



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 8

19th December 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

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

### A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun week we have had enjoying the last few days before our Christmas holidays.

We started the week with our iRock assembly, which was certainly a rousing way to begin the week! As always, it was wonderful to see the children performing the music they had been practising and showing off their talents. There are spaces in iRock on a Monday morning for anyone else who would like to join.

On Wednesday we had a lovely day all dressed in our Christmas jumpers and outfits for Christmas lunch and parties. We were very impressed with the Christmas themed packed lunches and a big thank-you to the PTA who provided treats and crackers for the children.

Yesterday, we were very lucky to have been able to dodge the awful rain showers and get to the church and back. As always, it was very special to have the whole school as well as lots of parents and carers squeezed into St Stephens. It was especially poignant as it was Reverend May's last service with us before she goes onto her new post in January. We wish her lots of luck in the future and thank her again for all she has done for us.

The choir have had more Christmas assignments this week; singing at a craft fair on Sunday in Chichester and yesterday at the village hall for the annual community Christmas lunch. They have brought much joy to all and are now looking forward to the trip to the O2 in January.

Thanks so much to everyone who came to our lovely end of term singing event this afternoon. This afternoon's singing and cake sale brought a long and busy term to a joyful conclusion.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

iRock concert









Baking for the Kestrels' Bake Sale











Christmas Choir events









Our Christmas service at St Stephens









Christmas lunch fun















Christmas deliveries







## 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](#)

## Notices and Reminders



## Attendance

We have finished the term with 95.3% attendance overall which is a little lower than we would like. We expect all pupils to have above 96% attendance. You will have received an email today with your child's attendance for the term. Unless your child is unwell with a fever, sickness or other contagious illness, please ensure that they attend school. Regular attendance is vital for a child's positive life chances both socially and academically. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the school office to make an appointment to see Mrs Gordon.

### **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).

### **Young Voices**

If you have requested tickets for the Young Voices concert at the O2, you should have received an email (to the school priority 1 email address) from AXS tickets. You will need to accept them and transfer to the O2 ticket App. In some cases tickets have gone directly to the O2 App. If you haven't received this, please let us know asap.

### **Year 5 Trip to Winchester**

Year 5 will be going to the Science museum in Winchester on Wednesday 14th January. The approximate cost will be £12 and a letter will follow at the beginning of term.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will be for Years 1 and 3 in January. Please ensure that children are in suitable trousers, footwear with their school jumper and top. They will need a sturdy waterproof or all in one suit and possibly gloves and hat depending on the weather.

### **PE days**

These will be as follows in January:

R Ladybird Class- Monday and Tuesday

1 Bumblebee Class- Monday and Thursday

2 Caterpillar Class- Monday and Tuesday

3 Butterfly Class- Monday only

4 Scarab Beetle Class- Monday and Wednesday

5 Praying Mantis Class- Monday (swimming, see separate letter) and Friday

6 Dragonfly Class- Monday and Wednesday



## 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**



**WOODLAND WONDERS FOREST SCHOOL**  
**HAF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB**

FREE FOR CHILDREN ACCESSING BENEFIT  
ASSESSED FREE SCHOOL MEALS WITH A HAF CODE

**FOREST SCHOOL  
GAMES, LUNCH,  
FIRE LIGHTING  
WOODWORKING  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
BUSHCRAFT  
CAMPFIRE COOKING**

Sat 20th, SUN 21ST  
MON 22ND, Tues 23rd Dec

LOCATIONS:  
PARKLANDS SCHOOL, CHICHESTER  
ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL, LITTLEHAMPTON  
BILLINGSHURST SCHOOL, BILLINGSHURST

**BOOKING LINK** → 

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**DEC 20**

The Nightmare  
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**DEC 21**

Kensuke's Kingdom



E.T.



**DEC 22**

The Jungle Book



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**ARENA SPORTS CENTRE**

**Christmas holiday camps**

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:  
**Football, Tag rugby, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!**  
*Please note activities may vary daily*

Bookings open **Monday 10th November** (limited places available)  
**Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00**  
**School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 24-25)**

Dates **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th December & Monday 5th January**  
*(individual day bookings available)*

**£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes a hot meal!**

All children accessing benefits related free school meals can access for free via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.  
**HAF places please book via the WSCC website:**  
[www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf)

Booking deadline for all dates above:  
**Friday 12th December**

Please contact us for booking:  
**Tel 01243 870000** [www.arenasportscentre.com](http://www.arenasportscentre.com)  
 Email [bookings@arenasportscentre.com](mailto:bookings@arenasportscentre.com)

**Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD**

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Festive bites on a Budget 1



The poster features a festive theme with holly leaves and red berries framing the top. Logos for 'ARUN AND CHICHESTER FOOD PARTNERSHIP', 'Chichester District Foodbank Together with Trussell', and 'West Sussex Library Service' are displayed. The main title 'FESTIVE BITES ON A BUDGET' is in large green letters. Event details include 'THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER', 'FREE ENTRY', and '4PM - 6PM'. The location is 'St. John's Church, Southbourne, PO10 8LB'. A red banner contains the text: '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.' Below this is an illustration of a woman reading to three children in a room decorated with Christmas ornaments and a tree. A final red banner at the bottom provides booking information: 'Spaces limited. Booking essential: keely@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or 07300 802377'.

ARUN AND CHICHESTER  
**FOOD**  
PARTNERSHIP

Chichester District  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

West Sussex  
Library Service

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# FESTIVE BITES ON A BUDGET

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ENTRY

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**Active8 Minds**  
Sport & childcare specialists

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

**HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE**

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ACTION ZONE
- ✓ CHILL ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS
- ✓ FESTIVE FUN

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One day changed the world

One great day out



Visit The D-Day Story on Southsea seafront, the only UK museum dedicated to the momentous events of 6 June 1944.

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**

19th December – Break up.

Monday 5th January INSET day

Tuesday 6th January back to school for pupils

14th January Year 5 trip to Winchester

20th January- choir to sing at O2 for 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



If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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