



# FRIDAY FLYER

Happy Friday Everyone

Our Friday Flyers are always full of the amazing achievements of our children and this week is no different. Our fantastic Friday Celebration Worship is always a lovely way to end the week where we give FAB Certificates to those children who have gone that extra mile and given their best. Here are last week's FAB certificate winners!



An extra opportunity to celebrate success came yesterday with our Vicar's Award assembly. The Vicar's Award is the pinnacle of our reward structure here at school. It is given to children who show every one of our school values – kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity and forgiveness – every day. I am so proud to say that choosing only two children from each class has become a difficult job for every day I have cause to reflect on how all of our children show that kindness and care we value greatly in school. Forgive me for repeating myself, but last week I was proud to convey the thanks and thoughts of our recent visitors who commended our children who 'demonstrate the school values in their daily actions'

This week has been an extremely busy one and as well as our many celebration events marking the achievements of our children, we have had a group out taking part in the MRC Quad Athletics – make sure you catch next week's Flyer from exciting news and results! Acorn Class are today out at Goodwood Farm taking part in all sorts of learning activities including watching the cows being milked. This afternoon our athletes will once again be our representing the school at the MRC Cross Country event. More details and photographs of all of these events will be taking pride of place in next week's flyer.

And finally, some housekeeping. We have noticed that a number of parents and carers who have Gmail accounts are not receiving our emails. This is happening most when those emails are sent as a group email from us. Please do check your 'Junk Mail Folders' and then mark any email from the school domain name as safe. We can sometimes send important information that need action via a group email, as happened this week, and we fear some of you may not be receiving them.

With every best wish

Mark

### REMINDER TO BOOK BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs for next half term are now open. Sessions can be reserved and paid for directly through MCAS, or if you have a payment plan, email your requests to Helen, our bursar.

Don't forget that you can get help paying for your wraparound care by setting up a Tax-Free Childcare account – for every £8 you pay into the account, the government adds £2 – and our clubs are already registered with the scheme so you can use the money to pay for your sessions. There's a link below, but if you need any help, please contact Helen.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### BIRCH CLASS



Birch Class have been having a busy week and have continued to explore plants. This week they have been planting their own bulbs and exploring what a plant needs to grow.

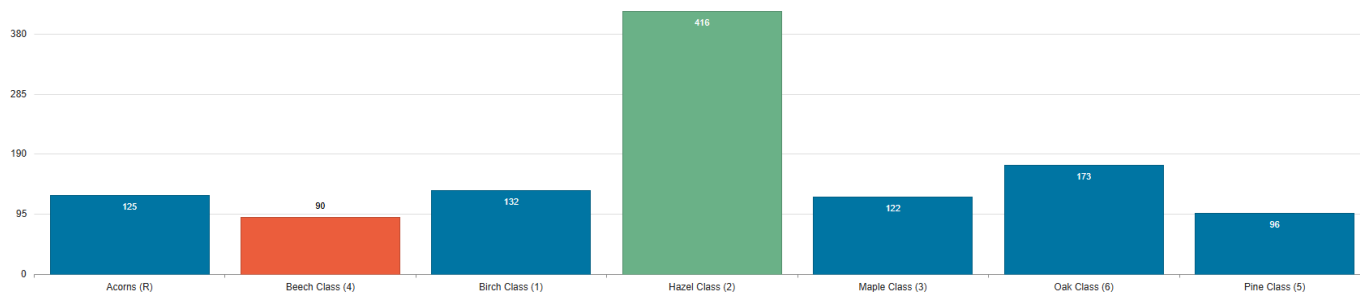
### SAFER INTERNET DAY – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Why not take a look at our guidance on protecting yourselves on the internet lower down in this week's flyer. We will be using this a foundation for our work with the children.

### BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Hazel Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with a staggering 416 points. Great job Hazel Class!

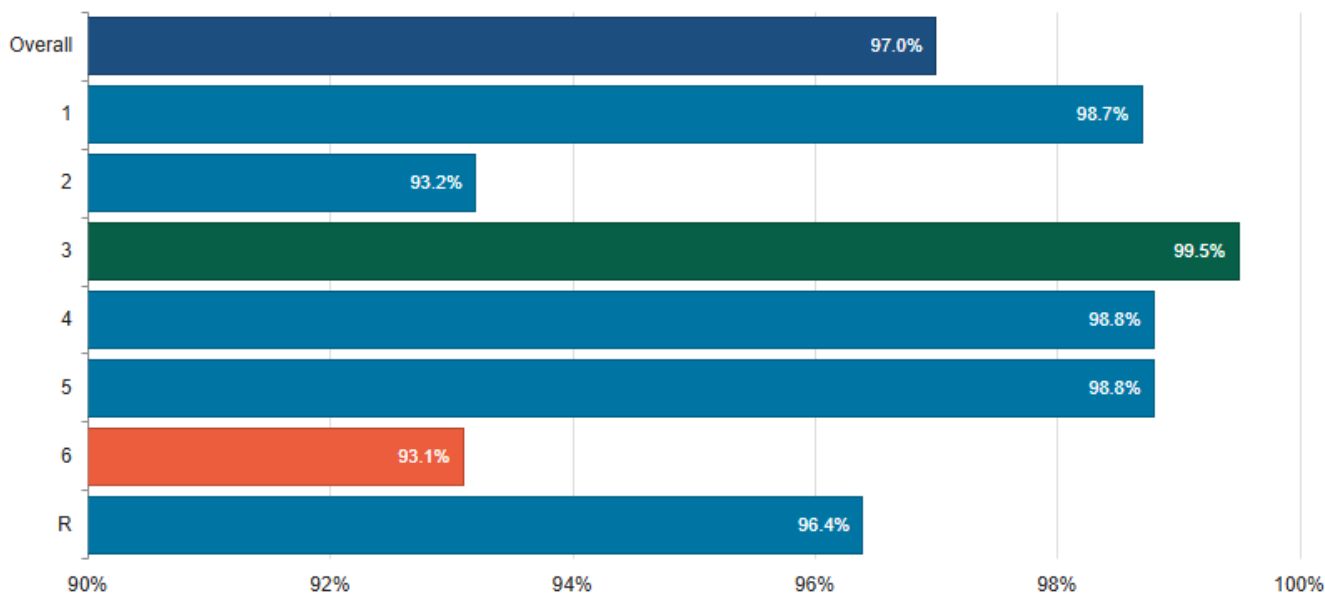


Rother House remain in the lead this week with 6018 points so far this year.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 97%, an increase on last week and 2% above our target of 95%.



### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Maple Class, this week's attendance champions with 99.5%

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Hazel & Beech - PE today KS2 Coding Club <b>(last one)</b> Dance Club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Forest school - Vicar's award Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit By invitation 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Hazel Class trip to Southampton Sea City Museum	Please come in PE kit See letter sent previously for details
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Birch & Oak – PE today Forest School Dance Club	Please come in PE kit Year 3 – group 1 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple & Pine PE today Cross Country club <b>(last one)</b>	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.15pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> -Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b> Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Pine Class trip to Winchester Science Centre Aspire Football Club	Please come in PE kit See separate letter  3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Birch & Oak – PE today Beech class – swimming Forest School Rother Valley Festival Dance club	Please come in PE kit am – see separate letter Year 3 – group 2 By invitation only
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple & Pine – PE today Coffee/Croissant morning  Forest School	Please come in PE kit 9-9.45am with Mrs Chance in the school hall – all welcome Year 2 – group 1

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdowns, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

### YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition, or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

### PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

### FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives; talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember, adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as CNIline).

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](https://OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk) for more.



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## HELP US TO WIN THE TESCO VOTE

From 1st January until 30th March 2025 we are one of three charities hoping to win the Stronger Starts grant at Midhurst branches of Tesco, which will support our gardening project at Midhurst Primary School. PLEASE help us by collecting blue tokens and helping us win £1500!



**Tesco Superstore,  
Haslemere**

**Tesco Express, North Street,  
Midhurst**



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### 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!**

**ALL STAND & EXHIBITION SPACE FREE OF CHARGE**

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)  
or contact the College Office: 01730 812451



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# February Half Term Multi-Sports Camps

## Camp Information:

- Camps run from 9am to 3pm.
- For children in years 1 to 6.
- Half Days available to children in year R (9am to 12pm).
- Free drop off from 8:45am and collection by 3:15pm.

## Children require:

- a nut-free packed lunch.
  - mid-morning snack.
  - refillable drinks bottle.
- hot and cold weather protection
  - trainers.

## Lots of fun activities;

Running, tagging, dodging, jumping, throwing activities, ball games, striking and fielding, orienteering, teamwork & problem-solving



## Join us!



Wednesday 19th to  
Friday 21st February  
2025



Buriton Village Hall and  
Easebourne Primary  
School



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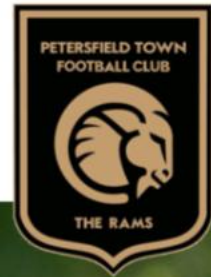
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# February Half Term 2025 Football Camp



Football fun for everyone!  
For children in years 1 to year 8  
Half days available for children in year R  
In association with Petersfield Town FC



Mon 17th & Tues  
18th February 2025  
9am to 3pm



The  
Petersfield  
School 3G  
AstroTurf



Book with us

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# Happy Birthday Library!

Join us to celebrate 100 years of West Sussex Libraries with birthday themed stories and crafts!



**Thursday 20 February**  
**10.00-11.00am**

Suitable for children aged 4+

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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YEARS

West Sussex  
Library Service  
1847-2022

**Chichester Library**

Tower Street, PO19 1QJ

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Chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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Suitable for children aged 4+

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West Sussex  
Library Service  
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**Petworth Library**

High Street, GU28 0AU

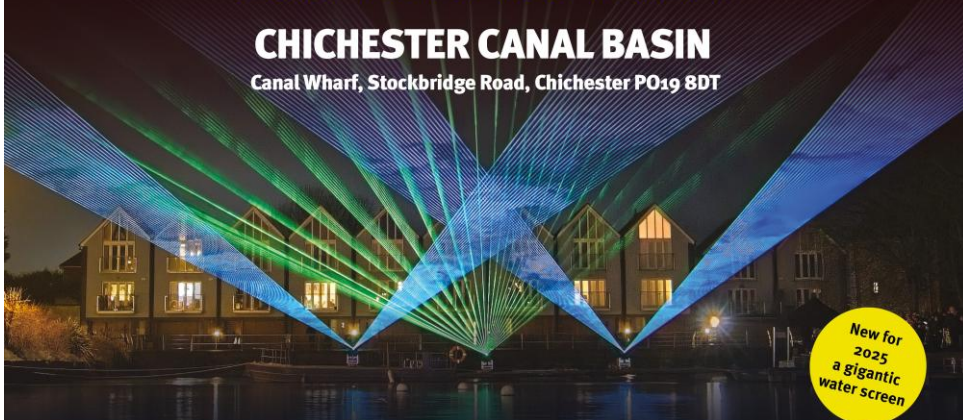
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# FREE LASER SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

## CHICHESTER CANAL BASIN

Canal Wharf, Stockbridge Road, Chichester PO19 8DT



**Friday 21 & Saturday 22 February 2025**

Different displays at 6pm & 7.30pm

- **New for this year** – a gigantic water screen showing clips from your favourite movies to music and laser lights!
- There will be food and drink stalls and the Canal Café will be open.

For more information visit  
[www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson)



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# FREE LASER SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA PETWORTH HOUSE



**Saturday 15 February 2025**  
**5.30pm and 6.45pm**

FREE access to Petworth House GU28 9LR from 10am until 3.30pm.

FREE family crafts and entertainment in Battery House and Courtyard from 11am and live music from 3.30pm.

For more information visit  
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**FREE  
HALF-TERM ACTIVITY**



# CIRCUS

## Workshop

with Nick Cook



**TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2025  
10am to 12noon**

**At The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst GU29 9DQ**



**MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL**



**HOPP COACHING**

# Free Tennis Taster

February Half Term 2025

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Rogate Tennis Club

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Milland Tennis Club

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Graffham Tennis Club

Come along have a go at tennis with  
Club Coach Richard Hopp!

Free fun taster sessions for YrR – Yr6

**\*\*A great introduction to tennis\*\***

**\*\*Fun games\*\***



Age	Time	Price
YrR – Yr2	9.30 – 10.10am	Free
Yr3 – Yr4	10.10 – 10.50am	Free
Yr5 – Yr6	10.50 – 11.30am	Free

After school tennis coaching running from March:

Tuesdays - Milland  
Wednesdays - Graffham  
Thursdays - Rogate

for more information or to book, please get in touch

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# HALF TERM EVENTS

## at Haslemere Museum



Family activity  
**Magnificent  
Masks**

Tue 18 February  
10.30am-1.30pm

Join us for a morning  
of mask making.



Family activity  
**Sunwood**  
Wed 19 February  
11am

Join local author  
Claire Nicholas for  
readings from her  
Sunwood series,  
followed by questions  
and book signing.



Museum Explorers  
**Magical  
Marbling**

Thu 20 February  
10.30am-12pm

Be inspired by Geok's  
marbled boxes and  
make your own amazing  
patterns.



Family activity  
**Skittles**

Fri 21 February  
2-4pm

Join us to try your  
hand at an indoor  
skittle alley and also  
our fun skittles,  
bagatelle and shove  
rally penny games.

**FIND OUT MORE AT**  
[haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson](http://haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson)



## February half term

February half term is delivered with love at Sky Park Farm, delicious family food, elegant evening dining with a special Valentine Menu and hours of fun for the children.

Deer are at the heart of what we do, but we have so much more to share. This half term we're bringing nature inside - observe an owl, hang out with a hedgehog, ogle a toad and handle a snake with Wild About Britain or track badgers, go behind the scenes with the Rangers, toast s'mores and build dens at Ranger School. Experiment with supersonic science, dance and sing with Suzie Songtime and immerse yourself in the world of Trainmaster UK. If the term has taken its toll and a recharge is needed then book a seat at our movie screenings with popcorn and a drink, we offer a relaxed, family-friendly viewing experience.

Sky Park deer will be grazing in their paddocks throughout half term, feed them by hand and observe the various species in close-proximity. February is the last month to admire full sets of antlers before they are cast in March. The Farm's Adventure Playground will be open for explorers to climb, swing and slide until their heart's content.

Breakfast, brunch and lunch are available seven days a week with a 'Little Fawns' menu available everyday and a Bottomless Brunch from Monday – Saturday every week.

