



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 5

14th November 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had since half term! Last week the Year 6 children completed their Bikeability course and we are very pleased that they all passed and are now officially road ready. We are lucky to be supported by West Sussex for this vital safety course.

It means that we can plan our annual class bike ride later in the year and that the children will be safer when on their bikes.

Bumblebee Class were lucky with their 5th November bonfire Fuzzies adventure. Mr Orchard and Miss Guppy organised a really lovely event with the children taking part in a dusk torchlight walk, marshmallows round the bonfire and the thrill of lighting a sparkler in the forest. It was a really special time and the children were brilliantly behaved.

This week we started the week with our Remembrance assembly. Rev May joined us to help us to remember why we wear a poppy each year and to tell us about what happens in churches around the country on Remembrance Sunday. We finished with a minute silence that was very well respected by all the children. Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the poppy campaign- we raised £229.98 for this very worthy cause.

On Tuesday we took 5 classes to the cinema to The Smurfs' movie. It was quite a logistical feat and we are very grateful to parents for organising the children to be dropped off there. The children really enjoyed the experience and were very well behaved. Year 3 and 4 walked back along the canal and all did so with enthusiasm impressive energy!

This week is also Anti-Bullying week. We started the theme with odd-socks day and have revisited the theme throughout the week. On Thursday, we considered the focus for this year- using your power for good. The children reflected with excellent insight into how they could do this.

Thank-you to everyone who brought in clothes for Bags2School- we raised £176.10- which is fantastic!

This morning we started the day with Year 5's fantastic assembly. They spoke so well and impressed us all with their writing, poem, singing, maths and art. They spoke with confidence and articulation. We were all very impressed.

Today was also Children in Need with the children dressing in Pudsey gear and/or spots. Many thanks again for your donations. we raised £160.56!

Thank-you all for your support for all of our additional events and occasions- we couldn't do it without you!

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Year 1 Bonfire event







The Smurfs movie trip









Year 5 assembly





Year 5 and 6 football team





Fire work Art- Art Club











Online Safety



In Anti-Bullying Week it is very important for us all to be aware of the dangers of online bullying. The Anti-bullying alliance has this advice:

[What is online bullying?](#)

OPAL Updates



We had a successful OPAL open day on Friday- thank-you very much to everyone who came along and saw the children playing. It was lovely to see parents playing alongside the children- look out for the next date if you weren't able to come this time.

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who came along and helped on Saturday morning when we were very blessed with beautiful weather so that we could have a good sort out and clear of our grounds. Our team worked incredibly hard making things, clearing areas, tidying cupboards, throwing out items and moving bark about. well done everyone!







Notices and Reminders



Absence Messages

If you call into school with a message that your child is absent, please leave as much detail as possible rather than simply saying that your child is unwell. We are required to record more details than this so may have to contact you for additional information.

Parents' Evenings

Bookings close for these on Monday at 1pm (Year 4 see separate email). Please enter for these meetings through the main school entrance.

Parent Governor

The deadline for applications for the Parent Governor role is 20th November.

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip

All pupils will need to be dropped at the cinema at 9.30am on Wednesday 26th November. They will need to bring a packed lunch and their water bottle. They need to wear school uniform with trainers or comfortable shoes and they will need a coat for the walk back.

School photos

Individual photos are on Tuesday 18th November. All children should be in smart school uniform (PE kit should be brought in on this occasion). Pre-schoolers may come with a parent at 8.30 to be photographed with a sibling.

PTA Reminders


Don't forget Christmas card orders, raffle tickets and Santa bookings (see email sent in the week for more details).

Parent carer Forum coffee morning

See below for details of coffee morning on Tuesday 25th November at 8.50.

Litter Pick- Parish Council

A friendly reminder that weather permitting, you can participate in the following this Saturday:

 **Litter Picking- Saturday 15th November 10.30am to 11.45am** Meeting point: Outside the Village Hall All equipment provided. Families and residents of all ages are very welcome

Note: There is also a Christmas Craft Fair happening in the Village Hall 10.30 - 3pm so you could go to this afterwards!

Please also feel free to join our WhatsApp group for updates (like cancellation due to weather): https://chat.whatsapp.com/LgNYAQpCf4J6E5sLZ314BP?mode=r_c (please note your phone number will be visible to others)

Thank-you for your understanding and co-operation in these matters

The poster is for a 'Coffee Morning' event. It features a purple background with an orange header and footer. The header contains the event title and location. The main body of text describes the event's purpose, which is to discuss the PINS project and provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and talk. A photograph of a woman and a young girl looking at a tablet is positioned in the center. There are two callout boxes: one for contact information and another clarifying that a diagnosis is not required to attend. The footer states the date and time of the event.

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum
Coffee Morning
at North Mundham Primary School

Join us for a coffee morning at North Mundham Primary School, there will be a presentation about the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Project - what it is, and how it could involve you and your child. Even though this is a project about Neurodiversity, West Sussex Parent Carer Forum work with all parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other Parent Carers in similar situations, as well as a chance to chat with a member of the team from West Sussex Parent Carer Forum.

For more information please email
office@wspcf.org.uk

Please note:
your child does not need to have a diagnosis to join us!

Tuesday 25th November - 8:50 - 9:50am





Dates for the diary



Dates

18th November- Individual school photos

21st November – Children in Need

23rd November- Choir sing at Hunston Christmas market

24th November - Year R puppet workshop

25th November- Parent Carer Forum coffee morning 8.50-9.50

26th November- Year 5 and 6 cinema trip

26th November – Grub Club

27th November- Year R Drawing Club parent Workshop 2.45

28th November- Y5 Bikeability

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

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 and Kestrels Cake sale

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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