



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 6

28th November 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies to the parents who have not been receiving emails and messages from the school. we have had an issue with our management information system, which we hope is now fixed. Past copies of the newsletter and bulletins are on the school website for your reference.

Thank-you to our school choir and the parents and staff who supported them, while they sang at the Hunston Christmas market. Mrs Robins and Mrs Massey were very proud of them and it was lovely to be part of the community event.

This week on Monday, Ladybird Class had a puppet making workshop, which was a lovely event which resulted in them making their own puppet frogs, which were fantastic. They have spent the week making different types of puppets and creating stories to go with them- great fun! They even wrote some instructions about how to make a puppet using their phonics and writing skills.

Year 5 and 6 had a great trip to Chichester cinema yesterday to watch their free film as part of the Into Film festival. They really enjoyed the film and the experience of going to the cinema with all of their friends.

Today was Year 5's turn to take the first level of their Bikeability. This is excellent preparation for their Year 6 course and prepares them for when they will be ready to use the road.

We have had two team entries to local tournaments this week. On Tuesday our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team went to the area tournament. They played well considering they haven't had much time to train together and should be proud of their teamwork.

Yesterday, local firm Newey came along to plant a tree in our grounds as part of National Tree week. A group of children watched the planting and a few even took part. It was a great opportunity to find out more about why planting trees is so important and how valuable they are for our environment. It is a flowering cherry tree so we look forward to the Spring when we will see the beautiful blossom.

Today our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in an indoor cricket tournament- well done to everyone who took part.

Some of the school council came with me today to decorate our North Mundham Primary School Christmas tree entry in the St Stephen's Christmas Tree festival. Year 5 helped by making some beautifully decorated North Mundham inspired stars. If you have any spare time this weekend do pop down to the church to have a look at all of the beautifully decorated trees.

Thank-you to all of the parents who attended the Parent coffee morning on Tuesday, we hope you found it useful. We hope to host other events soon. Thanks also to all the parents who came to Ladybird Class yesterday to find out about Drawing Club and join in with a session with the children. Hopefully it will help you to help your child as they develop their creativity and love for drawing and writing.

A huge thank-you to everyone for your donations for our Christmas Fair, it is shaping up to be a really lovely event next Friday after school.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Ladybird Class puppet making





Year 5 and 6 go to the cinema





Tree planting







Year 5 and 6 cricket team

St Stephen's Christmas tree festival







Choir sing at Hunston Christmas MArket



Online Safety



Newsround on Thursday had some excellent advice about avoiding scams on the game Roblox that we know some of our children play. Do take a look and ensure that your child is aware of the dangers.

[Watch Newsround - BBC Newsround](#)

OPAL Updates



We have been enjoying OPAL despite the cold and inclement weather. Please remember to send your child with a coat every day so that they can be warm and dry outside.

Notices and Reminders



Thought- Full survey

We have a new Thought-Full practitioner working with us on supporting our pupils' mental health and well being. She has asked if parents could complete this short survey which will help her to target the support for our school.

<https://forms.gle/GGjAK9eFkepvhker7> link to survey or QR code below.

Indoor Athletics

We are taking a team of Year 5 and 6 athletes to Bishop Luffa next Tuesday to take part in this fantastic event. Children and parents have been informed if they are included in this.

Choir events

The choir are singing at the Hawthorn Grove new housing site next Wednesday at 4.30 for the light switch on and also at the Chichester Creative Winter Markey on Sunday 14th December - at the Duke and Rye in West St. See poster below.

The Christmas Fair (5th December)

We all getting excited about this event. thank-you so much to Gina Smith and Miss Grounds who are working hard with all their helpers to make this such a successful event.

You can still book Santa tickets (closes next Wednesday 3rd December).

Pre-order BBQ food (especially for special diets)

Order some change for the day.

All through [the PTA shop-](#)

Please also help by selling or buying the raffle tickets that were sent home- there are loads of great prizes.

Money raised is going towards a new adventure playground, coaches for school trips and lots of other additional experiences throughout the year.

Other PTA news/events

If you are doing lots of Christmas shopping online, please make sure that you have downloaded the easy fundraising App on your phone or tablet. This is such an effortless way of raising money for the school.

Kestrel House bake sale- this is taking place on the last day of term to coincide with our end of term Christmas singing event. More details to follow.

Christmas jumpers- old jumpers can be donated to our school uniform shop through the above link. They will be swapped for a code that you can use in the uniform shop. Another easy way to raise some money and ensure that we are doing our bit to reuse and recycle.

Christmas performances

Monday 8th December 2pm

Dress Rehearsal for Year 1 and 2- parents who wish to bring any preschool children (including small babies) must attend this performance. **Please note for the sake of the performing children, younger siblings will NOT be permitted to attend the other performances.** Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 9th December 2pm

Performance 1 of The Twinkly Nativity please use [this link](#) to request seats (up to 2 per child).

Wednesday 10th December 2pm

Performance 2 of Twinkly Nativity please use [this link](#) to request seats (up to 2 per child).

Wednesday 10th December 10am

Dress rehearsal of Ladybird's Christmas performance. Parents who wish to bring any preschool children (including small babies) must attend this performance. **Please note for the sake of the performing children, younger siblings will NOT be permitted to attend the other performance.** Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Thursday 11th December 9.30am

Ladybird's Christmas performance. request your seats (4 per child) via [this link](#).

If you have any queries or difficulties using the form, please contact Mrs Holden in the school office.

School photos

Deadline for ordering is Monday 1st December.

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





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The Nightmare
Before Christmas



Kensuke's Kingdom



The Jungle Book



And children's workshops on
Sound Effects, Production
Design and Stop Motion for
£5.00
Visit website for details

DEC 20

Wallace & Gromit

A Grand Day Out, A Close Shave
The Wrong Trousers



DEC 21

E.T.



DEC 22

Wicked: For Good



CHICHESTERCINEMA.ORG
NEW PARK ROAD PO19 7XY

Christmas Storytime Chichester 2025

arena.westsussex.gov.uk



Christmas Storytime



Join us for some festive favourite stories and songs at our cosy Christmas Storytime!



**Wednesday 24th December
11.00-11.45am**

All welcome

Booking essential—please speak to staff to reserve your place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



Chichester Library

Tower Street, PO19 7TP

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chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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Festive bites on a Budget 1



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**FESTIVE BITES
ON A BUDGET**

**THURSDAY
11 DECEMBER**

**FREE
ENTRY**

4PM - 6PM

St. John's Church, Southbourne, PO10 8LB

**Make tasty no-cook festive snacks together as a family
Share your creations while you listen to seasonal music
Enjoy Christmas stories and hot chocolate.**



**Spaces limited. Booking essential:
keely@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk 07300 802377**



Dates for the diary



Dates

1st December Advent Assembly

2nd December- Athletics at Bishop Luffa

5th December- Christmas Fair

5th December- Year 5 to Chichester High School performance of Matilda- info to follow on Monday.

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

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

9th December - Santa Run (team from Yr R, 1 and 2) - more details to follow for chosen children

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

10th December Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2pm

10th December- Grub Club

11th December YR Christmas performance 9.30am

15th November- IRock assembly 9am- parents and carers of IRock pupils are welcome to attend

17th December- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers day

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

20th January- choir to sing at O2for Young Voices

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.

Contact Us



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