

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

The children looked fantastic today dressed in the colours of the Union Flag, and it was lovely to see everyone embracing the occasion with such enthusiasm.

A huge thank you as well to everyone who donated cakes and baked treats. The effort and creativity that went into them was incredible — we were truly spoilt for choice! Your generosity and continued support help make these events so special for the children and are very much appreciated by all of us.



Last week, the netball team were in action in a home match against Bidborough. Emily and Isla have written this report: *We started off with fast passes and interceptions and they did it straight back. Back and forth, player to player, the ball made its way down to where Bidborough were shooting. This kept happening over and over again until it reached 17-0. In the end we scored none but we all had great fun, especially with all our new players. We congratulated one another and James (Bidborough) and Emily (Fordcombe) were player of the match. We all enjoyed ourselves and would happily do it again! Thank you to Mrs. Burton for organising the match!*

It was my pleasure - you played so well and gave Bidborough a tougher time than the score reflects!

Have a wonderful weekend! Kind regards, Julie Burton, Executive Headteacher



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Oak

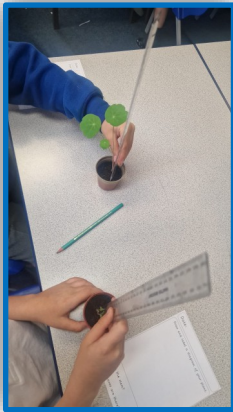
Oak Class have worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud of the effort and determination they have shown. Alongside their usual classwork, the children have been approaching their SATs revision with maturity, perseverance and a really positive attitude as they prepare for next week.

To help the children feel calm, confident and ready for the day ahead, there will be a SATs breakfast available for Year 6 pupils each morning next week. We appreciate that this may make arrangements a little trickier for families with children in other year groups, and we are very grateful for your support and understanding. The breakfast is entirely optional and will begin at 8:15am, with children meeting outside the Oak Class door.

On Friday afternoon, Oak Class also enjoyed learning about macrophotography and exploring the fascinating detail that can be captured in close-up images. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we look forward to sharing some of their wonderful photographs with you very soon!



Beech



Beech Class have been showing some fantastic scientific thinking this week during their seedling observations. The children have carefully measured and monitored their plants, with Isabella currently in the lead with an impressive seedling measuring 16cm tall! They have also been fascinated to observe how the leaves turn towards the sunlight throughout the day, helping them to understand more about how plants grow and respond to their environment.

In our topic work, we have continued exploring monarchy and even had the opportunity to trial a selection of “thrones”, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

The children are also loving revisiting classic nursery rhymes and fairy tales as we follow the adventures of The Jolly Postman on his route. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for familiar stories and characters. As always, thank you for your continued support with phonics at home — regular practice really does make such a difference to the children's confidence and progress.



Ash

This week, Ash Class have been exploring how shapes can be decomposed and rearranged, as well as describing different arrangements of shapes. They have also been learning about rotation and beginning to understand how shapes can turn and move in different ways.

Alongside their maths learning, the children have been working incredibly hard on developing their independent writing skills and should be very proud of their efforts.

In their creative activities, the children enjoyed junk modelling and using dough stampers to practise spelling words in a fun and engaging way. They have also been thinking carefully about friendships and discussing the qualities that make a good friend. As part of this, the children created a wonderful “friendship soup”, adding ingredients such as kindness, sharing and helpfulness to represent the values that help friendships grow strong.

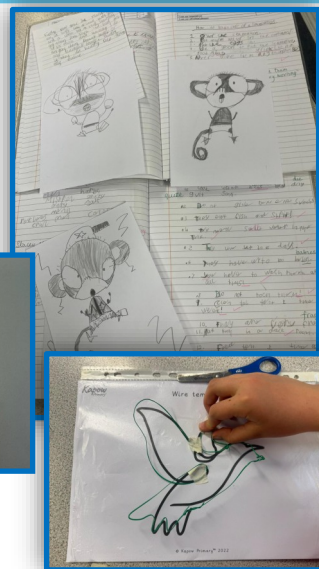
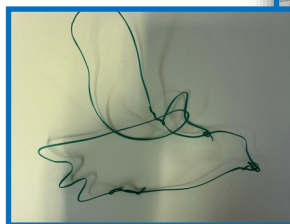


Elm

Elm Class have been thoroughly enjoying our class book, *Oliver and the Seawigs*, which is full of wonderfully quirky and memorable characters. This week, the children have been learning all about sea monkeys and using their imagination brilliantly to write instructions explaining how to care for these unusual creatures. They worked hard to include a range of imperative verbs to make their instructions clear and effective.

To accompany their writing, the children also followed a step-by-step drawing tutorial by the book's illustrator and created some fantastic illustrations to decorate their work. It has been wonderful to see both their creativity and attention to detail shining through.

This afternoon, Elm Class turned their talents to art and design by creating wire sculptures. The children showed great patience and perseverance while shaping their creations, and we are delighted to share a photograph of our beautiful Fordcombe Dove!



Stars this week:

Arlo for working so hard on his reading
Evie and **Marcus** for amazing phonics
Alyosha for his spelling
George for classifying birds in science
Leo and **Ellis** for showing good listening

Lunch leader awards:

Lara, Amber and Isla



Attendance:

This last term is essential for consolidating the learning from this year - please aim for 100% attendance!

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Celebrating our values this week:

Archie for perseverance
Florence for perseverance
Amber and **Sophie** for always being supportive friends



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

I think our ice-creams may have chased the sun away somehow! It didn't seem to dent the children's appetite for them though so thank you to our Year 6 parents for leading this week.



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

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