FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

This week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests, and we are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the week.

They tackled each day with confidence, perseverance, and a positive mindset, showing great resilience and determination. The children demonstrated excellent behaviour, maturity, and encouragement towards one another, whilst always trying their very best.

Their commitment and hard work over the course of the year has been fantastic to see, and they have been wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Thanks to Mr Miles for preparing the children so well and welcoming the children with breakfast each day! We would also like to extend our thanks to parents and carers for the support and reassurance you have provided at home during this important time.

Well done, Year 6 — you should all be extremely proud of your achievements!

Following their SATs, the children joined the rest of the school in a range of wellbeing activities to help them relax and celebrate the end of the week. They were able to choose from activities including games, mindful colouring, and scrapbooking by candlelight, creating a calm and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Julie Burton,

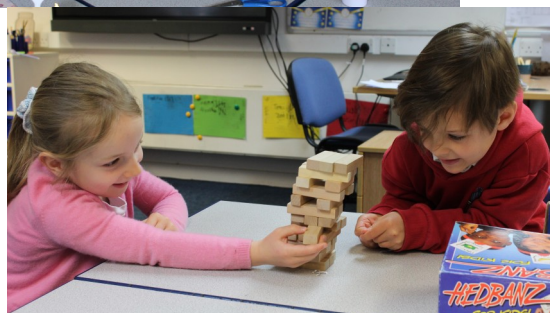
Executive Headteacher

Regarding the year 6 hoodies, we have agreed that at the moment these can be worn on PE days (Mondays and Fridays).
After half term, hoodies can be worn any day, in place of a light jacket. Children will still need a jumper or cardigan to wear indoors.









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Oak

Over the past week, Year 6 have shown tremendous resilience, determination and perseverance as they worked their way through SATs week. I am very proud of how calmly and positively they approached each day…and I think it's fair to say the breakfasts were a big hit, too! A huge thank you to the year 5s, who have been wonderfully flexible and supportive whilst our timetable has looked a little bit different.





Alongside all of the hard work, we have made some time to have some creativity in our art lessons. The children have been developing their macrophotography skills and recreating famous works of art, using everyday object found in the classroom. Can you spot which famous paintings have been recreated?

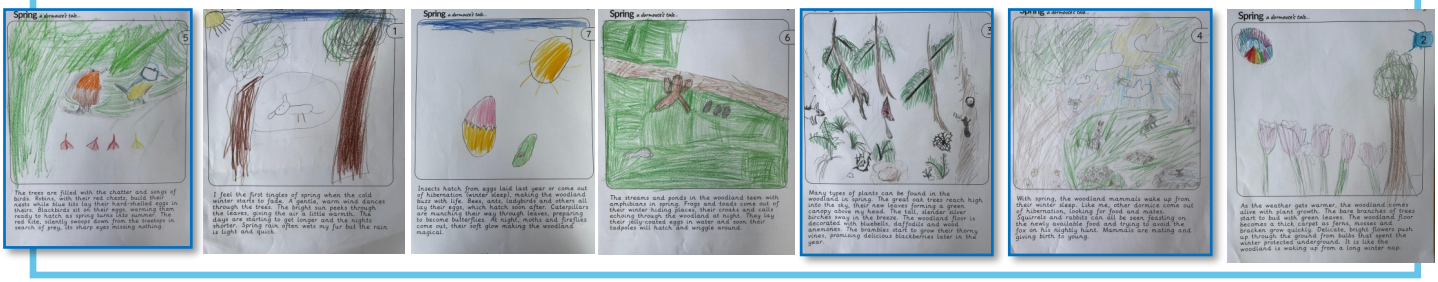




Elm

Elm class pupils have been working with money this week in maths. We have been busy counting coins and notes, converting pence to pounds, comparing amounts and finally using our decimal point in the context of money. Combined with our RHE study about bank accounts, our children are learning to be money-wise.

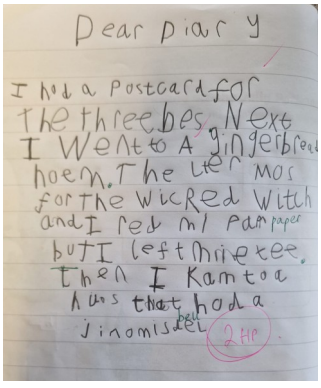
We also made a book together about the habitat of a dormouse in Spring. We learnt about the environment and the weather and how nature works with both ot thee elements. Everyone chose a page each to illustrate.



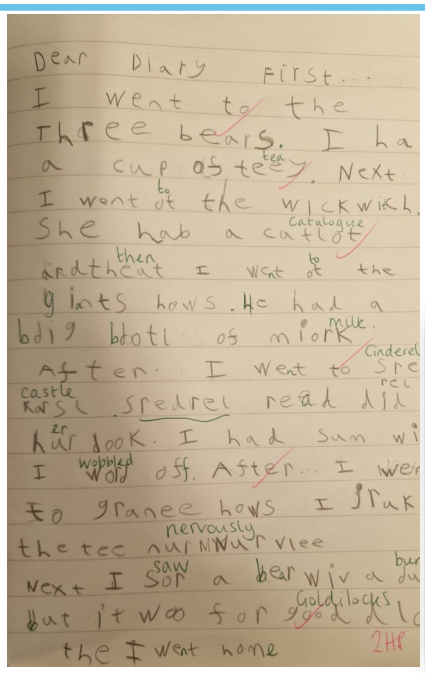
Beech

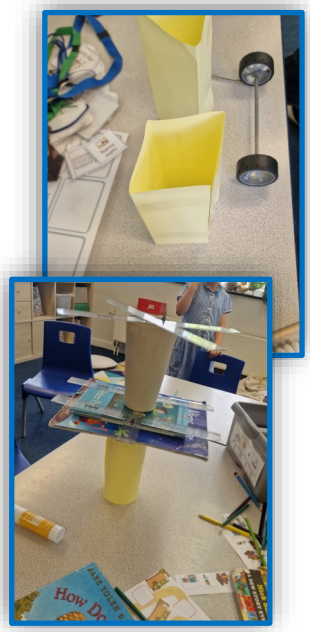
Beech class have explored how the shape of a tower affects its strength. We were very excited to see how strong a cylinder could be.

The children have continued to nurture their nasturtium seedlings and wonder at their growth.



They have all worked so hard in their writing this week and it has been great to see them applying their phonics sounds to their writing.



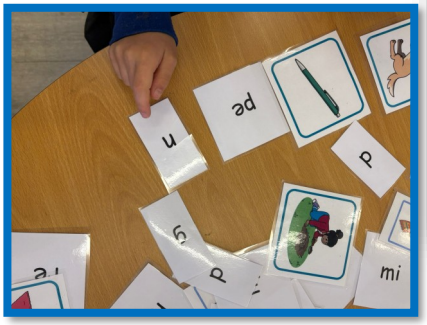


Ash

Ash Class have been busy exploring shapes this week. The children have been investigating how different shapes can be combined to create new shapes. They have also enjoyed copying pictures made from 2D shapes and identifying 2D shapes hidden within 3D shapes.



In addition, the children have been learning about different materials and sorting them into groups. They have loved spending time on the balance bikes and have been working hard to develop their independence in writing.



In maths, the children have been ordering numbers to 30, and in phonics they have been practising identifying the 'ed' phoneme in words.

Stars this week:

Saoirse for amazing writing
Miran for amazing writing
Tomi for an amazing poem
All of **year 6** for hard work in their SATs

Lunch leader awards:

Ethan, Ruaridh, Olivia and Logan

Celebrating our values this week:

Jenson for love and helping a friend
Ivy-Sylvie for being such a good friend
Tommy for respect and being helpful
All of **year 5** for patience and flexibility during SATs

Attendance:

Our attendance today was 99.2% bringing our week to 96.4%. Can we bring it higher next week?

If anyone would still like to order school photos, **Kittles** have extended the free delivery window to the 18th of May.

Thank you to all who have completed the Parent Survey - it closes today so still time to have your say!
https://survey.tenaxschoolstrust.co.uk/

Dates for your diary

June 17th	Oak class Residential
June 23rd	Ash, Beech and Elm trip
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
July 21st	Awards Assembly and Leavers' send off

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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