



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 1

16th January 2026

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new year. We had a very wintery first week and enjoyed the rarity of the cold icy mornings with the children having a lot of fun finding the ice and even making an 'ice shop' as part of their OPAL play. This week has seen the return of some wetter weather and reminded us of the importance of having warm waterproof clothing and shoes so that we can go outside as much as possible even in these winter months.

This week we launched our school value for the term 'Believe' with an assembly about resilience and perseverance even in the face of challenge. This sparked some lively and interesting discussions for all of the children. As part of the assembly the children were encouraged to think of challenges and goals for the term ahead. We will be continuing to think about this over the course of the term.

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 went to Winchester Science Centre as part of their science topic on space. I was lucky enough to go along and was amazed by the exhibits and incredible hands on displays that explored all aspects of science. The planetarium was nearly everyone's favourite part with an incredible display and explanation of what goes on in

space- mind-blowing!! The day finished with a practical workshop about states of matter in which the children made slime. The year 5 children were fully engaged in the activities and the day and we were proud of them.

On Thursday Ladybird class hosted their buddies in a Thank-you tea party. They made sandwiches and jam tarts and helped set up the tables for what was a lovely opportunity to thank their Dragonfly Class buddies for being so supportive and welcoming in their first few months of school.

Today was our first ever No Pens' Day. This is a day where teachers and pupils have to be creative and inventive as pens are not allowed. It was a chance to use drama, art, mental arithmetic, paper craft and develop their oracy. This afternoon we have mixed up the classes and all the children have had the opportunity to try 2 different activities from a big range of things such as speed stacking, fitness circuits, musical theatre, origami, bracelet making, yoga, relaxation and sewing. It was wonderful to see the children getting so involved and trying new things or developing their skills. Thanks to all of the staff for their efforts and organisation. This will definitely be something to revisit.

Mundham Inspiration Talks (MIT)

On Tuesday we had our next round of Mundham Inspiration Talks. These were on a variety of topics- baseball, Easter and Maths. We have an increasing number of children putting themselves forward and coming up in front of the school to speak confidently. It's no mean feat and we are very proud of those who give it a go.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Icy Fun



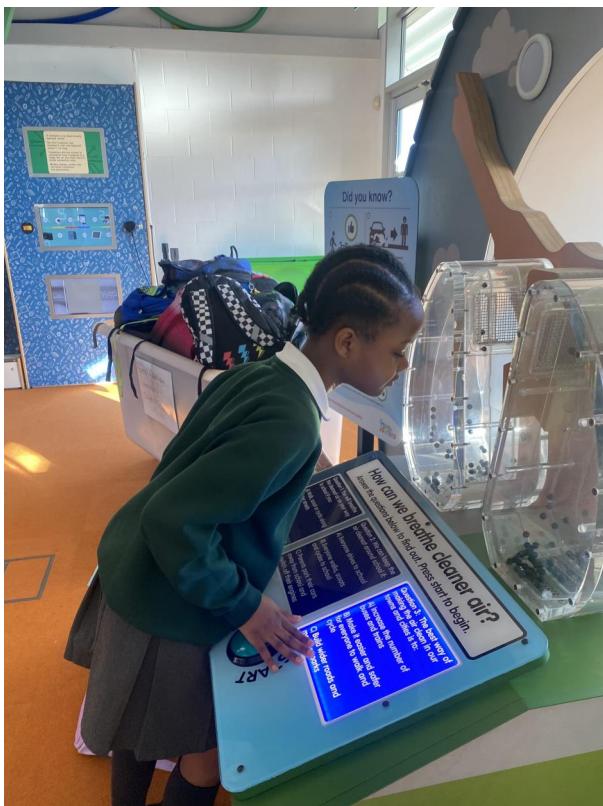




Year 5 go to Winchester Science Centre















Year R and 6 Tea party



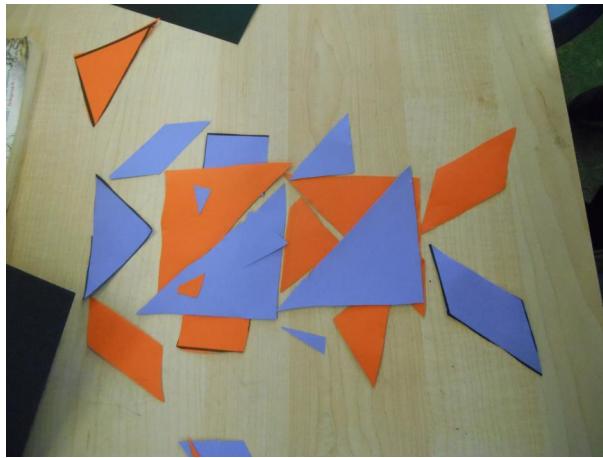
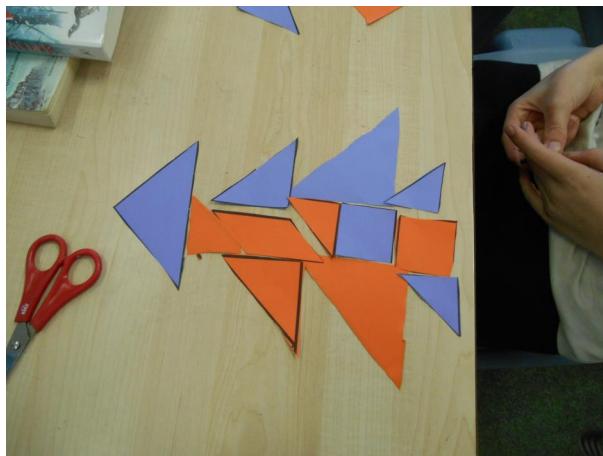








No Pens' Day

















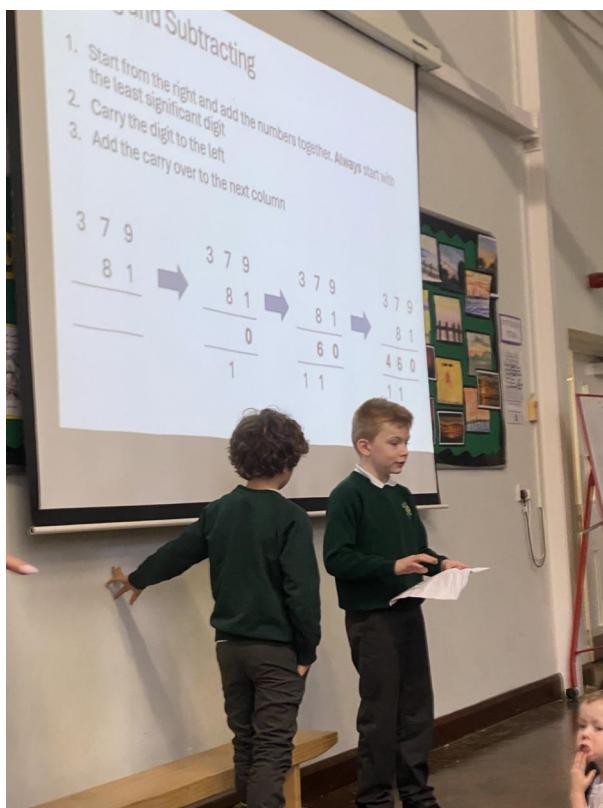








MIT







Online Safety



Lots of children have been given new devices for Christmas. Do you know that they are safe online, do you know what they are doing on their devices. There are controls that you can download to monitor this and to help keep your child safe online.

[Parental controls](#)

Notices and Reminders



Coming up..

Young Voices O2

We are very excited to be going to the O2 with our choir on Tuesday next week. Parents, please ensure that you have read all of the information about the day. If you have any questions, please see the school office, Mis Guppy or Mrs Gordon.

Year 4 Assembly

Parents are invited to attend the Year 4 assembly next Friday at 9am.

Grub Club

The second Grub Club of the term is next Wednesday. Please come along and gather up some goodies. we had some fantastic fruit and veg last week as well as some other consumables. Unfortunately, we don't have any bags left, so please remember to bring along a reusable carrier bag. If you are unable to be there for yourself, do send a friend or let the school office and we will keep some goodies by for you.

PINs Coffee Morning 27th January

Our second coffee morning for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs (or parents who are considering that their child may have additional needs) is on 27th January at 8.50-9.50. Members of the Parent Carer Forum will be there to share expertise in how to help your child regulate, how to support bedtime routines and anything else that you

may wish to discuss. It's safe, friendly space to share your concerns and any strategies that you have with other parents. (See below for more details)

Attendance

We are delighted to have had fantastic attendance in school this week with one day at very nearly 100%.

Regular school attendance is so important for your child's education and their mental health and well being. Please try to make sure they are in school every day unless seriously unwell.

Please DO NOT book holidays in school term time as this can seriously impact their educational progression and means that they miss out on vital learning.

We also ask that if you are taking your child out of school, you let us know the reason. If you don't- you can be sure that your child will and we reserve the right to amend absence codes that are found to be unauthorised.

Parking

Once again, we ask that you park considerately when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Disabled bays are for those with a blue disability badge only and the residential roads off school lane are private and not for public parking. Community officers patrol these areas and you could be fined or prosecuted for parking there.

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





Travelling Tales

Jump on board this half term to **row, ride, and fly** with us through stories about all the different ways we get around, plus some *wheelie*-fun crafts and activities!



Tuesday 17 February
10.00-11.00am

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.

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



Chichester Library
Tower Street, PO19 1QJ
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chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk

Dates for the diary



Dates

20th January- Choir to O2

21st January- Grub Club

23rd January- Year 4 Assembly 9am (parents and Carers welcome)

27th January PINs Parents and Carers coffee morning

28th January Open the Book

28th January – Year 5 and 6 Cross Country at Bishop Luffa

29th January- Year 1 Royal tea party*

4th February Grub Club

5th February- Y2 Pirate Day

6th February Year 3 Assembly (Parents and carers welcome) 9am

10th February- safer Internet Day- Workshop for Year 4, 5 and 6

10th February Parent Internet safety workshop 2.30pm

11th February Open The Book assembly

12th February- Disco

13th February- Break up for half term

23rd February- INSET

25th February- Grub Club

5th March World Book Day *

6th March Year 2 assembly 9am (parents and carers welcome)

6th March – Poetry Slam

9th March- Dancehouse at Worthing pavilion Theatre

11th March- Open the Book Assembly

11th March- Grub Club

16-19th March- Parents' Eves

24th March- Year 4 to Chichester Festival Theatre to see BFG

25th March- Year 4 ukele concert

26th March- Easter church service

27th March- break up for Easter and Kites cake sale

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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