



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 3

10th October 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

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- **Reminders and Notices**
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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week here at North Mundham!

As part of Chichester Bookfest, we had 3 author visits this week. All the children from Y1 to Y6 have been given a book as part of the festival and were able to meet the authors to find out about what inspired them, how they go about writing and illustrating and what they enjoy about being an author. They were then able to get their books signed. We are

incredibly grateful to the organisers of this fantastic event and to all of the people who give their time voluntarily to help make it run so smoothly and so successfully.

On Monday we had visitors from Chichester Rotary Club who came to talk to the children about the shoebox appeal. I know that many of the children have been inspired to fill a shoe box and we have had to have extras delivered as the demand was so high. Many thanks in advance to all of you who are doing this- it's a truly worthy cause and I know that your time, effort and generosity will be hugely appreciated. Boxes need to be back to school by Monday 20th October. If you need further information [this video](#) explains all about the appeal.

On Wednesday, we had our second Grub Club which was another very well attended event. We filled 4 tables with items which were soon collected. 22nd October is the next one so don't forget!

Thanks very much to Hannah and Nikki from our PTA who organised the Pizza and Ponies event last Friday. They went to a lot of trouble to make it a fun event. Thanks to those parents who came, sponsored a horse or a race.

In Ladybird class we have a student teacher, Miss Gatrell who will be with us for the next few months and who the children will get to know well.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Chichester Bookfest author visits















YR and Y6 Buddies make pizzas together





Year 4 Fruit kebabs





Ladybirds go on a letter hunt







Attendance Matters



Whole school Attendance/: 96.15%

Ladybird Class: 97.64%

Bumblebee Class: 97.52%

Caterpillar Class: 93.3%

Butterfly Class: 98.53%

Scarab Beetle Class: 95.79%

Praying Mantis Class: 96.76%

DragonFly Class: 93.56%

Congratulations to Butterfly Class- excellent attendance so far this half term!

We aim for 97% attendance.

If a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are considered persistently absent. If this level of attendance continues then this can have a serious impact on a child's future education and life chances.



Internet Safety



Today I attended the West Sussex seminar on online harm.

Here are some points of advice for parents on how to keep your child (and you) safe:

1. Make sure you have parental controls on your children's devices. [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)
2. Be aware of your digital footprint. The more you post online, the easier it is to find out about your children, where you live and the more vulnerable you are.
3. Talk to your child about what they do and who they follow online- check it out and make sure you are happy with it.
4. Make sure that gaming devices are not in private areas (bedrooms). Keep them in common living areas.

Notices and Reminders



Bags 2 school

Our first bags 2 School event for this year will be on 13th November. take the opportunity of half term to clear out any unwanted clothing or shoes. bags can be collected from the school office.

Opal Grounds Day

We are planning an OPAL grounds day on 8th November from 10.30- 12.30. If you are able to spare some time, we would be very grateful. We will be making our grounds ready for winter and sorting through some of our OPAL equipment. If you are able to help in any way, please let Mrs Ford or the office know.

Show Racism the Red Card

As part of Black History month we would like to show our support for the charity Show Racism the Red Card. Please could children come dressed in red on Friday 17th October and bring a small donation towards this worthy cause. For more details, click here [Home - Show Racism the Red Card](#).

Little City

Reminder that there will be a visit from Little City on Tuesday next week. All children in YR, Y1 and 2 will have the opportunity to explore all the different shops, restaurants and businesses and role play in all these different contexts.

Flu Vaccine

Please remember to complete the Flu Vaccine form as soon as possible.

Creepy Cakes and Bonfire Bakes

Our first house competition bake sale will be on 24th October after school. Falcon House are asked to provide cakes and bakes on the theme for this day. Please bring cakes into school in the morning and the sale will be on the playground at the end of the day. (In the hall if the weather is bad)

Payment for school activities

We are very conscious of the cost of living for all our families and we try very hard to keep costs of visits and trips low. We are very grateful to all the families who pay on time for trips and events. Please make sure that you pay or at least make a contribution. Do come and talk to us if you aren't able to make payments so that we can help set up a payment plan. Unfortunately, school do not have the resources to subsidise these events and if we don't receive enough money for activities, we will not be able to plan as many.

Choir events

The choir have been asked to sing at the Hunston Christmas market on 23rd November at 2pm. they have also been asked to sing at the switch on of the lights at the local Dandara Hawthorn Grove site from 4.30 on 3rd December. Look out for more details about this.

Thank-you for your understanding and help in these matters

Try a FREE Perform class

Perform drama, dance and singing classes are designed to help your child shine.

We have classes for 4-7s and 7-12s at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, CHICHESTER. Join us every Monday!



HOW TO BOOK

Visit perform.org.uk/try or call 020 7255 9120 to book a FREE class. Quote code 241125 by end of Nov. for a £50 introductory discount.



Halloween Pumpkin

WE'RE INVITING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS TO TAKE PART IN OUR PUMPKIN PICTURE COMPETITION!

Draw, paint, or colour your best pumpkin artwork for a chance to win 4 free entry tickets to Somerley Fields during Half Term Week!



COMPETITION!

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Hand me into your teacher for judging by
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

SOMERLEY FIELDS PUMPKIN PICTURE COMPETITION!

**ONE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN AND WINNING PICTURES WILL PROUDLY
DISPLAYED IN OUR BIG TENT.**

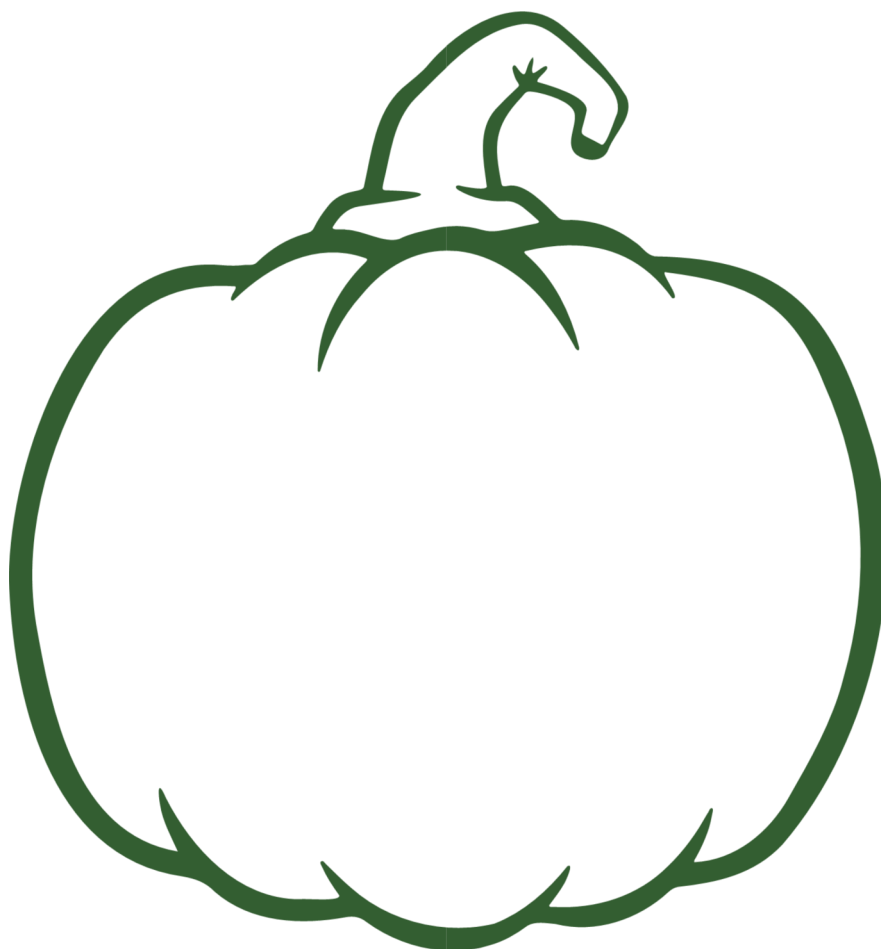
**Ask your grown-ups to help you hand in your finished picture to your
teacher by Friday 17th of October. Your headteacher will pick the winner!**

Just outside Chichester, Somerley Fields is West Sussex's newest autumn day out!

**Explore our Pumpkin Fields, brave the Field of Frights, get lost in the Maize Maze, and enjoy food trucks,
pumpkin crafting, and plenty of photo spots for the whole family.**

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DESIGN YOUR HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN!



Murder in the Assembly Room

Join us for an interactive murder mystery
experience where you become part of the story.
Work alongside fellow detectives to unravel
clues, uncover secrets, and solve the crime...

The Assembly Room, North Street,
Chichester, PO19 1LQ
Saturday 1st November 2025

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Welcome drinks from 6:30 PM
£40.00 including a 3 course set meal



Chichester
City Council

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TO SIX, PRIZE FOR
WINNERS!

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place



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GLAMOUR

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to any young person aged between 11 and 25 years old in Chichester and Arun Districts.
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www.yps-south.org.uk Charity Registration Number: 1148771



NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH SUSTAINABILITY SWAP SHOP

SATURDAY 11TH 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



Bring a decoration for the tree

Sing Carols

Bring a light for the walk

Carols at the Church

Sunday 14th December, at 6pm

St. Leodegar's Church, Hunston

WALK OVER TO THE HUNSTON CLUB FROM 7PM FOR SOME REFRESHMENTS & FESTIVE CHEER!

DONATIONS FOR THE CHICHESTER FOOD BANK WELCOME





A festive poster for a Christmas Quiz Night. At the top, a Santa hat is on the left, and a 'Fish & Chips' logo with a yellow banner saying 'Food Included' is on the right. The main title 'Christmas QUIZ NIGHT' is in a red oval with lights. Below it, a red banner says 'SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER'. The event details include 'Doors Open: 6.30pm', 'Quiz Starts Promptly at 7pm', and the location 'Hunston Village Hall'. Ticket information states 'TICKETS £12 PER PERSON Including fish & chips / burger', 'Teams of 6 MAX', and 'Must PRE-BOOK.'. It also mentions 'Booking slips available at Hunston Village Stores & Hunston Club'. A yellow banner at the bottom says 'DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER' and 'BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES!'. There is an '18+' age restriction icon and a Hunston Village Stores logo.

Christmas QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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Hunston Village Hall

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SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES!



A poster for the Hunston Christmas Market. At the top, a calendar icon shows '23 NOVEMBER' surrounded by Christmas ornaments. The main title 'HUNSTON Christmas MARKET' is in large white and gold letters. Below it, a brown banner reads 'NORTH MUNDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR'. The bottom section features a blue background with musical notes, a sun icon, and a group of seven children in winter clothes singing from green books. Text at the bottom says 'HUNSTON VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY CLUB' and 'Performing at 2pm'. A Hunston Village Stores logo is on the bottom left.

23 NOVEMBER

HUNSTON Christmas MARKET

NORTH MUNDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

HUNSTON VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY CLUB
Performing at **2pm**



Dates for the diary



Dates

14th October- Little City Visit*

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

22nd October Grub Club

23rd November Year 6 trip to London

24th October- Year 6 assembly – 9am

24th October- Creepy cakes and Bonfire Bakes

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

8th November Grounds day 10.30-12.30

10-14 November- Anti-Bullying Week

10th November- Odd socks day

11th November- Remembrance Day

11th November YR, 1 and 2- Cinema visit

12th November Grub Club

13th November- Bags2school

14th November- Y5 assembly- 9am

18th November- Individual school photos

21st November – Children in Need

26th November- Year 5 and 6 cinema trip

26th November – Grub Club

28th November- Y5 Bikeability

28th November- own clothes day in exchange for donation for the Christmas fair

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

10th December- Grub Club

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

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

Spring 2- 23rd Feb (INSET)- 27th March

Summer 1- 13th April- 22nd May (INSET)

Summer 2-1st June- 22nd July

*More details to follow

More dates will be added- this is not a definitive list.

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