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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Happy Friday Everyone

We are always committed to providing the best possible education for our children, and we would like to highlight the growing importance of computer skills in today's world.

As technology continues to shape every aspect of our lives, it has become essential for our children to develop a solid foundation in computer skills. In the classroom, digital literacy helps our students with a wide range of activities, from conducting research to engaging in creative projects, learning new concepts, and even collaborating with peers online. These skills also empower our children to think critically, solve problems, and communicate effectively in an increasingly connected world.

This week has been our celebration of an Hour of Code - integrating computer skills into our curriculum in a fun and engaging way. You will be able to read and see more of our fun activities further down this Flyer. Our aim is to provide our children with opportunities to develop proficiency in using computers, tablets, and educational software that will prepare them for future learning.

As parents and carers, we encourage you to support this learning journey by fostering positive attitudes toward technology at home.

Here are a few ways you can help your child build important computer skills:

- Encourage safe, guided screen time: Use age-appropriate educational websites or apps that reinforce what they are learning in school.
- Introduce basic computer functions: Help them get comfortable with using a keyboard and mouse, navigating programs, and typing simple sentences.
- Emphasize online safety: Teach them the importance of using the internet responsibly and ensure they know basic safety rules while online.
- Set time for creative projects: Encourage them to explore digital tools for drawing, writing, or even creating simple presentations.

Together, we can ensure that our children are equipped with the skills they need to thrive academically and socially, both today and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

With every best wish

Mark

## HEALTHY PLAYTIME SNACKS



Earlier this week, I talked to the children about snacks during playtime. The focus was on choosing snacks that will give them long lasting energy while also thinking about how we can choose snacks with less single use plastic packaging, thus doing our best not only for our bodies but for the environment too. The children were enthusiastic in their response to this and enjoyed trying a variety of healthy snacks.

Below is a list of suggested snacks:

- Fruit (fresh or tinned)
- Vegetables
- Olives
- Breadsticks
- Rice cakes with no flavouring
- Oat cakes
- Hummus

We feel this list gives children lots of options while being mindful of nutritional value and fat and sugar content. KS1 children will continue to be offered fruit through our free fruit for schools' scheme.

Thank you for your support – *Mrs Alden*

## SATS PRESENTATION MEETING

As we move towards the Year 6 Standardised Tests in May, Mr Jefferson will be holding an important meeting for all parents of children in Year 6 Oak Class. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 – 4pm in Oak Class. The meeting, of which your child is welcome to accompany you, will take give details on

- What are the SATs?
- When are the SATs?
- What do the questions look like?
- Special arrangements
- How can you help your child?
- The week itself
- Things to remember
- Revision guides

I hope to see as many of you at the meeting as possible. Thank you.

## MIDHURST SHOPPING BUS

Our wonderful Family Support Worker, Kirsty, has organised another wonderful shopping. The bus will leave school just after 9am drop off on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and drop off will be to your home address. Please contact the office if you would like to use this amazing service.

## WE TAKE PART IN THE 'HOUR OF CODE' INITIATIVE



The Hour of Code is a worldwide movement that aims to introduce millions of children to computer science through one-hour coding activities. Through Hour of Code, we aim to demystify coding and show that anyone can learn the basics, inspiring future interest in computer science.

This week the whole school has been involved in The Hour of Code. This has been supported by our coding ambassadors from Oak class who have planned lessons for each class and delivered these lessons. They have made PowerPoints, resources and included unplugged activities. There has been amazing feedback from each class, and they have been inspired to continue to be computer scientists.

The hour of code is available all year long online. The activities are categorised in Grades and these are the equivalent to our year groups. Thank you to Oak class for making this an amazing week of coding.



## MAPLE MAGNETISM

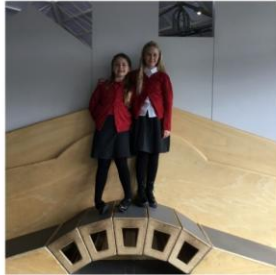
Maple class has been busy learning about the magic of magnetism! We investigated how to make a paperclip hover and tested out the strength of magnets.





## PINE CLASS TRIP TO WINCHESTER PLANETARIUM AND SCIENCE MUSEUM

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the trip alongside Mrs. Cain, Miss. Lewis and Mrs. Eastman. We had a fantastic day the museum exploring all of the exhibits as well as the incredible planetarium show. The children were a real credit to the school and showcased great enthusiasm and knowledge. They were complimented by many of the staff at the centre for this! A great job Pine Class – here are a few quotes from the day:



*"I really loved the downstairs exhibits because they looked so futuristic – I enjoyed finding the school on the Google Earth explorer!" – Noah*

*"I liked all of the scientific inventions that we explored upstairs – everything was so interesting to play around with." – Thomas*

*"I really liked the ocean parts upstairs both the exploration and the information." – Ella P*

*"I really enjoyed lying in the comfortable chairs (Mr. Ind did not fall asleep!) and being shown all of the planets and constellations of the night sky." – Isla*

*"I really enjoyed learning about the electromagnetic spectrum (see the multicoloured light picture). Our workshop leader Grace was very knowledgeable!" – Nyla*

*"I enjoyed the journey through space – my favourite planet to explore was Saturn and its many rings and moons!" – Jacob*

*"I enjoyed the fact it was my birthday and deafening Mr. Ind with our screaming in the noise machine – we're louder than an ambulance!" – Alfie I can attest to that – they were v. loud!!*

*"I really enjoyed the space explorer exhibit downstairs especially the infra-red heat camera – we saw friction in action!" – Gabi*

*"My favourite part was the tennis ball launch – I even managed to hit the ceiling and the ball escaped!" – Elliott*

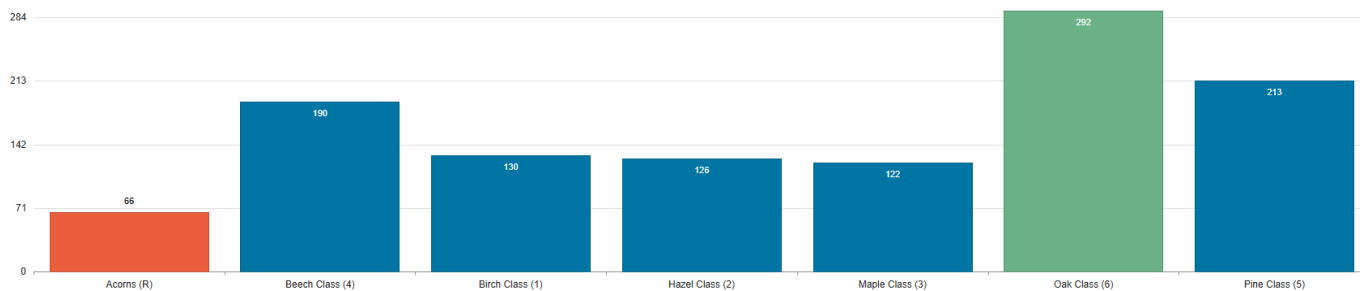
*"I liked all of the exhibits – especially the illusion room (big, little room) and trying on the astronaut suit!" – Taylor*

*"So, upstairs I really like the robotic hands with the camera that responded to your movements!" – Thomas*

We learnt the words – spectroscopy and also found out that a light year is a measure of distance rather than time. Everyone naturally enjoyed the gift shop and lunch also!

### BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Oak Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 292 points. Well done Oak Class

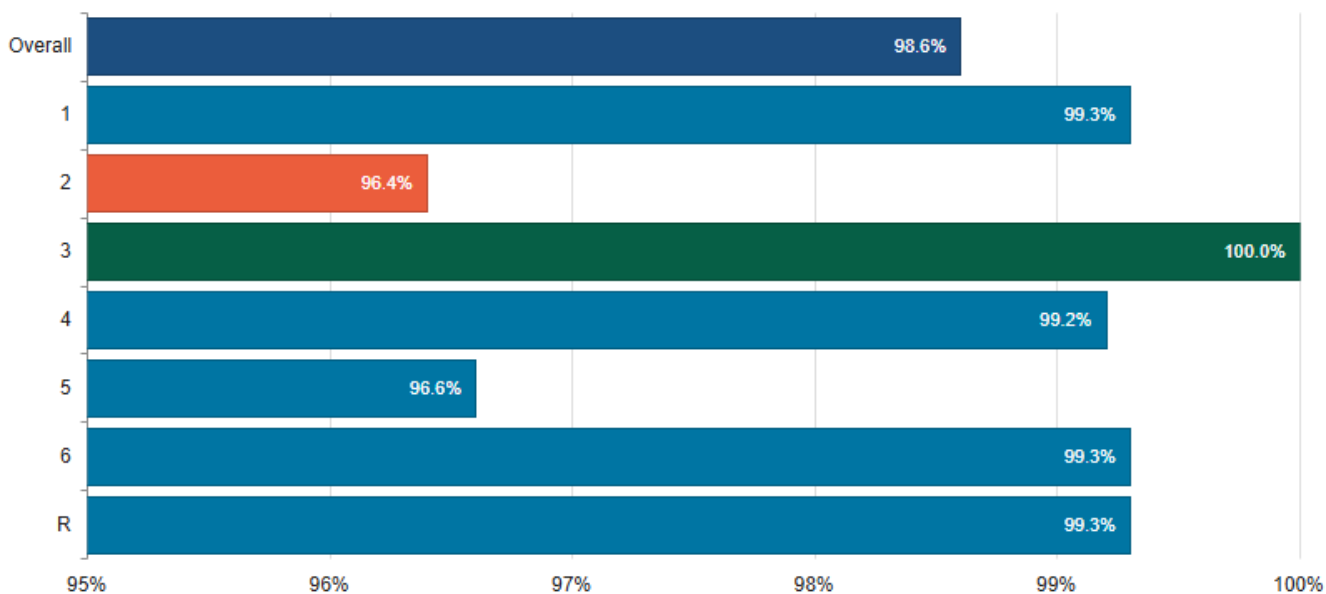


Rother House remain in the lead this week with 6891 points so far this year.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 98.6%, 3.6% above our target of 95! Great job!



### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Maple Class, this week's attendance champions with 100%. Fantastic job Maple Class!

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewoods – Acorns class Dance club	Please come in PE kit group 1 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Netball club Book Fair SATs workshop for parents of Oak class	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4pm 3.30 - 4pm in Oak classroom
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Birch & Oak – PE today Swimming – Beech class Makaton club for KS1 Forest School Rother Valley Festival Dance club Book Fair	Please come in PE kit am lunchtime Maple – group 2 By invitation only  3.30 – 4pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Pine PE today Football tournament @ Rogate Cross Country club Book Fair	Please come in PE kit letter will be sent to those involved 3.30 – 4.15pm 3.30 – 4pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewood – Hazel class Birch class walking to Cowdray Dance club	Please come in PE kit group 2 1pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Aspire Football club Parents evening	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm 5 - 8pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Netball club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Birch & Oak – PE today Swimming – Beech class Makaton club for KS1 Forest School Rother Valley Festival Dance club Parents evening	Please come in PE kit am lunchtime Maple – group 2 By invitation only  4 - 7pm
Friday 21 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Pine PE today Forest School Cross Country club	Please come in PE kit Hazel – group 1 3.30 – 4.15pm



# Figure.23 Dance



Midhurst primary School Dance Clubs

Day	Mondays
Class	Street Dance
Times	3:30-4:30
Years	All
Start Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Finish Date	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Price per child	£8.50
Price for this term (3 weeks)	£25.50
Maximum of Participants	20

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
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**



# 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

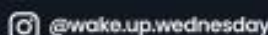
Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to 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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## IT'S ALMOST SPRING!!

Come and join us in Midhurst Parish Church on Sunday 9th March as we explore the season of Spring, new life and the joy of God's creation in a special church service designed for primary school age children.

We will explore our bible story with art and crafts, and share a meal together afterwards.

Arrival from 2.45pm for a 3pm service start.

This is a **free** event but booking is preferred for catering and registration purposes - please book by using the QR code below or via our website: [www.midhurstparishchurch.net](http://www.midhurstparishchurch.net)





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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!**

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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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## COCKING 10K TRAIL RACE

A 10k Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. A technical uphill trail at the start, some glorious views and a flying downhill to the finish!

**10:15AM Sunday 11th May 2025**

**Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT**

Chip timing • Finisher's medal • Prizes for leading runners • Parking  
Refreshments • Enter early, limited to 350 runners

Prize draw! Enter by 30th April for a chance to win a pair of running shoes up to the value of £150.00, by courtesy of the Run Company.



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# 3K AND 5K JUNIOR TRAIL RACE



6-8 YEARS

9-11 YEARS

12-15 YEARS

**9:15AM Sunday 11th May 2025**

**Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT**

A Junior Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. Categories and prizes for 6-8, 9-11 age groups on 3K and 12-15 age group on 5K.

£8 online entry only.

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The menu is set against a pink background with several colorful Easter eggs (yellow, white, brown, purple, and pink) scattered around. At the top, a white silhouette of a rabbit is positioned above the word 'EASTER'. The word 'TREATS' is written in a green, blocky font with a white outline. The date 'Thursday 3rd April 2025' is centered below the title. The menu is divided into three sections: 'MAINS', 'SIDES', and 'DESSERT', each with a red underlined title. The 'DESSERT' section includes a QR code on the left and the text 'Lemon Easter Cupcake' followed by ordering instructions. A note at the bottom states 'Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.'

# EASTER TREATS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

## MAINS

Beef Burger  
Chilli No Carne  
Jacket Potato & Beans

## SIDES

Spring Vegetables  
Seasonal Salad

## DESSERT



Lemon Easter Cupcake

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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