Please use the payment details to make the bank transfer of the full payment amount in order to secure your place.

If you have any problems with the booking link please email- [Figure23dance@gmail.com](mailto:Figure23dance@gmail.com)

**No refunds are given unless class has to be cancelled by F.23 Dance**

**COMING IN 2025!**

Midhurst Community Hub brings the "Midhurst Uniform Shop" a pre loved pop up shop for primary school uniforms.

We will be collecting outgrown uniform in the new year, don't worry about small holes or little stains all will be repaired and washed.

The first pop up shop to be in the summer, but will need donations to make the project a success.

**We need your outgrown uniforms**

**COMING  
SUMMER  
2025**

**Midhurst pre loved uniform shop**



**Help your community go green**



Midhurst C of E  
Primary School  
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS



For more information email: [uniform@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk](mailto:uniform@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk)

or visit our Facebook page  
Midhurst Pre-Loved Uniform Shop





**Donate at the following locations from  
06/01/2025**

**The Grange Community Centre**

**Easebourne C.E. Primary School**

**Stedham Primary School**

**Midhurst C of E Primary School**





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**TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME**



Starting in JANUARY 2025!

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**BOGNOR REGIS**  
Thursday

**CHICHESTER**  
Saturday

**HORSHAM**  
Saturday

**WORTHING**  
Saturday

- ✓ Free for term one
- ✓ Free instrument hire\*
- ✓ Play in an orchestra

\*A booking fee of £10 will apply to cover instrument delivery



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