



FRIDAY FLYER



Happy Friday Everyone

It has certainly been a packed start to the new term, with activities designed to help our children to gain a wide range of experiences and further motivate them to learn. Our children have already taken part in our termly Vicar's Award which plays a major role in our positive approach in support of our high expectations of behaviour. The children were able to take part in an extra special forest school session where they were able to enjoy various woodland activities developing confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.



On Tuesday of this week our children were able to take part in a series of children's orchestral concerts performed by the Southern Pro Musica Orchestra at the Festival Theatre in Chichester.

Here you can see Gabi, giving me a run for my money as she prepares to take the baton and conduct the orchestra herself!

Music is important at Midhurst because it helps our children develop a range of skills, including cognitive, social, and emotional skills. Music can also help children feel more confident and motivated to learn

I am not keen on referring to these activities and, more so, our after-school club offers as 'extra' curricular for they are the integral golden thread that runs through our curriculum and its focus on mental wellbeing and life affirming experiences of awe and wonder, not just exam results.

In a recent speech, Bridget Phillipson, the education secretary urged schools not to focus too heavily on exam results.

Speaking at the Confederation of School Trusts (CST) Conference in November Ms Phillipson explained that while good exam results are important, there are other points to focus on too.

'A*s alone do not set young people up for a healthy and happy life,' she told the 1,500 school leaders in attendance. Ms Phillipson explained that exam results are important for careers but they aren't the only important thing when it comes to education.

I believe that what we all do here in our Midhurst family – children, staff and parents - is truly something special. I truly believe that we give our children those experiences that deliver a curriculum that is rich in knowledge, strong on skills and led by evidence which has mental health and well-being at its heart. As was pointed out in our recent SIAMs inspection - *Midhurst Primary school inspires a caring, compassionate and harmonious culture. The wellbeing of pupils and staff is a major priority. This results in a welcoming and happy school.* – SIAMs Inspection Report Jan 2025

With every best wish for a restful weekend

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A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Sometimes as Headteacher, I am asked to enforce guidance that I know will quickly become a discussion point. In fact, guidance such as this is probably what keeps the MumsNet website in action. But I have been asked to remind you of the following guidance which does clearly have the safety of our children at heart I would ask you to work with us to ensure our children remain healthy and safe.

The following guidance has been given by West Sussex County Council -

Lip balms are categorised as non-prescription medicines so should not be used in school. It is good practice that children should not bring lip balms into school as other issues can occur if these are shared e.g., allergies to specific contents. We encourage schools to clearly communicate this to parents and staff. If the child needs it then parents can apply before school. However, for more serious conditions that require the lip balm to be re-applied during the day then parents should contact their GP and get a prescription/letter for it.

So, as you can see, the guidance is quite clear and I totally agree the safety measure behind it. I would ask you to work with us and if you feel your child needs lip balm then apply before school. Furthermore, if you feel has a more serious need for lip balm then please do endeavour to gain a prescription letter from the GP.

The same guidance applies to throat sweets and lozenges. These are classed as non-prescription medicines and must not be brought to school.

IMPORTANT

Whilst I am on the subject of health, I would ask you to consider the health information we hold for your child. If you feel there have been any changes to your child's health or dietary needs, please do let us know.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2025

Children's Mental Health Week takes place from 3 – 9 February. In 2025, the week's focus will be Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. We want to equip and empower children, and the adults who surround them, to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

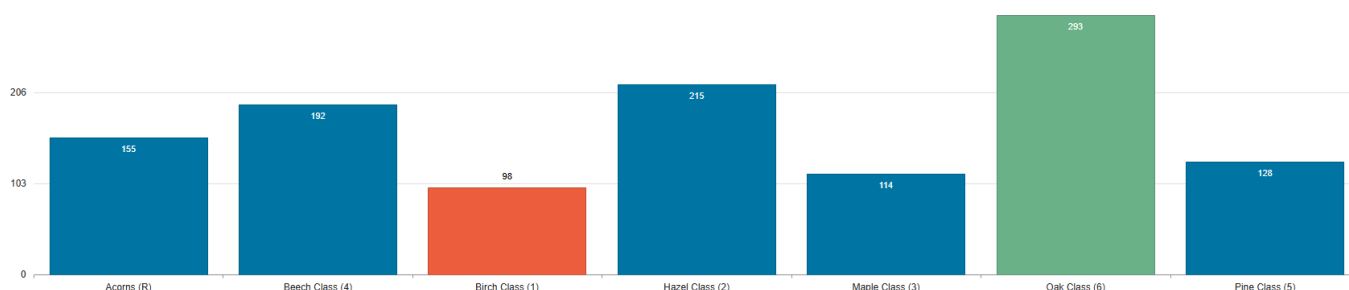
Each year, Place2Be experts create fun and engaging resources for families, parents and carers to take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year we're partnering with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney

Company and the Inside Out 2 characters to explore our theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

We will be marking Children's Mental Health Week in lots of fun and engaging activities. If you wish to know why not take a look the [Children's Mental Health Week Website](#)

BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Oak Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 293 points. Great job Oak Class!

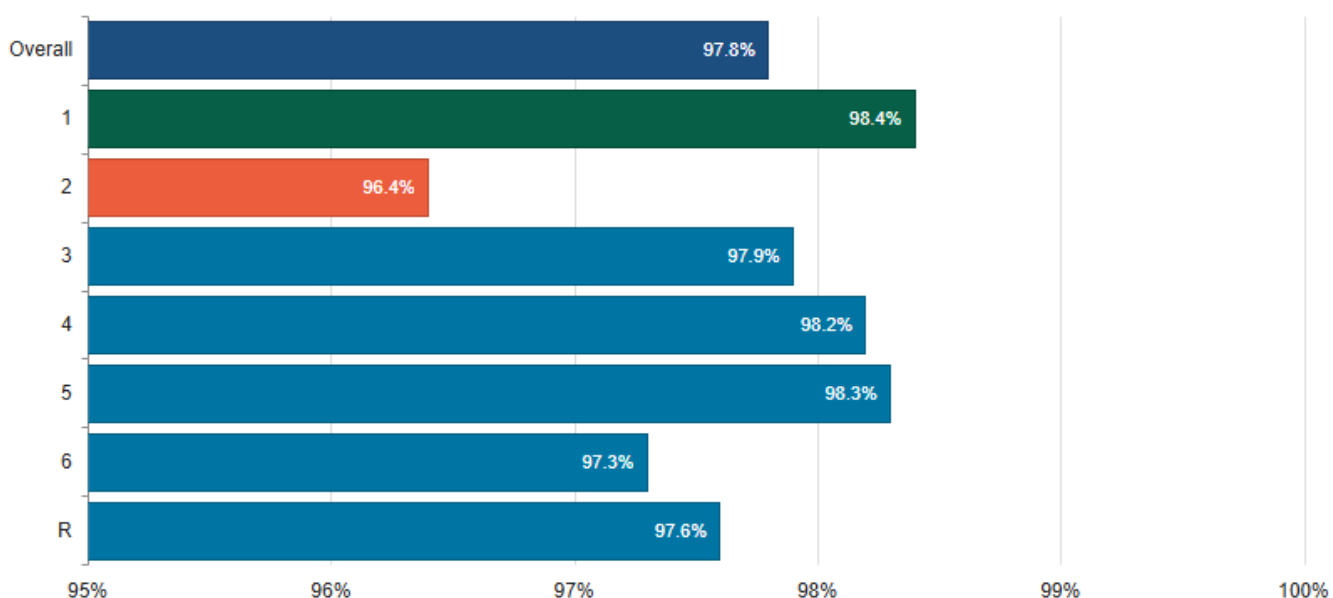


Rother House have retaken the lead this week with 5176 points so far this year



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 97.8%, 2.8% above our target of 95%. An improvement of 0.3% on last week.



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Birch Class, this week's attendance champions with 98.4%

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 20 th 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 st January	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd January	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
Thursday 23 rd 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 th January	Maple & Pine PE today Hazel class visit to Cocking Hill Cross Country	Please come in PE kit am – see separate letter sent for details 3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 27 th January	Hazel & Beech - PE today KS2 Coding Club Dance Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 28 th January	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 29 th January	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
Thursday 30 th 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 31 st 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. Fill in the booking form for After School Clubs 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

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 th Jan	Start Date	16 th Jan
Finish Date	10 th Feb	Finish Date	13 th 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)
- 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/
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

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**

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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





What will you create this Brick Fest!?: 🧱🌟

Join us at **Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery** as we mark International Lego® Day with Brick Fest! on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 (10am-5pm, last admission 3:30pm).**

Roam the Museum and Art Gallery and discover a range of brick-inspired activities, learn more about hometown treasure, Minibrix or join us for one of our timed events:

🌟 **Lego® Masterclass with Brilliant Bricks: Unleash your creativity with Lego® building challenges from 11am – 1pm.**

🌟 **Creative Saturday – Block Printing with Building Blocks: Get ready to dip, stamp and design your very own masterpieces inspired by selected poems from 2pm – 4pm.**

Book tickets: <https://www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk/events/brick-fest>



Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Calling all 4-8 year olds!



Chichester Library
Friday 21 February
10.30–11.00am or 11.15–11.45am

A sparkling underwater adventure awaits. Join Diver Sam, and sing with Dolly Dolphin, whilst embarking on a mission to rescue the Lost Pearl of the Ocean from the scary Deep Sea Creature.

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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* Families especially welcome

Midhurst Rother College Community Day

Saturday 26 April 2025 10am-2pm

Calling all local businesses, agencies and groups to join us at this event to

- share your skills
- demonstrate your crafts
- promote your goods
- recruit new members
- engage with the local community

It's all about what's on offer on our doorstep!

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Saturday

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Saturday

WORTHING
Saturday

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