



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 1

12th September 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **OPAL updates**
- **Reminders and Notices**
- **Internet Safety**
- **Upcoming events**

## A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive start to the new term. The children are settling in well and it has been a pleasure to meet our new families and welcome the children to school. Our school value this term is 'Belong' and we started the week by talking about the importance of belonging and how it feels to belong. We have thought about this from many different aspects such as the places we belong, the teams, groups and families we belong to and how it might be if you don't feel like you belong somewhere. The children were very reflective

and many have had the chance to put this into action by showing acts of kindness to the new members of our school community.

This term we have also introduced a Behaviour Curriculum, this will compliment our therapeutic approach with an opportunity to teach children different behaviours and to explain why they are important. We are looking at manners, listening, being ready to learn, kindness and moving around the school. If you would like to find out more about this, please come along to a meeting on Thursday 25th September at 2.45 with myself and Mrs Robins.

On Wednesday we launched our reading challenge. Thank-you to those parents who were able to attend. We really want to spread the love of reading and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying their books and stories. Please make sure that you read with your child on a regular basis. It really does make a big difference to their progress and confidence, not to mention their enjoyment.

The PTA AGM was held on Tuesday. We still have vacancies for a Chairperson and Secretary and we are also looking for anyone who would be interested in running or helping to run an event this term or in the future. If you are interested, please see our PTA Facebook page.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Ladybirds have fun in Forest School







Fun out and about







The launch of our reading challenge





## OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



We have had a good sort out this summer and removed any broken items from OPAL play. We are always on the lookout for items that we can use for OPAL- especially small world play items, pallets, tyres, tarpaulins, dolls and equipment, cars, water toys, old cooking utensils and equipment.

Unfortunately we have had a rather wet start to the term so it is essential that children have footwear that they can wear in muddy conditions. Ideally, every child should have a pair of wellies in school and please send them with a coat as we never know when a sudden downpour may come and we try hard to stay out whatever the weather.

New play rangers will be chosen next week, children may have brought the forms home today if they are interested in this vital school role.



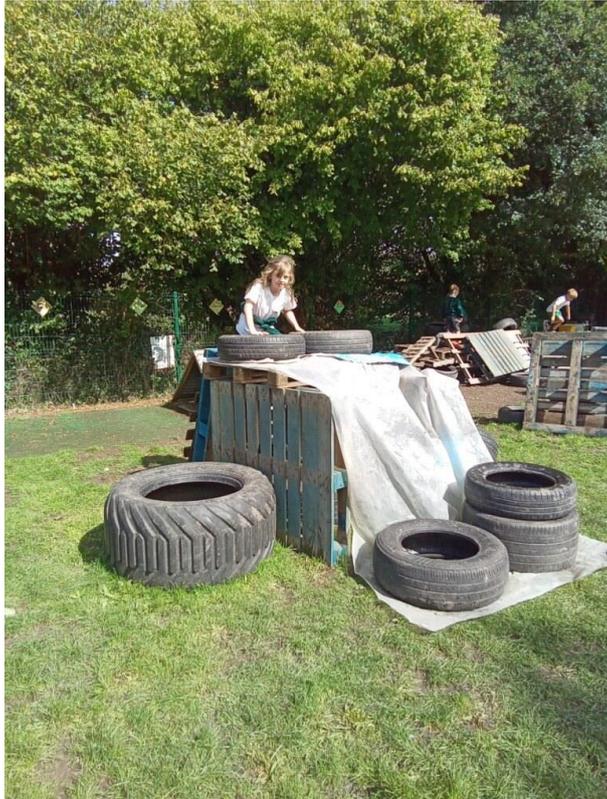
1 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.















## Internet Safety



If you are worried about your child's online safety, the best thing to do is have a conversation with them about it. Find out what they are doing, who they are speaking to and whether they know how to keep themselves safe. Childnet offers some good tips about this. Follow [this link](#).

## Notices and Reminders



### **Food Harvest UK**

We have joined together with Food Harvest UK to be part of Grub Club. Grub Club has been set up to stop food waste. We will receive donations of food that will be free to collect and that would otherwise go to waste. A letter will be coming out shortly and our first Grub Club delivery will be on 24.9.25- come along with a shopping bag and help yourselves. See [the website](#) for more details.

### **Library events**

see below for more details of events happening in our local libraries over the next few months.

### **Outside learning week**

This will be the week beginning 22.9 and teachers will be arranging some additional outside learning activities. Children will need to ensure that they have appropriate clothing to be outside in accordance with the weather.

### **Wish lists**

If you are having a clear-out at home, we are currently in need of the following:

Jenga blocks

clean glass jars with lids

small sponge or bouncy balls (tennis ball sized)

complete chess sets

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

There will be meet the teacher meetings for all classes next week (week beginning Monday 15th September). Please come along to meet your child's teacher and find out what your child will be learning this term.

**Monday** - 2.45- Y1, 3.00- Y2

**Tuesday** 2.45 Y4, 3.00 Y5

**Wednesday** 3.00- Y6

**Thursday** 2.45 YR, 3.00 Y3

If you are unable to attend but would still like to hear about the content of the meeting, please let the office know.

Each class is set homework which we would all children to complete. In every class there is an expectation that children will read at home. In addition, all classes will be set some phonics or spelling homework and in Years 5 and 6 there will also be a maths activity. Homework is linked to class work and reinforces learning. By completing it, children are reviewing work completed in class and this will support the transference of information to their long term memories. We keep this to a minimum as we know that lives are busy and we don't wish to add to family stress. However, completing tasks at home is a way of sharing your child's learning and supporting them.

#### **PTA Pizza and Ponies event**

This will be on 3rd October. A letter with all of the booking information will be sent home on Monday.

#### **Rotary Christmas Shoebox collection**

Chichester Rotary organise an annual collection of items in a shoe box for disadvantaged children in Moldova, Ukraine and other surrounding countries. As our harvest collection this year, we will be supporting this campaign. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Thank-you for your understanding and help in these matters



## **NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH SUSTAINABILITY SWAP SHOP**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 12PM – 2PM  
NORTH MUNDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Got stuff you don't use anymore? Want to refresh your wardrobe, shelves, or desk—without spending a penny?

Come along to the first ever North Mundham Parish swap shop for a fun, free, and eco-friendly way to exchange pre-loved items with others in your community.

### **WHAT CAN I BRING OR SWAP?**

- Clothes (washed and in good condition)
- Books, stationery, or art supplies
- Small electronics or tech accessories
- Kitchenware or home items
- Unused toiletries (sealed only)
- Reusable items (bottles, bags, containers)



### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Bring something – take something: swap good-quality items you no longer need for something new-to-you.
- Reduce waste and save money while supporting re-use.
- Take home any of your items not swapped – we cannot store leftovers after the event



Enjoy tea and cakes while you browse and chat

We are looking for volunteers! We are looking for people to help out on the day - please get in touch with Councillor Anne Preston for more information - [a.preston@northmundham.org](mailto:a.preston@northmundham.org)



# NORTH MUNDHAM SPORTS CLUBS

	Day	Time	Club
PM	Wednesday	3:20 - 4:20	Multi Sports
AM	Thursday	7:45 - 8:35	Gymnastics

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## DATES

W/C 15<sup>th</sup> September -  
W/C 25<sup>th</sup> December

## LOCATION

North Mundham Primary  
The St, Clapham, Worthing BN13 3UU

## PRICE

£5.50

**\*Please note clubs will not run the week of 27<sup>th</sup> October\***

Rotary Chichester Priory. email [Chipriory@gmail.com](mailto:Chipriory@gmail.com). phone 07850 398950



### Rotary Chichester Priory Shoobox Project Christmas 2021!

Our Shoobox project collects and sends shoeboxes filled with gifts by local Chichester school children to disadvantaged children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, and Ukraine (via Poland), ensuring they receive them in time for Christmas. These special packages are prepared using preprinted boxes provided by Rotary, and there are guidelines attached in the form of a leaflet and a video that explain how to assemble and fill the boxes.



The scheme categorises the contents of the boxes based on the gender and age of the child recipient. For those interested in contributing, it's important that we collect shoeboxes from you before the half term break on October 24<sup>th</sup> so we can

take them to the distribution centres for delivery to children before Christmas. Every Shoobox goes to a child who may not otherwise be able to celebrate Christmas.

Many of you have participated in the past and will know how much joy and satisfaction your pupils get out of participating. We have certainly welcomed and appreciated your participation. You will also know how important this programme is in reaching children in need.

**Rotary**  
Chichester Priory



Shoebox 2025

### Shoebox Project 2025 Key Dates.

Kick off email to schools	10 September
School nominations in	By end September
Assign Rotarian School interface	When nominations received
Individual info to schools.	As soon as nomination in
Distribute boxes to schools	from 22 September
School Assembly Talks as required	from 22 September
Support Schools as necessary	
Start collect from Schools.	17 October (except where schools have earlier half term)
Last Shoeboxes collected	24 October
Sort, inspect and Pack into cartons	Week of 27 October
Shoeboxes ship from Chichester	1 November 2025.

We will be happy to work with you to ensure we have all filled Shoeboxes back by 24 October.

Rotary Chichester Priory. email [Chipriory@gmail.com](mailto:Chipriory@gmail.com). phone 07850 398950

## Dates for the diary



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15th September – 18th September- Meet the teacher meetings

17th September – Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient farm

22-26th September- Outside Learning week

22nd September- Year 3 and 4 local walk

23rd September- Y4- Weald and Downland

24th September 1st Grub Club delivery

25th September Behaviur Curriculum meeting for parents 2.45pm

29th September – Harvest assembly

1st October- Open Afternoon for parents of children starting school in Sept 2026

3rd October- Pizza and Ponies PTA event

Friday 10th October INSET Day

14th October- Little City Visit\*

17th October Wear Red Day- (Show Racism the Red Card)

24th October- Year 6 assembly – 9am

24th October- break up for half term

5th November – Bonfire eve- Year 1\*

6th November- Open afternoon for parents of children starting school in Sept 2026

10-14 November- Anti-Bullying Week

10th November- Odd socks day

11th November- Remembrance Day

14th November- Y5 assembly- 9am

18th November- Individual school photos

21st November – Children in Need

28th November- Y5 Bikeability

5th December Year 4 assembly- 9am

8th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas production dress rehearsal

9th December- Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2pm

10th December- Year R Christmas performance dress rehearsal- 9am

10th December Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2pm

11th December YR Christmas performance 9am

18th December – Christmas church service 9.30am 19th December – Singing around the Christmas tree 2.30pm 19th December – Break up.

## Monday 5th January INSET day

Tuesday 6th January back to school for pupils

13th – 23rd February half term

**23rd February INSET day**

**22nd May INSET day**

**Summer Term 2**

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

**West Sussex Term Dates 25-26**

Autumn 1 Wed 3rd September (INSET)- 24th October

Autumn 2 3rd November- 19th December

Spring 1 5th January- 13th February

## Contact Us



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