



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Summer 5

25th June 2026

In this newsletter, find out about:

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

Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to thank-you for your understanding regarding the changing picture related to the weather this week. As previously communicated the temperatures were unprecedented and it is not always clear how children will react. We feel that we acted accordingly and with the safety of all the children in mind. Please see my earlier email with communication about tomorrow if you haven't already seen it.

In amongst all of the hot weather we have had some exciting experiences both in school and out of school.

Last week our Year 6 had a fantastic week at Cobnor Activity Centre. This year for the first time ever they walked to Itchenor and then got the foot ferry to Cobnor. This was a really exciting way to arrive and a lovely walk along the canal and the coastal path. The children did very well - showing us their resilience and maturity as they walked the route, chatting to each other excitedly about the week to come. Whilst there they really threw themselves into all of the activities- sailing, raft building, paddling, climbing, archery among others. The staff were very complimentary of their behaviour and their participation. We feel very lucky to be able to take our children to the centre and see their growth and excitement each day. A huge thank-you to Mrs Robins, Mrs Mills and the Barrs who made the experience possible for the children.

On Wednesday last week a team of children from Years 2-5 took part in the GAS sports afternoon. Competing against 3 other schools the children did so well in their sprint races, team games and other races. They were a great support for each other and did an amazing job. Having fun and taking part was the main aim for the afternoon!

In other sports news, our cricket team headed to Eastergate to take part in the locality cricket tournament. Despite the heat, they competed very well and came second- winning them a place in the next round.

Year 3 headed off to Bignor Roman villa on Wednesday last week to explore the artefacts and the surroundings as part of their topic on The Romans. They had a great day and got fully involved in all the activities asking lots of interesting questions and finding out even more.

On Monday, Ladybird class headed for the beach at Aldwick. the children had a fantastic day and once again made us very proud with their behaviour, excitement and resilience. They had fun exploring the rocks, digging in the sand, paddling in the sea and sketching the beach huts.

Today in a carefully risk assessed trip despite the temperatures, Year 2 headed to Arundel Castle. Due to the heat they were unable to go outside but as compensation they were given access to other parts of the castle that they would not normally have seen- all very exciting. Miss Grounds and all of the other adults were very proud of the children who behaved very well and were all very interested in the visit.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing everyone a really lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Cobnor





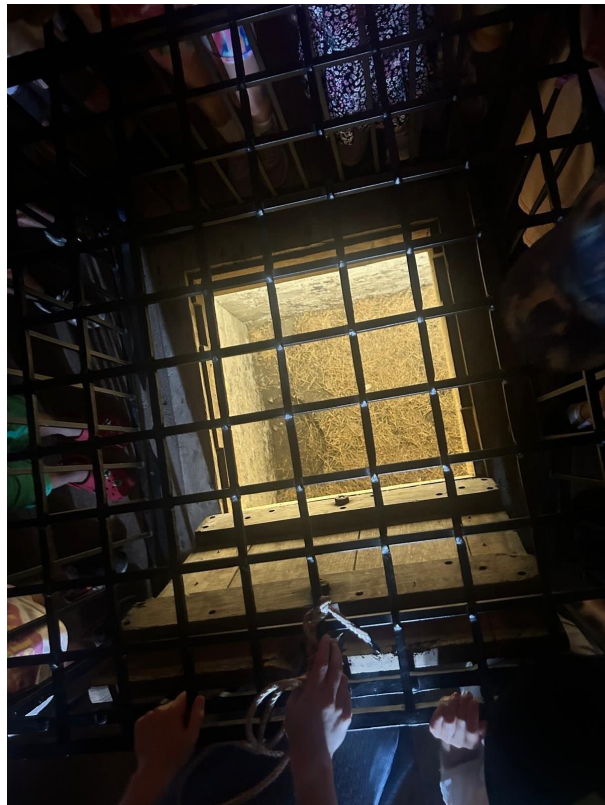






Year 2 visit Arundel







Ladybirds visit the beach





GAS sports Day



Trying to stay cool in school







Y3 visit Bignor Roman Villa







Fantastic MIT talks





Notices and Reminders



Class arrangements for next year -26-27

The following outlines the staffing for classes next year. We will speak to the children about this tomorrow:

YR- Ladybirds- Mrs Ford, Mrs Cruttenden (Friday) and Mrs Piesse

Y1- Bumblebee- Miss Guppy, Mrs Turrell and Mrs Goodchild

Y2- Caterpillar- Mrs Palin, Mrs Finch (Monday), Miss Moore and Mrs Leach

Y3- Butterfly- Mr Tran, Mrs Ly/Mrs Nurse

Y4- Scarab Beetle- Miss Hull, Mrs Ly/Mrs Nurse

Y5- Praying Mantis- Miss Grounds, Miss Coyle/Miss McGovern

Y6- Dragonfly- Mrs Robins (Mon-Tues), Mrs Mills (Wed- Fri), Miss Coyle/Miss McGovern

Mrs Massey will be covering weekly PPA sessions in YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6

Mrs Finch will be covering PPA in Y4

Children will spend the morning in their new classroom with new staff on Wed 1st July.

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher: years 1-5 Wed 8th July at 3.20. Teachers will be available for parents to drop in and introduce themselves.

Year 6 parents are invited to a 'readiness for Year 6 meeting' on Thursday 9th July at 2.45.

Sports' Days

The timings for the Sports' Days will be as follows:

Years 1 and 2- Monday 29th June 9.30am start

Years 5 and 6- Monday 29th June 1.30pm start

Years 3 and 4- Tuesday 30th June 9.30am start

Year R- Tuesday 30th June 2pm start

Arts' show rearrangements

Sadly we have had to cancel the Arts' Evening show this year due to the extreme heat and the disrupted week. However, we have made the following arrangements so that you can still see the art that your children have produced.

On Monday 29th June parents are welcome to come and see their child's art and look in the other classes as well as the hall where some of the art will be on show.

Then after each of the sports' days parents can come and look at the art in their child's class- the hall will also be open at these times.

Rapunzel and The Barbershop Bros.

Please complete [this form](#) to reserve seats for the year 5 and 6 show.

Please indicate the number of seats you require for each performance (2 per child, per performance). Please note that pre-school age children will NOT be admitted (but can attend the dress rehearsal on Monday 13th July at 2pm- please let the office know if you will attend this performance. Please reserve seats for everyone you intend to bring including school age children. Numbers will be limited and we may reserve the right to refuse entry if you have not done this.

Whole School Photo

Due to the weather, we had to reschedule our whole school photo- this will now be on Monday 6th July at 9am. Please ensure that all children are in full uniform on this day (including jumpers) and bring their PE kit, if they have PE that day.

Pokemon Cards

Please ensure that your child does not bring Pokemon, football stickers or similar into school as they can cause a lot of arguments and problems in school.

New YR pupils

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Stay and Play session today due to the weather. There will be an additional session on Thursday 9th July from 2.00-3. Parents are invited to come to the School Readiness workshop and children can then attend a play session with Mrs Ford.

Please see below for flyers for activities going on in the local community.

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



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An independent charity dedicated to young people our mission is to help and educate young people across West Sussex and surrounding areas. Through outdoor and residential activities, we aim to foster their physical, mental, and emotional development, helping them grow into confident, capable, and well-rounded individuals.



Who is it for?

Free to children aged 8-14 in receipt of benefit related free school meals- fully funded by the HAF programme



What will they get up to?

Land and water activities:
Encouraging an active lifestyle



Food Education:
Encouraging healthier decisions with meals



What are the details?

28 th July-31st July 2026
09:30-16:30

Cobnor Activities Centre Trust

Book now:

<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

For more info:

sail@cobnor.com

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Training - Summer 26 2nd half

TRAINING

Summer Term 2026



Workshops

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary Age)	Tuesday 9 th June	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 11 th June	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 16 th June	10.30 am - 12 pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Friday 19 th June	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 25 th June	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 2 nd July	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
An Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 8 th July	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Sleep	Thursday 9 th July	10.30am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Moving on (15+)	Wednesday 15 th July	7.30 - 9.30 pm

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parent-carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.	Wednesdays 24 th June, 1 st & 8 th July	7.30 - 9.30 pm
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All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

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Dates for the diary



Dates

29th June- Y 1 and 2 Sports' day am

29th June- Years 5 and 6 Sports' Day pm

30th June Years 3 and 4 Sports' Day am

30th June Yr Sports' Day pm

1st July Transition Day for pupils

3rd July rescheduled guitar assembly at 9am.

4th July Mundham Gala

6th July- Whole School photo

8th July Y6 Selsey bike ride

8th July- 3.20- Meet the new teacher drop in Years 1-5 (new year groups)

8th July Grub Club

9th July New YR parents' workshop 2.00 and Stay and Play session

9th July- 2.45- Y6 (new) Ready for Year 6 meeting 2.45

10th July Eagles Cake sale

13th July - final iRock assembly of the year- parents and carers welcome.

13th July Year 5 and 6 show dress rehearsal

14th July Year 5 and 6 performance 2pm

15th July Year 5 and 6 performance 6pm

16th July Y1 trip to Drusillas

22nd July Y6 Leavers' Assembly

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

Term Dates 26-27

Autumn Term

Starts: Tuesday 1 September (INSET Day) 1st day for pupils is Wed 2nd September

Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Ends: Friday 18 December

Spring term 2027

Starts: Monday 4 January

Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Ends: Thursday 25 March

Summer term 2027

Starts: Monday 12 April

Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

Ends: Wednesday 21 July

INSET Days 26-27

Tuesday 1st September

Friday 23rd October,

Monday 4th January,

Monday 22nd February,

Friday 28th May

Please note that this is not a definitive list of dates and more will be added throughout the term.

***- More details to follow.**



Date School

e look forward to seeing you there!

CHICHESTER GALA

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

11 am - 9 pm

PRIORY PARK

**FREE
ENTRY**

Fun for all the family

Entertainment
Stalls & Activities
Food & Drink
Fun Fair
Animal Encounters



Chichester
City Council
Celebrating 800 Years

Music by:

House of Anthems
Irrelevant Elephant
Rude Eyes
and more.....

**PETWORTH
FESTIVAL
FAMILY FUN**

SUNDAY 26 JULY, 2.30PM
PETWORTH HOUSE STABLE YARD

With Family Theatre Magic from
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
& Foot-tapping Musical Theatre from the Fabulous
Bowjangles!

Music **Family Fun** **Balloon Modelling** **Face Painting**
Ice Creams **Pizza Bar & Street Food** **Family Theatre**

PETWORTH FESTIVAL

Tickets at
petworthfestival.org.uk



Active8 Minds
Sport & childcare specialists

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE

SEE WEBSITE FOR DATES,
LOCATIONS &
HAF FUNDED SPACES

- ✓ **SPORTS ZONE**
- ✓ **ART AND CRAFTS**
- ✓ **WATER WARS**
- ✓ **NERF BATTLES**

8:00AM - 5:00PM
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE



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