



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 7

12th December 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
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## A Message from Mrs Gordon



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in the run up to the end of term. With the start of Christmas activities and a number of sporting events it certainly has been varied for the children.

Firstly, our sporting achievements:

On Friday 28th November our cricket team were in a tournament with several other local schools. In a nail biting finish to the tournament, the team won and were incredibly excited when they returned to school. Mr Tran was very proud of them!

On Tuesday 2nd December our athletics team went to the area indoor athletics tournament at Bishop Luffa school. At a very busy tournament, the children made us very proud and they all took part with enthusiasm and just the right level of competitiveness. They all had to compete in a running event and at least one indoor 'field' event. We had some amazing individual results and came 4th overall so we were incredibly proud of them. They also had a fantastic attitude and team spirit. Well done everyone!

Then on Thursday we took a team of year 5 and 6 children to a football tournament where 15 teams were competing. The boys, who don't always play together, formed an excellent bond and played very consistently, winning the first 7 matches. Then they came across some slightly tougher competition and lost a couple of matches but maintained their team spirit.

Coming 4th in the tournament overall, they were also very impressive as a team, always helping and supporting each other.

A small group of year 1 and 2 children also came to the high school for a Santa Run event. They had great fun racing and running as fast as they could with some Santas and other Christmas characters.

As well as sporting events, there have also been lots of other things going on-

Last Monday Rev May came to talk to the children about Advent and brought along some other members of the church community who had lovingly knitted angels for the children to take home. Every single member of our school community was given an angel to love and cherish- what a wonderful keepsake to have. A huge thank-you to everyone who made the angels.

Last Friday was our school Christmas Fair, it was a wonderful event and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped run stalls, decorate, set up, organised and run the event. A special thank-you to Gina and Miss Grounds who planned everything so painstakingly which made it run so smoothly. Thanks also to Nikki and Hannah for counting all the money and helping with the running of the fair. It had a really lovely community feel with so many people attending. Unfortunately the weather turned which meant we had to have more things inside, creating a bit of a squash at times! We made an astonishing £2200 which is fantastic with the year 6 children making £325 on their stalls alone. We are overwhelmed with your generosity and look forward to sharing with you what we intend to spend the money on.

The choir have also had a busy time, following on from their Christmas singing at Hunston Christmas market, they sang and switched on the lights at the new Hawthorn Grove housing estate. Dandara, the contractors, invited us along to help build the community links and they have very kindly donated £750 to our choir and their trip to the O2 in January.

Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to the Chichester High School production of Matilda that was on last week. They really enjoyed themselves and were very impressed with the performance.

We had our own stage stars this week and were very proud of all of our Ladybird, Bumblebee and Caterpillar performers. The Twinkly Nativity was such a treat with amazing singing, confident speaking and some very funny moments. Above all it gave us a very special Christmas feeling. A huge thank-you and well done to all the children and adults involved.

### **Mundham Inspiration Talks (MIT)**

This week has seen the start of our Mundham Inspiration Talks. We wanted to give pupils the opportunity to develop their oracy and public speaking skills by talking in front of the rest of the school about something they are passionate about. They are supported to plan

and practice their talks, which they can do on their own or with someone else. We have had the first 4 talks this week and have been very impressed with the confidence of the pupils involved and are looking forward to more in the future.

### **A fond farewell**

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Reverend May next Thursday at our church service. She is heading off to a new exciting job opportunity on Hayling Island. Of course we wish her lots of luck but will be very sad to see her go. We are very grateful for all she has done in our parish and also for our school. In her role as school governor, she has been very supportive of the school.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Choir singing at Hawthorn Grove







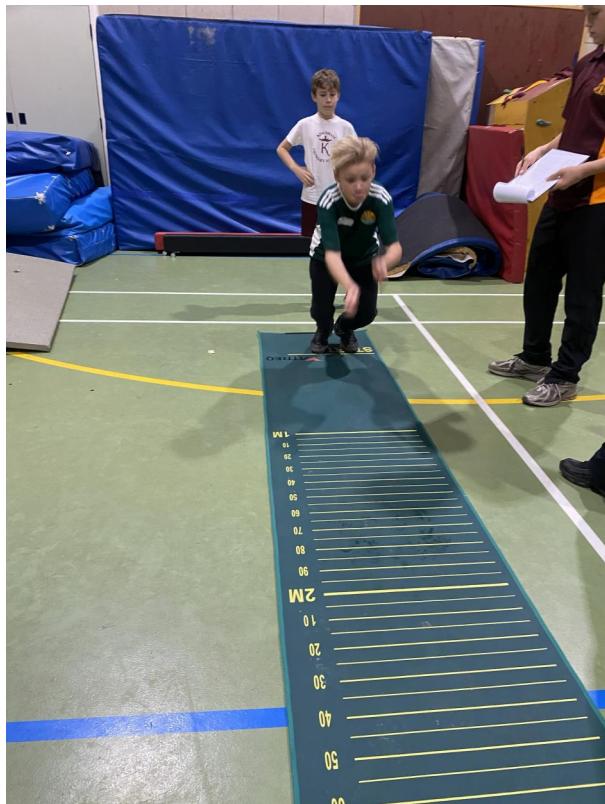
Football tournament





Athletics tournament















Year 5 and 6 cricket team





Christmas Fair









Twinkly Nativity







Christmas angels









Mundham Inspiration Talk







## Online Safety



The UK Safer Internet Centre has some excellent advice for parents and carers which could be useful over the Christmas break if your children are accessing more online activities and devices.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/campaigns/parents-and-carers)

## 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.

### **Choir events**

The choir are singing at the Chichester Creative Winter Market on Sunday 14th December - at the Duke and Rye in West St. See poster below. Please be there just before **12 for a 12.00 start.**

### **Christmas Post Box**

Our Christmas postbox is now in place outside Ladybird class. Children can come and post their Christmas cards which will be delivered by a different class each day. Please ensure that your child writes the name and class of the recipient of the cards clearly so they can be delivered correctly.

### **Reminders for next week:**

#### **Monday 15th December**

1Rock pupils will be showcasing their hard work this term. Parents of these pupils are welcome to come and watch at 9am.

If your child doesn't usually bring a bag in to school, please could they bring one on Monday so that we can send home all of their belongings that are in school.

#### **Wednesday 17th December**

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper and or festive accessories with their own clothes (Year 4 and 6 still have Forest School so please make sure clothing is suitable for this). The PTA have kindly provided crackers and chocolates for each child (vegan and dairy free diets catered for). If your child is having a packed lunch, please feel free to make this a bit special and festive!

### **Church Service Thursday 18th December**

Please can all pupils arrive in school promptly as we will be leaving for St Stephens church at 9am. Children must be in full school uniform (there will be no PE on that day) and will need a coat with them. If any parents who have a DBS check are available to walk with us, please let your child's teacher or the office know. Parents are welcome to attend and sit in the balcony area or at the back of the church. (Please note that this gets very crowded so you may want to get there early). The service will start at approximately 9.30 and last about 40 mins.

### **Friday 20th December**

On the last day of term children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 can choose to bring in a board game to play with classmates. Please do not bring in anything electronic, precious or with small parts that could get lost.

Mr Soothill's Guitar lessons in the afternoon as normal.

If the weather is not wet we hope to have a Christmas singsong on the playground. Parents and carers are welcome to attend from 2.30. Arrive at school for a 2:30pm start, all parents and carers welcome to join us.

This will be followed by our Kestrel house Bake Sale on playground from 3:15pm. Please could Kestrels provide some festive bakes for this event. In order to comply with regulations and support our pupils who have allergies, any home baked goodies should be labelled with a full list of ingredients.

### **Yoga**

We have a new Yoga and Mindfulness Club starting in January on a Thursday morning (from 15th January). Please see the flyer below for more details or ask in the school office (please note that this is an externally run club).

### **Sports' Shirts**

Following all of our sporting events and activities, we still have a number of our North Mundham sports' kit t-shirts missing. These are either bright green with North Mundham on the back or a dark green with the school logo on and name on the back. Please return these as soon as possible as we will need them in January for more sporting events.

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



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# 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**

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**info@chichesterforestschools.com 01243 680270**

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.**



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Visit the museum between Saturday 27 December 2025 and Saturday 31 January 2026, show this voucher and receive 50% off a family ticket.

[thedaystory.com](http://thedaystory.com)

Walk up tickets only, not valid on 27 January 2026. Not to be used with any other offers or discounts.

## Dates for the diary



### Dates

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.

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