

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

This week, we had some very special visitors! Maximus and Andy quickly became very popular with the children, and everyone enjoyed helping to feed them some milk. I am, of course, talking about the lambs!

A huge thank you to the Townsends for bringing them in for the week, and especially to Emily, who has taken on the responsibility of making sure everyone has a turn to bottle-feed them.

We have also enjoyed the warmer weather towards the end of the week. Please ensure that sun cream is applied before children come to school and that they bring a named water bottle and a suitable hat during the warmer weather.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton, Executive Headteacher



Oak Class

This week, Oak class news comes from Mrs Trutenaere!

Jeudi, les élèves de Oak Class ont visité Kent College, Pembury pour étudier le français et les sciences dans une école secondaire. Nous y avons été chaleureusement accueillis par les professeurs et les étudiants, qui nous ont aidé à apprendre les nouveaux mots en français et à jouer un jeu de société ensemble. Ensuite les élèves de Fordcombe ont fait des véritables expériences de chimie dans un formidable laboratoire de sciences avec leurs résultats en français! On a beaucoup appris et on voudrait dire un grand merci à Kent College pour une superbe matinée. C'était époustouflant!

On Thursday, Oak class pupils visited Kent College Pembury to study French and Science in a Secondary school. We were warmly welcomed by the teachers and students there, who helped us to learn some new French vocabulary and to play a French board game together. Then Fordcombe pupils carried out some real chemistry experiments in a fabulous science laboratory, giving their results in French! We learnt a lot and would like to thank Kent College for an amazing morning. It was breathtaking! (New word learnt)

In other Oak news, we have worked very hard this week to finish two big pieces of writing: a diary entry based on the book *Rose Blanche* and a free verse poem. I hope we all manage to have a wonderful half term rest, ready for the last term of the year! Thank you also to the Townsends for the lambs – I know how much all children have enjoyed visiting and feeding them!



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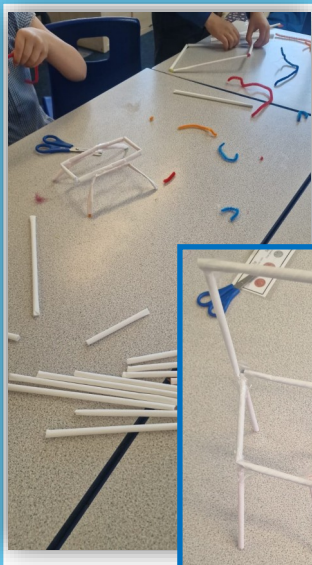
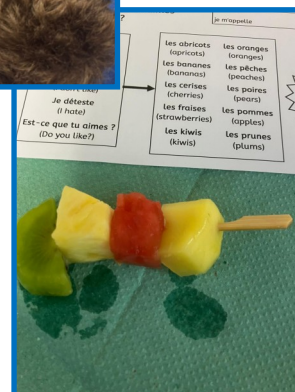
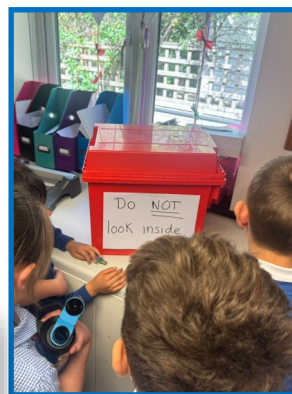


Elm

We have been taste testing fruit this week in Elm calls and giving our opinions in French. Pupils have been using j'aime and je n'aime pas to say what we like/dislike. La mangue has come out a clear favourite!

We have also been designing and building 'seawigs' - hats decorated with the colours and creatures of the ocean and stuff of the seas. This is to celebrate our fantastic learning from our class book: Oliver and the Seawigs.

In RE, we have been studying the story of creation. This week, we learnt about temptation and the story of Adam and Eve.



Beech

Beech class have been building a chair for Baby Bear. We have experimented with lots of different materials and decided cylindrical straws reinforced with pipe cleaners would create the strongest structure.

We have also been drawing and labelling castles, paying close attention to the defences that would best protect a monarch.

Please carry on practising phonics in the sunshine next week. Not long now till the screening. Have a great half term!



Ash

Ash Class have had another busy and exciting week. They have been learning all about non-fiction books and started the week by sorting books into fiction and non-fiction categories. They have also produced some lovely writing based on the books we have been reading together.

In maths, the children have been learning about grouping and sharing. Today, they focused on doubles and enjoyed a lively game of doubles bing.

We also took advantage of the lovely weather and spent time outside on the bikes, trikes and scooters. The children have been celebrating their friendships by making bracelets, which they swapped today during their celebration snack.





Stars this week:

Miran for excellent maths work,
Annabelle for fantastic design skills
Leonardo for working so hard in phonics.
Freddie for his work with money
Mimi, Emily, Ayati and Amber: stars of the week for being excellent team mates, good debating skills and fantastic ability to compromise.

Lunch leader

awards:

Saoirse, Carl and Amy



Attendance:

Congratulations
to Ash on a
fantastic 99% attendance
this week!
Remember we return on
Monday 1st June.

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Celebrating our values this week:

Carl for perseverance in maths.
Charlie for love and respect.
Amy for always showing all of our school values and for being such a good role model.

★ WEDS 27th May 10am-1pm 1.30-4pm ★

KIDS POND DIPPING

PRICE: DONATION

AT NOTCUTTS GARDEN CENTRE, TONBRIDGE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN2 4QN

A great opportunity to learn about nature & have fun!

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Raising funds for Folly Wildlife Rescue - your local wildlife hospital

FOLLY WILDLIFE RESCUE

This would be a lovely half term activity and also raises funds for a charity close to our hearts - Folly Wildlife Rescue.

We would love to see photos of any of your finds!

Fordcombe Festival of Arts

will take place this year on Friday June 26th 2026 at 2pm.

This year our festival will have the theme:
'Our Natural World'

We would like the children to enter the Arts competition with a piece that represents the natural world around us. This could be on the theme of recycling or sustainability, a piece of work made from recycled/natural materials or your own interpretation of the theme! We welcome entries of music, poetry, sculpture or pictures (any medium welcome!). We would encourage children to be as creative as possible.

The entries will be on display at the Festival of Arts alongside class artwork.

The closing date for competition entries will be Monday 22nd June.

We look forward to seeing how your children celebrate our wonderful natural world.

Dates for your diary

June 17th	Oak class Residential
June 22nd	Closing date for the Arts competition
June 23rd	Ash, Beech and Elm trip
June 26th	Festival of Arts
July 3rd	Sports Day (Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)
July 13th	Oak Class production
July 20th	Leavers' Service at the Church

Please contact us via the office if you have any questions about your child's learning or their well-being at Fordcombe Primary School.



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