FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

At Fordcombe, alongside learning maths, English, history and the wider curriculum, we are equally committed to teaching children important life skills and how to keep themselves safe.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Jo from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, who visited every class to share valuable fire safety advice. I wonder if the children can tell you some of the important messages they learned? One key reminder was to regularly check that your home smoke alarms are working.

Ash Class also made the most of the sunshine by getting started on the balance bikes - thank you again to the Parents' Guild for fundraising for these. The children learned about the importance of always wearing a helmet when riding their bikes, helping them to build safe habits from an early age.

We also had a slow worm basking in our Forest School area. Although slow worms are completely harmless, it provided a perfect opportunity to remind children never to pick up animals they do not recognise.

I hope you all have a safe, relaxing long weekend. We are also looking forward to celebrating VE Day next week.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton
Executive Headteacher



Oak

What a busy week for Oak class! This week started with a talk from Kent Fire and Rescue on Monday afternoon and a Caribbean 'feast' on Tuesday afternoon followed by an 'open classroom' where adults were invited in after school to see some recent pieces of art (our waistcoats and memory boxes).





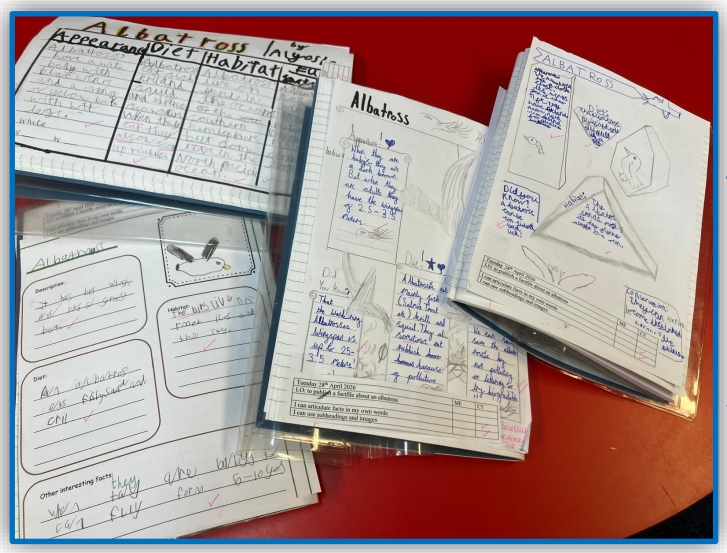
We were also very fortunate to be visited by Mrs Padley on Wednesday afternoon, who shared with Oak class her own family connection to WW2. A big thank you to Mrs Padley for bringing some of our learning life!



In science this week, Oak class learned about the importance of the heart and the circulatory system; we then made models of the heart outside on the playground.



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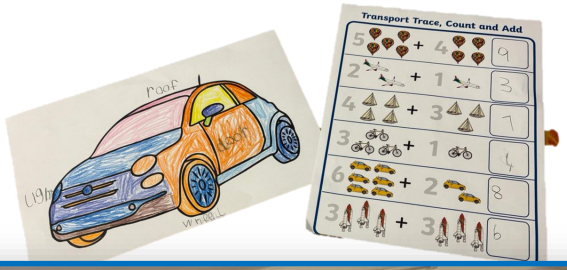


Elm

Elm class have been busy researching and compiling fact files about the enormous albatross bird. We have found out details of its huge wingspan - 3.4 metres, and spotted that the length has a decimal point in it. We love spotting maths everywhere!

Ash

Ash class have had another busy week. We've been adding and taking away in maths and working hard on writing more independently. We have been looking at old and new transport and painting our favourite vehicles!





Beech

Beech class have been busy finding out about all the important roles a monarch must undertake and learning about the symbolic items used in a coronation.

We have also been very excited to watch our seeds sprouting. Isabella's is in the lead so far!





Stars this week:

Archie for his writing
Lewis for remembering lots of history,
Marcus for fantastic independent writing,
Vinnie for good listening and speaking in class discussions.
Tomi for learning and remembering new vocab.
Isla for producing imaginative writing
Logan for always trying your best.

French award:

Maya for achieving 100 bon point

Lunch leader awards:

Amber, Finlay, Clemmie and Ayati

Celebrating our values this week:

Polina for showing love and always helping.
Zoe for showing love and forgiveness.

The fantastic **netball team** for persevering and showing incredible resilience in their match this week.

Attendance:

Ash class topping the chart with 100% this week!



A reminder that it is our **VE day celebrations on Friday 8th May.**

Please bring donated cakes into the office on Friday morning and children can come to school wearing red, white and blue.

Reception Places 2026

We do still have space available if you are aware of any families looking for a great village school for their little ones in September!



Dates for your diary

Reminder - May Bank Holiday on May 4th.

May 8th	VE Day celebrations
June 17th	Residential
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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