

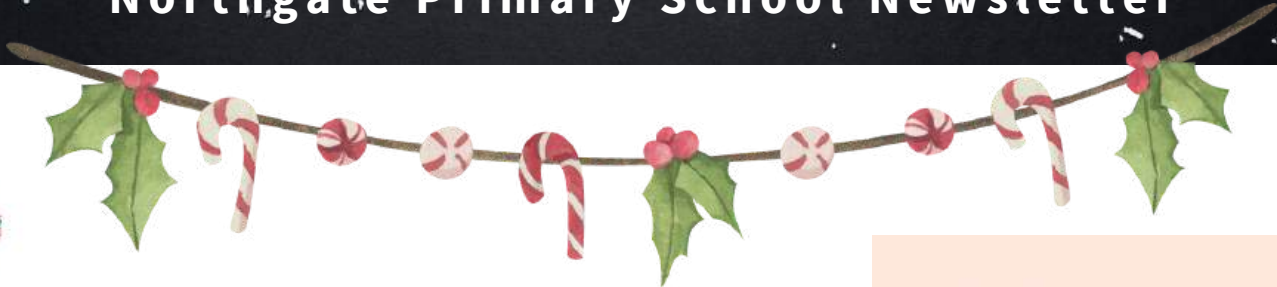


5TH DECEMBER 2025

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# NGPS NEWS

## Northgate Primary School Newsletter



### Let's get curious!

Being curious allows our minds to grow and for us to learn more. In assembly today we talked about how we can be more curious. We talked about our school tortoise and what we would like to learn about her. Why does she have a shell? What is her favourite food?

I would love to hear how your children have been curious at home. What do they want to learn more about our school tortoise? How can they find the answers to their questions? Please send me a Dojo with any questions and answers the children have and we will share these in assembly next week.

**Keep being curious and ask lots of question. Have fun!**

**Warm regards,  
Amanda Harrison**



The biggest quest to learn anything is curiosity. If you are curious about something, you will go and dig.

— Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

### DIARY DATES

**Monday 8th December**

**KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE  
- 2PM**

**Tuesday 9th December**

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- 9.30AM**

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**Thursday 11th December**

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH!**

**Friday 12th December**

**ELM CLASS SWIMMING**





# Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December!

Wear your festive jumpers and donate  
**£1** to Save the Children!

Don't have a Christmas jumper? Don't fret! Wear tinsel in your hair, baubles sewn on a jumper, a Santa hat or reindeer ears - anything and everything festive welcome!



**This day will also be our Christmas Lunch with Chartwells!**  
**If you haven't already ordered a hot lunch your child will need a packed lunch on this day but feel free to throw in a festive treat! Please remember we are a **nut free** school due to severe allergies.**



# RECEPTION FIREMAN VISIT!

Linked with 'People Who Help Us' - The firefighters told us about their jobs - putting out fires, helping in road traffic accidents, helping in adverse weather and rescuing animals. We learnt what to do in the event of an emergency at school or at home. Calling 999, fire safety - matches and lighters. They showed us their fire engine and we were allowed to use the hose. We even heard the siren and saw the lights!

The fireman also told us that if you don't have a fire alarm in your home they will come and install one for you for free!  
Make sure you check - do you know where your fire alarms are?

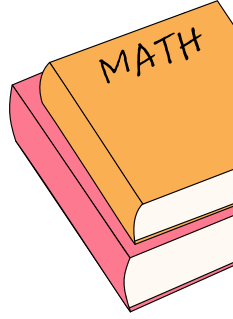




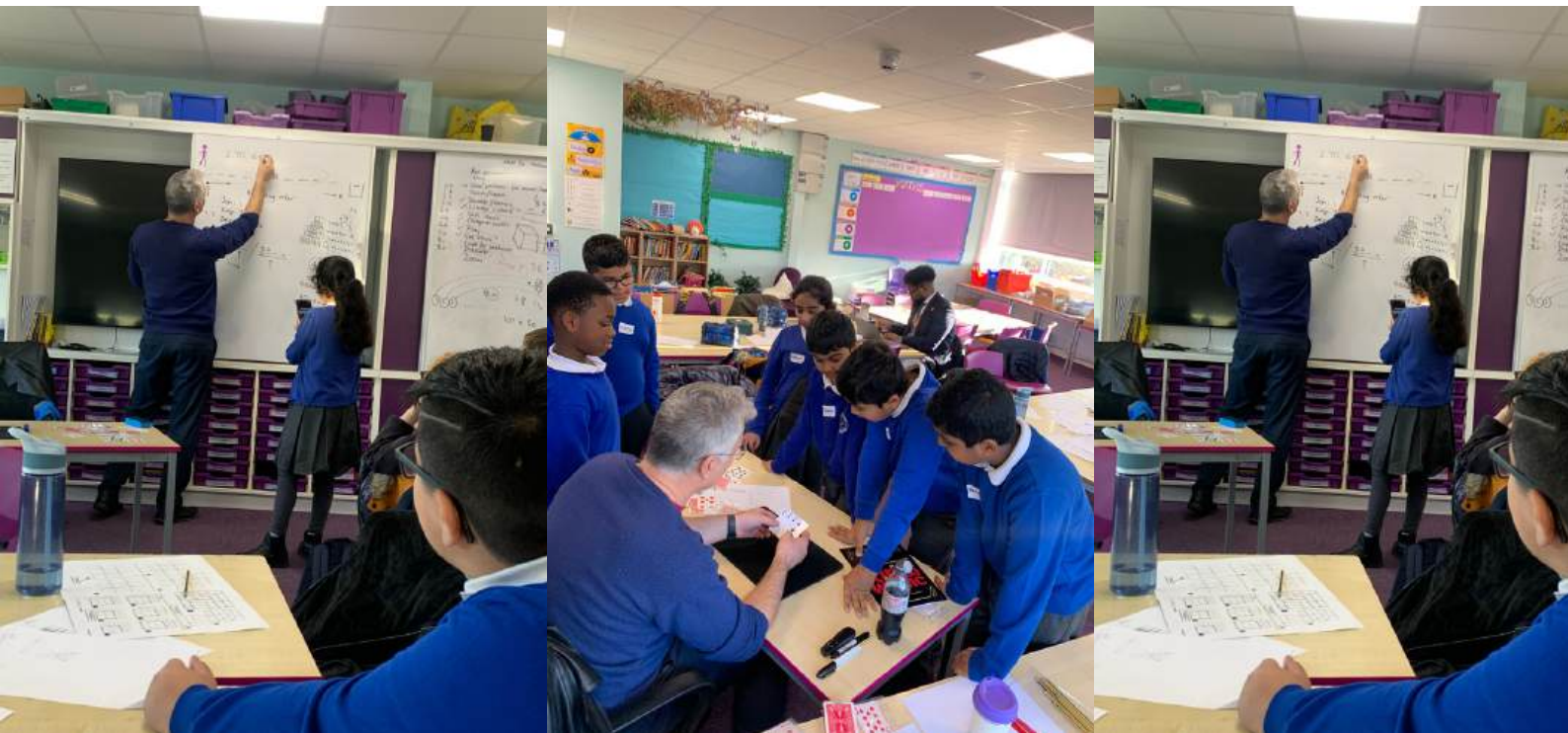


# Y5 A.I.M High Maths Day

## The Mill Primary



The children had a great day mastering challenges with maths specialist and mathmagician, Andrew Jeffrey. The children took part in maths detective mysteries, mathematical designs and number puzzles!





NORTHGATE PTFA PRESENTS OUR

# GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

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5 CAREFULLY PREPARED HAMPERS TO BE WON!

**Tickets £1 each**



Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday the 17th of December at 1pm

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Please share with friends and family, hampers can be collected from the school office or delivered locally in Crawley

**Enter online or in person from the office**  
**[www.pta-events.co.uk/northgateptfa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/northgateptfa)**



# Northgate's Reading Challenge!



## Total Reading Miles!



Class	Miles	Country	Class	Miles	Country
 Ash	451	Switzerland	 Oak	169	France
Alder	360	Netherlands	Sycamore	161	France
Hawthorn	323	Netherlands	Chestnut	150	France
Poplar	322	Netherlands	Holly	144	France
Blackthorn	321	Netherlands	Lime	144	France
Beech	310	Netherlands	Cherry	140	France
Rowan	276	Netherlands	Apple	117	France
Willow	231	Netherlands	Hazel	117	France
Juniper	215	Netherlands	Fig	87	France
Elm	199	Belgium	Pear	73	France
Maple	178	France			

# NORTHGATE AWARDS

This weeks winners are....

Reggie, Ishaan, Aarabi, Raahitya,  
Mariam and Andi!



Well  
done

# Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Team Shine at Tournament!

The Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Team recently took part in a tournament featuring ten schools. The competition began with some challenging matches, but the girls showed great resilience and steady improvement as the day went on.

Their hard work paid off when they secured a place in the quarter-finals against Three Bridges. Dominating much of the game, they took an early lead, but a moment of distraction after an appeal didn't go their way allowed Three Bridges to score just seconds before the final whistle. The match went to penalties, where Maya made a series of outstanding saves, and Jaida and Sumayya confidently scored their spot-kicks, sending the team through to the semi-finals.

In the next round, they faced Pound Hill, who had previously beaten them 4-0 in the group stages. With nothing to lose, the girls put on a remarkable performance, narrowly losing 1-0—a significant improvement and a testament to their determination. They then went on to play Gossops Green in the third-place playoff, finishing the tournament in a very respectable 4th place overall.

Well done to all the girls for their fantastic progress throughout the tournament and their positive attitude on and off the pitch. Supporters praised the team's improved communication and teamwork, while another school described them as “kind yet determined.” They were truly a credit to our school.



# ROCK STEADY



# Y3 Science Experiment!

Y3 conducted a Science experiment last week. They were testing rocks to see which were the best, or could withstand the most, to build Ug a new house.



Using water, acid (vinegar) and a hammer the rocks were put to the test!



The crowning rock to build Ug's house was flint!

Marble was a very good choice however was deemed 2<sup>nd</sup> place as we haven't easy access to it here in the South of England.



Flint hit with hammer	Marble hit with hammer	Chalk hit with hammer
Marble in acid (vinegar)	Chalk in acid (vinegar)	Chalk in water
Flint hit with hammer	Marble hit with hammer	Chalk hit with hammer
Marble in acid (vinegar)	Chalk in acid (vinegar)	Chalk in water

# ASH CLASS

*Final swimming lesson!*



**Y3 ASH HAD THEIR FINAL SWIMMING LESSON THIS WEEK!  
THEY HAVE REALLY ENJOYED THEIR LESSONS - HOPEFULLY  
THEY CAN STILL ENJOY THE POOL OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL!**

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**REMINDER NEXT WEEK: ELM CLASS SWIMMING!**

NORTHGATE PTFA

# Pop up gift shop

*A chance for your child to choose a gift for a loved one during school hours in our gift shop*

*The gifts will be wrapped and labelled to take home*

*Gift tokens are £3 each and limited to one per child*

*We have a limited number of gifts so please buy your token as early as possible, once we sell out we wont be able to add more.*

*The final deadline to purchase a token is Wednesday the 10th of December*



*Order online here*

[BIT.LY/NORTHGATEPTFA](https://bit.ly/northgateptfa)



# Christmas Performances

## Dates for your diary!

### Reception

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

2pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am

### KS1

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

2.00pm



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am

Please hand in your ticket requests to the  
school office.





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SCHOOL  
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Please call to collect  
your child





# **NGPS CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL**

**We are planning on supplying the shoe boxes again this Christmas to children/families who are in need; your donations, kindness and generosity are always very welcome.**



**Please fill a box with toiletries, toys, pants/socks/vests, sweets (no nuts items), games, books, puzzles, tooth brush & paste, hair accessories, anything suitable for a child aged 0-18.**

**Then wrap the whole box and clearly label gender and age on the outside. Please bring into school for the start of the December.**



**A massive thank you in anticipation of your generosity,**



# Play tennis at Crawley Parks Tennis this Christmas

**This Christmas, why not hit the courts at Maidenbower, Southgate, and West Green Park? It's the perfect way to stay active and have fun!**

An annual household season ticket covering all courts costs Crawley residents usually costs just **£48.20 for the year per household**. A household season ticket covers up to five people and can be used for a maximum of five hours of tennis per week and a maximum of two hours of tennis per day.

Or Pay and Play sessions on our award winning courts costs usually from just **£4**. An additional fee of **£2.10** for members or **£4.30** for non-members will be payable for the use of floodlights at West Green Park.

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See: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching)

**New sessions starting in 2026.**



**Play at  
Crawley  
Parks Tennis  
today!**

# Let's ace 2026

## **Offer one: Pay and Play – discount special!**

Smash your way into 2026 with 50 per cent off Pay and Play sessions at our award-winning courts from 22 December and throughout January. Sessions from just £2 per game!\* No strings attached, just rackets and fun!

## **Offer two: Annual Household Season Ticket (January special)**

Looking for unbeatable value? Sign up this January for just £45 and enjoy a whole year of court access – plus a free set of four Wilson Championship tennis balls! It's a deal that's truly ace.\*\*

\* Additional fees apply for floodlit courts at West Green.

\*\* Once your membership is set up, you will be contacted to arrange collection of your tennis balls from K2 Crawley – Offer applies to new members only.

Pay and play promotion runs from 22 December 2025 to 31 January 2026

Annual household season ticket promotion runs from 1 January 2025 to 31 January 2026

*crawley wellbeing*





Deaf Kids Connect invites you to our...

# Christmas Celebration



£1 Entry

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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and the community

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Grand Raffle  
Refreshments

£1 a ticket

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Arts and Crafts  
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Activities



active future



# FREE Active Future Winter Camp Crawley - HAF PROGRAMME

Active Future is proud to be working with West Sussex Council to offer FREE Winter Holiday Camps! Get ready for an action-packed winter with exciting activities like Nerf Battles, Dodgeball, and much more—all delivered by our experienced and enthusiastic team. Each day includes free delicious hot meals and healthy snacks to keep everyone fuelled for fun. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out—sign up now and join the Winter fun.

HAF is free to those accessing benefit related free school meals

**When**

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
29<sup>th</sup> Dec and 30<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Times**

10 am - 2 pm

**Who**

Years 5-12

**Where : Three Bridges Primary School, Gales Place, Crawley RH10 1PD**



## TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

- Visit the online HAF booking portal.
- Register using your HAF code
- Once logged in, use the search function to find "Active Future Winter Champ Crawley"
- It should appear in the list of available providers

OR SCAN THE  
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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact

 [afwestsussex@activefuture.info](mailto:afwestsussex@activefuture.info), 07460448840



active future



# FREE Active Future Winter Camp Crawley -HAF SEND PROGRAMME

Active Future is proud to be working with West Sussex Council to offer FREE Winter Holiday Camps for SEND Children! Get ready for an action-packed Winter with exciting activities and experienced team. Each day includes free delicious hot meals to keep everyone fuelled for fun. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out—sign up now and join the winter fun.

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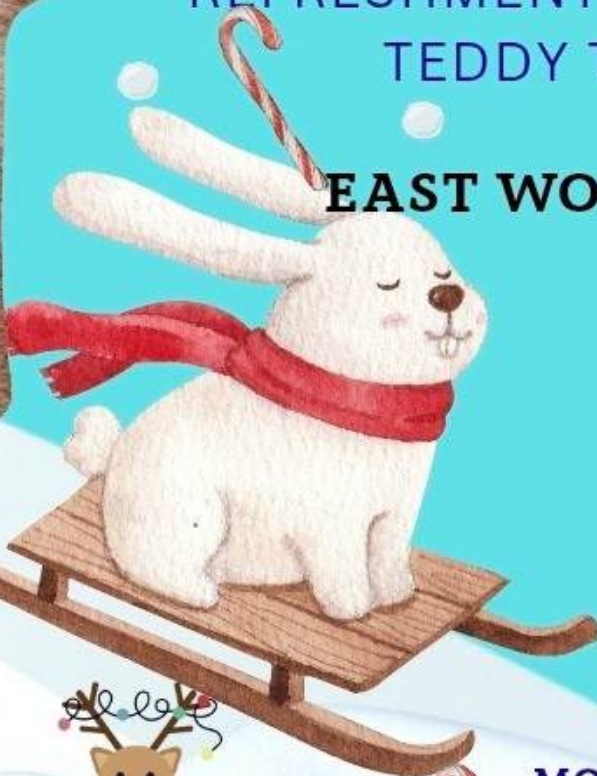
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Sunday 30th November

10AM - 4PM

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Exclusive  
offer for you

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## Fancy Joining Crawley Parks Tennis?

We've got an exclusive treat for you—£5 off your annual seasonal membership at Crawley Parks Tennis!

To activate this offer – Please email [parcs.tennis@crawley.gov.uk](mailto:parcs.tennis@crawley.gov.uk) quoting **SCHOOLOFFER**. We will then be in touch with a link to set up your discounted annual seasonal membership. For more information on the Crawley Parks tennis see: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/Crawley](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Crawley)



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See: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching)

## Immediate advice if you have concerns about a young person's firesetting behaviour:

1. Consider your own actions and how they may influence the behaviour of the children you are responsible for.
2. Never leave matches or lighters around the home, even in pockets or handbags.
3. Never assume toddlers or infants are incapable of lighting a match or lighter.
4. Be aware they may hide matches and/or lighters in their clothing, possessions or bedrooms for use later.
5. Ensure that you have working smoke alarms on each floor and one in the bedroom of the young person.
6. Do not allow rubbish to pile up.
7. If you have an open fire make sure it is fitted with an adequate safety guard.



This photograph shows an example of a trained 'Firewise' advisor working with a young child to discuss what is 'safe or unsafe' and the reasons they have for their decisions.

This activity allows the child to talk about experiences they have had with fire and for the advisor to educate about making safe choices.



If you would like more information about the Firewise scheme or to make a referral, please contact us:

**0330 2222 515**

[firewise@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:firewise@westsussex.gov.uk)

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire)

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# FIREWISE

PROTECTION EDUCATION  
PREVENTION



**West Sussex**  
Fire & Rescue Service

**Do you have concerns about a young person and fire?**

## Why do young people play with fire?

Young people may play with fire for various reasons, for example, a natural curiosity or seeking attention. Without help and guidance, firesetting behaviour can escalate and lead to more serious consequences.

We can reduce the chances of young people starting fires by understanding and challenging their behaviour and by giving them some basic fire safety advice.

We can give guidance to parents, carers and professionals who may be concerned about a young person playing with fire.



## Watch out for these tell-tale signs of firesetting behaviour:

- Matches or lighters hidden in bedrooms, school bags or coats.
- An unusual fascination with fire.
- Small burn holes on carpets, bedding and furniture.
- Scorch marks in hidden locations such as in wardrobes or cupboards.
- Burnt paper or objects in bins.
- Burnt matches lying around.
- Noticing the smell of burning.
- Unexplained fires in the home or garden.
- Noticing injuries to skin e.g. burns.



## Our Firewise Scheme...

Aims to eliminate the likelihood of young people firesetting in the future, by educating them about the dangers and impacts of fire, enabling them to make safer choices.



All of our 'Firewise' advisors will provide information, support, advice and guidance to you and the young person.

Our advisors are available to visit schools, home or other establishments. Permission of parents/carers is required before any visit is undertaken.

Once a referral is received, an advisor will make contact to arrange a visit at a time and place convenient for you and the young person.

A menu of flexible and tailored activities, have been created to develop and enhance the young person's fire safety knowledge.

Through partnership working, we can liaise with organisations that assist the young people with other needs that they may have.



## Player Development Programme Under 6/7 Trials

Chelsea FC Soccer Schools are pleased to offer Under 6 – Under 7 players (school years 1 & 2) the opportunity to attend a Free Trial session at one of our Sussex Player Development Centres. If successful, players will be invited to join our regular training and become a part of our Player Development Programme, providing safe, fun and engaging weekly training for players to develop their footballing potential.

### Steyping PDC

Trial Date and Timings: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15 – 6.30pm  
Venue: Steyping Town FC, BN44 3RQ  
Course code: PDPT-STCFC-X-42

### Cuckfield PDC

Trial Date and Timings: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-6.45pm  
Venue: Warden Park Academy, RH17 5DP  
Course code: PDPT-WPA-X-31

### Horsham PDC

Trial Date and Timings: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15 – 6.30pm  
Venue: Horsham Football Club, RH13 0AX  
Course Code: PDPT-HFC-X-93

### Crawley PDC

Trial Date and Timings: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15 – 6.30pm  
Venue: The K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley, RH11 9BQ  
Course Code: PDPT-K2LC-X-105

### Littlehampton PDC

Trial Date and Timings: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30 – 6.45pm  
Venue: The Littlehampton Academy, BN17 6FE  
Course Code: PDPT-TLA-X-70



To register your child's attendance please visit our website at [www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk) or use the above QR code and search for your preferred venue using the trial course codes.

Can't attend these dates or wish to enquire about other age groups/venues? Please contact [Presley.geal@chelseafc.com](mailto:Presley.geal@chelseafc.com)

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# GINGLE

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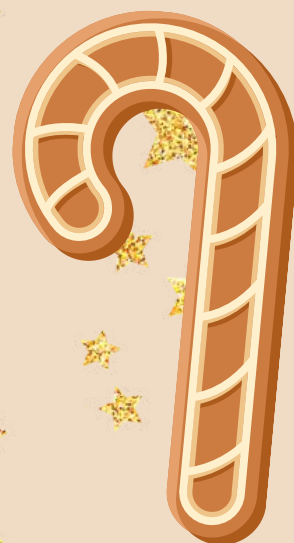


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HAF spaces - <https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

Paid spaces - [www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs](http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs)

[www.globefit.co.uk](http://www.globefit.co.uk) E: [info@globefit.co.uk](mailto:info@globefit.co.uk)

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ages 5-11

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# FOUNDATION YOUTH FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

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## Mini Reds

Our Saturday football for 5-7 year olds is back! If your child is getting into football or wants to try for the first time then we are hosting this on the Broadfield Stadium ball court.

- **Saturdays 9-10am**



## Saturday Soccer Centre

For ages 8-12 the Centre is run by qualified football coaches aimed at developing young players in a fun & supportive environment.

- **Saturdays 10:30 - 12:00pm**

## Goalkeepers

Our goalkeeper training centre offers specialist knowledge and coaching to help young aspiring girl and boy 'keepers to fill their potential.

- **U7-U11 - Thursdays 5-6pm**
- **U12-U16 - Thursday's 6-7pm**



**Community Foundation**

[www.ctcommunityfoundation.com](http://www.ctcommunityfoundation.com)



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**Wednesday**

5-6pm (8-13yrs)  
K2 (pan-disability)

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**STARTS  
10TH SEPT**

**Thursday**

4-6pm  
Bewbush Youth Centre

**Friday**

5-6pm (Girls)  
6-7pm (8-13yrs)  
7-8pm (14-18yrs)  
Broadfield Stadium



**SIGN UP**

Mixed  
Boys & Girls  
Sessions

FREE

Ages  
8-18

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# Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

## December

8th - KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm

9th - KS1 Christmas Performance - 9.30am

10th - KS1 Christmas Performance - 9.30am

11th - Christmas Lunch and  
Christmas Jumper Day

15th - PTFA Christmas Pop Up Shop

15th - Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm

16th- Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am

17th - PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw

18th - Class Christmas Parties and crafts

19th - School finishes at 1.30pm for Christmas Holidays

## January

5th - INSET DAY

6<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school



**HOUSE POINTS OF THE TERM!**

**JADE**  
**5322**

**RUBY**  
**5537**

**SAPPHIRE**  
**4337**

**AMBER**  
**4422**