FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

It was great to see the children back in school this week. The break seems to have done them good as I'm sure they've all grown at least an inch!



This week, we have introduced Star Jars for each class. The children have thought about a treat that they would like to work towards as a class and are already working hard to earn some stars. Once the jar is full, they will have earned their reward. All staff can award stars to the classes in recognition of any of our school value. I wonder which class will get to the top first?

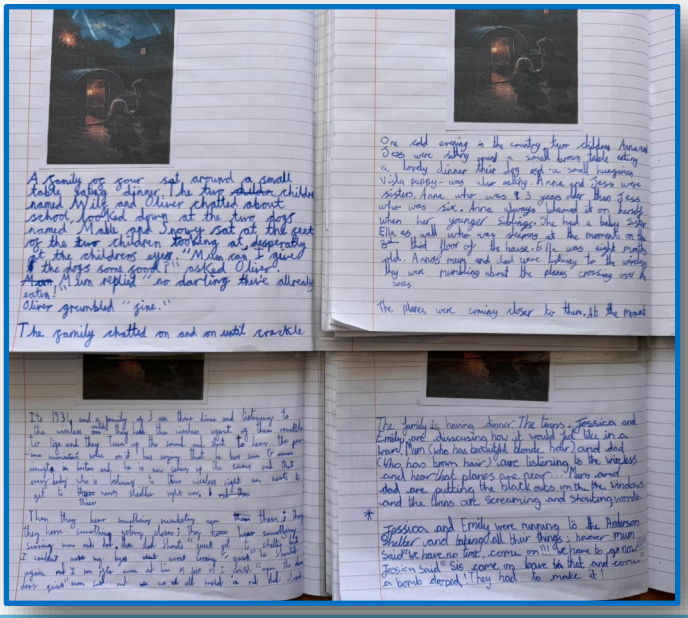


The children have been getting stuck in to the school environment in different ways this week and certainly been enjoying playing on the field. The tulips that we all planted have blossomed too, making a colourful display with all a range of shades, shapes and heights - just like us!

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

Oak

Oak class have been working very hard this week, independently writing a story based around World War II. We've also been continuing with our preparation for SATs. We are also working hard to finally finish our waistcoats. which we didn't quite manage to do at the end of last term. If you would like to pop in and see your children's waistcoats, please do come in at pick-up on Tuesday afternoon next week.

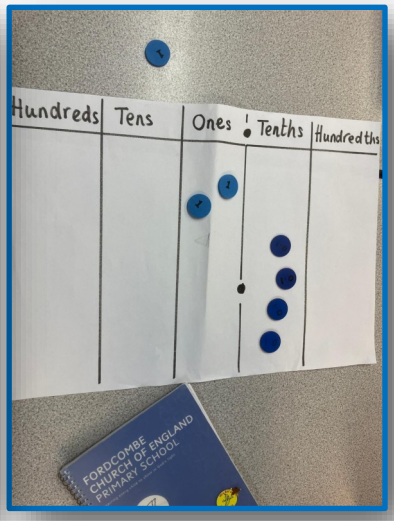


Elm

Elm class pupils have been getting to grips with decimals this week, using counters and a place value chart to help. They then used this knowledge practically to measure classroom items in centimetres.

The Elm class garden plot is shaping up with carrots, radishes, lettuces and a mystery vegetable (we can't remember which seeds we sowed!).





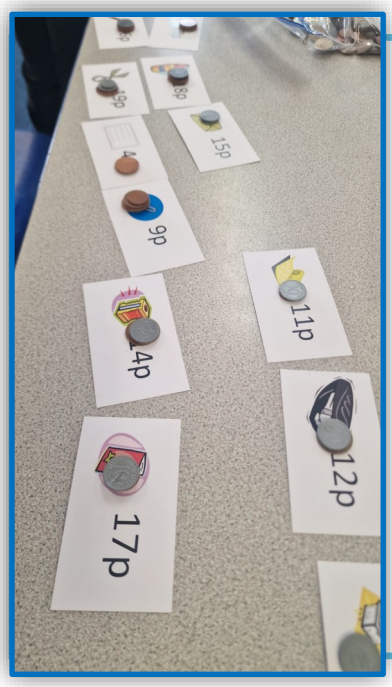
Ash

Ash class have had a very busy week. We have started our new topic of Transport. The children have enjoyed reading all about the adventures of The Naughty Bus and have done some excellent writing about it.

They have also been working hard on numbers from 10 to 20. Some of the activities have been to cut and stick parts on a bus, place different vehicles where you would find them, make a garage for a bus and make a sculpture of their favourite form of transport. They have also loved role playing at our vet surgery.







Beech

Beech have been busy learning all about money. We were excited to see our classroom has transformed into a fairy tale kingdom to support our topic of traditional tales.

We have also been busy in the garden planting seeds as part of our science lesson.

Please keep practising phonics with your children at home.

Celebrating our values this week:

The whole of Ash for being hopeful they can fill their Star Jar
Charlie for showing hope when caring for the garden
Finlay for always showing hope and being positive, believing in himself even when things are challenging.

Stars this week:

Olivia for her independent writing
Isabella for trying so hard with her reading and writing.
Livvy and Monty for beautiful writing about Jack and the Beanstalk
Freddie for great work on decimals
Aris for settling in so well



Children are invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate VE Day on **Friday the 8th of May**. There will also be a red, white and blue themed cake sale at break time. Children will be able to purchase cakes for a donation of 50p-£1. Please bring cake donations into the office in the morning of Friday the 8th.

Travelling Book Fair!

Thank you to all that visited our book fair; we raised an amazing **£220** to go towards some new books for the library.



Reception Places 2026

We have already begun our preparations to welcome our new intake in September. We are looking forward to having them visit for some story and play sessions later in June and have plans to invite the Fordcombe Nursery children over to the school for some library sessions and fun on our field!

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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