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# FRIDAY FLYER

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Happy Friday Everyone

This week we have hosted the Book Fair, a wonderful opportunity for your children to explore and purchase a wide variety of books, from exciting picture books to engaging novels for all reading levels. It's a fantastic way to foster a love of reading and learning in our young readers. I wanted to take a moment to highlight one of the most important activities you can engage in with your child: reading together.

Reading is an essential skill that forms the foundation for all future learning. It helps your child develop language, improves vocabulary, enhances comprehension, and builds critical thinking skills. But, beyond academics, reading with your child also helps to nurture a love for learning and opens the door to new worlds, ideas, and experiences.

Here are a few reasons why reading together is so important:

**Language Development:** The more words children hear, the more their vocabulary grows. Reading aloud helps children understand how sentences are structured, expands their understanding of language, and supports them in expressing themselves more clearly.

**Bonding Time:** Reading together provides a unique opportunity for connection. Whether you're sharing a bedtime story or reading a book during the day, this shared activity strengthens your relationship and creates cherished memories.

**Improved Concentration and Focus:** Reading requires concentration and patience, which helps children develop focus over time. The more they read, the better they become at maintaining attention for longer periods.

**Fostering Imagination and Creativity:** Books take children on adventures, stimulate their imaginations, and help them think creatively. Reading opens up possibilities and encourages them to think beyond their everyday experiences.

**Building Good Habits:** Consistent reading routines set the foundation for a lifetime of learning. The habits formed early can influence how your child views education and learning in general.

We encourage you to make reading a part of your daily routine. Here are a few simple ways to get started:

- Set aside time each day: Even just 10–15 minutes of reading together can make a significant impact.
- Let your child choose the books: This makes reading more enjoyable and encourages them to explore topics they are curious about.
- Ask questions: After reading, ask your child questions about the story to encourage them to think critically about what they've read.
- Make it fun: Use different voices for characters, act out scenes, or discuss the pictures. The more engaging it is, the more your child will enjoy it.

We understand that life can be busy, but we truly believe that taking the time to read with your child is one of the most valuable investments you can make in their future. Your involvement in their learning journey plays a crucial role in their success.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for being such an important part of your child's learning experience. Together, we can continue to inspire a love of reading and learning in all our children.

With every best wish

Mark

### THE SOLITARY TREE

One of the joys of being a teacher is watching children follow their own interests. Nyla in Pine Class is a poet and has been writing free verse all year. However, this poem she wrote is absolutely stupendous and we had to share it with you. It will soon be at the front of the school on display. Great work Nyla. We're all incredibly proud of this poem!

The Solitary Tree  
by Nyla Berry

In the heart of the meadow, where whispers convene,  
Stands a solitary tree, vibrant and green.  
Her branches stretch wide, like arms open wide,  
Embracing the sky, where the sun loves to bide.  
With roots that dig deep in the earth's warm embrace,  
She anchors her stance, through the winds may efface.  
Her leaves dance with joy and grace in the soft, gentle breeze,  
A symphony song by the rustling trees.  
In spring, she's adorned with blossoms of white,  
A crown of soft petals, a delicate sight,  
As summer arrives, she offers her shade,  
A sanctuary built for dreams that are made.  
Come autumn, she dons her cloak of rich gold,  
As stories of seasons and ages unfold.  
Each leaf that falls whispers secrets of time,  
A tapestry woven, a rhythm, a rhythm.  
When winter descends and the world turns grey,  
Her silhouette stands, steadfast, come what may.  
Oh, the tree knows the cycles, the dance of each year,  
In silence, she listens, she holds every tear.  
Through storms and through sunlight,  
Through laughter and pain,  
She breathes life in stillness, a guardian's reign.  
So, here's to the tree, with her wisdom so deep.  
A witness to stories, both joyful and steep.  
In her presence, we find a sense of our own,  
For like her, we flourish and, in our hearts, grow.

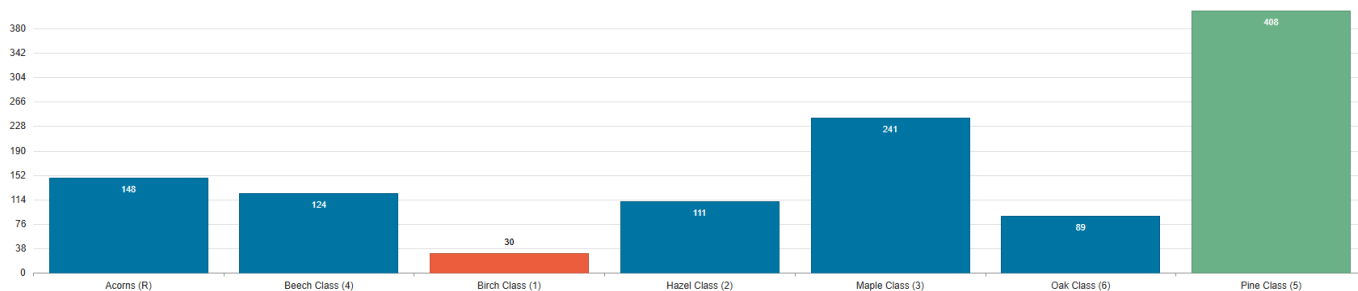


WORLD BOOK DAY PHOTOS

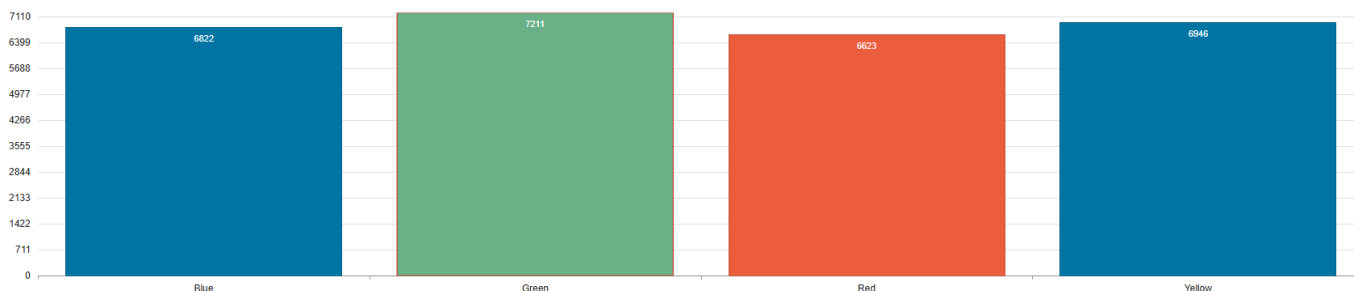


### BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Congratulations to Pine Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 408 points. Well done Pine Class

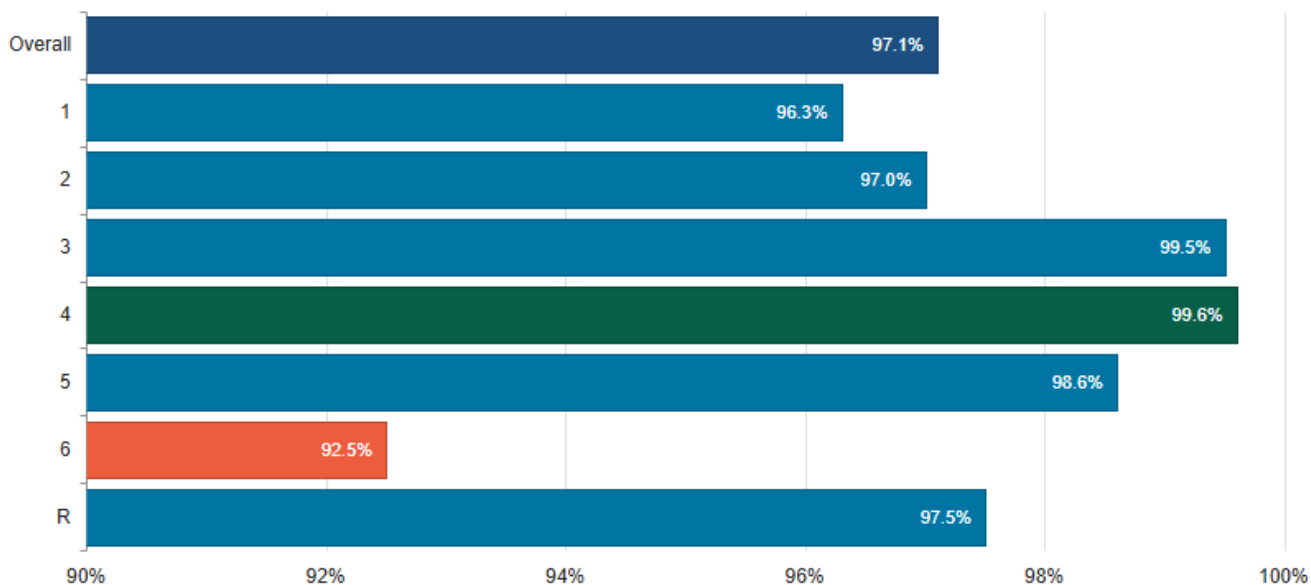


Rother House remain in the lead this week with 7211 points so far this year.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 97.1%, 2.1% above our target of 95! Great job!



### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Beech Class, this week's attendance champions with 99.6%. Fantastic job Beech Class!

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Hazel & Beech - PE today Littlewood – Hazel class Birch class visit to Cowdray Ruins Dance club Book Fair	Please come in PE kit group 2 1pm – by minibus  3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4pm
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
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hazel & Beech - PE today Beech class trip to Butser Littlewoods – Acorns class Dance club	Please come in PE kit see separate letter group 1 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today Forest School – vicars award Aspire Football club	Please come in PE kit By invitation only 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today Netball club	Please come in PE kit 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross country race with Easebourne Birch & Oak – PE today Swimming – Beech class Makaton club for KS1 Forest School Rother Valley Festival Dance club	7.45am  Please come in PE kit am lunchtime Maple – group 2 By invitation only
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Pine PE today MRC Netball Tournament Cross Country club Rother Valley Arts/Dance Festival at MRC	Please come in PE kit Some children involved 3.30 – 4.15pm Children should arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start (see separate letter for more details)



# Junior Cricket 2025 Midhurst Cricket Club

Fun based coaching and team play for boys and girls in age appropriate groups 5-14. All are welcome.

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Training season starts  
Friday 16th May from  
6pm

£55 for the season

Family Welcome Night:  
Friday 2nd May.

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For All Stars and Dynamos, register [here](#).

For 12+ registration please complete the form [here](#).

Booking opens 19th March.

Or contact Michelle for more information:

[midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com)

#### Session times:

All Stars (ages 5-7) 6-7pm

Dynamos (ages 8-11) 6-7pm

12+ preparing for hardball 7-8pm





## 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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# 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.



*Run Company*



**£18/£20 • ENTER ONLINE AT [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)**





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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.

#### SCHOOL TEAM RACE



Mixed teams of six pupils • Primary and Secondary school categories

£48 per team • For details please email Sarah Jenkins sarah330@hotmail.com

**ONLY £8** • ENTER ONLINE AT [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)

The menu is set against a pink background with a white curved section at the bottom. It features several colorful Easter eggs: a yellow one at the top left, a white one below it, a purple one at the bottom left, a brown one at the top right, a dark blue one below it, and a pink one at the bottom right. A white rabbit is positioned above the word 'EASTER'.

# 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



*Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.*