



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 3

9th October 2026

In this newsletter, find out about:

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Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting half-term we are having at North Mundham Primary! I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things our pupils have been getting up to, and to flag a few important notices for you.

We kicked off the week by celebrating National Poetry Day in assembly. There's something rather special about sharing poetry together as a whole school community, and we had great fun with a funny Michael Rosen poem that had everyone laughing. It's moments like these that remind me why reading for pleasure really matters—poetry has a way of capturing our imagination in ways that other texts sometimes don't.

Hot on the heels of that, we were delighted to welcome two brilliant authors to school as part of Chichester Children's Bookfest. Simon Philips worked with our Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils, whilst Lindsay Galvin gave fascinating presentations to the rest of the school about their lives as authors and their books. The energy in the hall was wonderful. Our pupils asked thoughtful questions and were genuinely engaged with hearing about the creative process behind the stories they love. I do hope these visits have planted some seeds—we may well have future authors among us! As part of this amazing event, every child has been given a free book from our two authors, which they have had signed. We hope that they enjoy reading them. Find out more about the Bookfest here: [Children's Bookfest](#)

Later in the week, Little City came to visit, and what a treat that was. Our Ladybird, Bumblebee and Caterpillar classes had an absolutely brilliant time investigating all of the different role play areas. The younger pupils were completely absorbed, and it was lovely to see them learning through play in such an immersive environment. These kinds of experiences are so valuable for our early years learners.

This afternoon I took the School Council to see the building site so that they could report back to their classes on the progress.

It was the turn of another group of children to celebrate the end of the week with hot chocolate and toast- it's always lovely chatting to them about what they have done in the week and what they are looking forward to at the weekend.

We have been very lucky to benefit from UK Harvest this week with a glut of raspberries that your child should have brought home from school today.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Tea and Toast



Book fest











Ladybird builders







School Council visit the new building





North Mundham Gala trophy winners



OPAL



OPAL Open days

Have you ever wondered what your child gets up to during lunchtime play? Have they told you about **OPAL**? We would like to invite you to come along and see for yourself how we encourage our children to play, take appropriate risks, develop important life skills, and have fun outdoors every day through our OPAL play programme. During lunchtime, our children enjoy a wide range of activities including climbing trees, playing in the sand, building dens, taking part in team games, negotiating, collaborating, communicating, creating and, above all, having fun! These experiences help to develop confidence, resilience, independence and friendships. We are delighted to invite you to join us during lunchtime play so that you can:

- Explore the OPAL play environment alongside your child.
- See the exciting opportunities available during playtime.
- Learn about the kinds of resources and materials that we welcome as donations to help us continue to enrich our children's play experiences.

You are welcome to visit on either:

- **Wednesday 14th October**
- **Thursday 15th October**

Time: 12:05pm - 12:50pm

Online Safety



In our initial conversations with children this year about online safety, we are coming across a concerning amount of children who say that they have unlimited access to screens and online content.

Please continue to ensure that you are aware of what your child is accessing online by installing parental controls, talking to your child and checking their devices.

[Internet matters](#) offers some help with this for parents who are struggling to navigate this complicated world!

Notices and Reminders



PTA notices

There will be a meeting about branding and publicising our PTA on Thursday 15th October at 3.15. If anyone is able to attend and contribute to this meeting, please come along.

If anyone has any Yoto stories at home that they no longer require, we would be very grateful for them in school.

ISS Jobs

Please see below details of jobs with our new catering company ISS.

Show Racism the Red Card

Next Friday we are supporting this charity by wearing red to school and we ask that children bring in £1.

2026 is the 12th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. A landmark that we are incredibly proud of. Our first celebration in 2014 saw 7,000 people registering to take part. In 2024, that figure had exploded to become 710,000 participants celebrating with us.

We couldn't be more grateful to our supporters.

For 2026, we've set ourselves a target and with your help, we think that we can achieve it.

Will you celebrate with us and be one of the 1 million?

As a supporter, you are showing your true, brave colours. As part of the team, you make us stronger.

Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us.

Wear Red!

Speedy Reading Workshops

Next week Miss Guppy and Mrs Palin will be leading 2 workshops on speedy reading. If your child is in Year 1 and 2, please come along and find out how you can support your child

Bright Bites Dental Workshops

Next week on Friday Years R, 1 and 2 will have a visit from the Bright Bites dental workshops.

Year 6 Bikeability

This will be during the week of 9th November. Please complete online consent by **9th October**. **Please make sure that you have completed this consent form otherwise your child will not be able to take part.**

Aged 4 & in Yr R? **IT'S FREE!!** £28 per day 9am-4pm For ages 4 - 12

THIS HALF TERM, 26-29 OCT

COLOURBURST

SPORTS CARNIVAL

Active Saver
15% Off
Use code
OCTAS2615
Expires 1 Oct

ColourBurst Multi-Sports Carnival holiday camps.



FIVE DAYS OF SPORT, FUN, ACTIVITY, FRIENDSHIP & TEAMWORK.

At Southbourne Infant & Junior Schools

Alongside our multi-sports camp there is also a range of exciting pop-up activities to choose from! See website for more info.

Battlezone Archery Test your aim! Mon 26 Oct	Dance 1 day Street Dance & Halloween Hip-Hop workshop! Weds 28 Oct	Pedal Karts Rady, steady, Go! Thurs 29 Oct	Football 1 day football workshop teaching technique, ball skills & game strategy Tues 27 Oct
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Dates for the diary



Dates

14th October – Speedy Reading workshop for parents Years 1, 2 and 3 (selected Y3 only) 2.45

16th October- Bright Bites dental workshops

16th October – Speedy Reading workshop for parents Years 1, 2 and 3 (selected Y3 only)9am

14th October- Fire crew visit YR

16th October- Wear Red Day- to ‘Show Racism the Red Card’*

20th October- Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball*

21st October- Year 6 British Museum in London*

21st October – Fire crew visit Y2 and Y5

21st October - Boccia*

21st October- Grub Club

22nd October- Deadline for Rotary boxes

23rd October- INSET day

4th November- Year 1 campfire event.*

5th November- Open Morning 9.30 for new parents (Sept 2027)

6th November- Y6 class Assembly parents and carers welcome

10th November- World science day

11th November- Grub Club

12th November- Individual school photos

11-13th November- Y6 Bikeability*

9-12th November- Parents Evenings*

18th November- Into Film at Cineworld for Year R*

20th November- Children in Need

20th November- Year 3 trip to Butser Farm*

25th November- Grub Cub

26th November- Into Film at Cineworld for Years 1 and 2*

27th November- Into Film at Cineworld for Years 3 and 4*

27th November- Year 5 Assembly

1st December- Year 4 trip to the Sustainability Centre*

4th December- Christmas Fair*

Monday 7th December - IRock assembly- parents and carers welcome

7th December- Year 1/2 Dress Rehearsal 2 pm

8th December- Year 1/2 performance 1 2pm

9th December- Year 1/2 performance 2 2pm

9th December – YR Dress rehearsal

9th December- Grub Club

10th December- YR Performance – time to be confirmed

11th December- Guitar assembly- 9am

17th December- Christmas Church service 9.30am

18th December- Christmas singing on the playground 2.45pm

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

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.



The poster for the Active8 Minds Half-Term Holiday Club features a green and blue background with a pattern of small white dots. At the top left is the Active8 Minds logo, which consists of a stylized figure in green and red. Below the logo, the text 'Active8 Minds' is written in green, followed by 'Sport & childcare specialists' in smaller red text. To the right of the logo, the words 'HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB' are written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below this, the text 'TRY NEW SPORTS, ACTIVITIES & MAKE NEW FRIENDS' is written in green. A list of activities is shown on the right, each preceded by a green checkmark: 'VARIED SPORTS', 'ART AND CRAFTS', 'UV ARENA GAMES', and 'NERF BATTLES'. Below the list, the text '8:00AM - 5:00PM' and 'SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!' is written in green. On the left side of the poster, there are three circular images: the top one shows a child holding a colorful ball, the middle one shows a group of children in sports gear, and the bottom one shows a large group of children posing in front of a building. A green arrow points from the bottom right of the poster towards the contact information. The contact information, located at the bottom left, includes the phone number '07423 532123', the email address 'bookings@active8minds-westsussex.co.uk', and the website 'www.active8minds-westsussex.co.uk'. To the right of the contact information are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and a QR code.

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