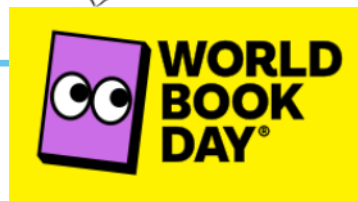




Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

We've had a great couple of days to end the week as we celebrated World Book Day!



Yesterday morning began with sharing our costumes and listening to Grammar's World Book Day song. We tried to spot our characters in the lyrics. There are a couple of photos here for you to see but many more on our World Book Day gallery on our website under latest news.

We also enjoyed hearing the winning entries to the 500 word story competition. We had lots entertaining entries and Miss Huskisson

and I had so much trouble choosing, I had to enlist the help of a local children's illustrator!

Congratulations to runners up Lewis and Clemmie and to our overall winner, Ayati. We certainly have some budding authors in our school. You can read the winning entries on our school website and I will shortly be announcing a new competition for any aspiring artists/illustrators.

The afternoon was filled with activities including a Book scavenger hunt, designing book covers, drama and time in the library.

More drama workshops today and the great Book and Bake event. Thanks to all for coming - we have raised £100 which we can use to buy some more wonderful books! Don't forget to grab your free books with your World Book Day voucher this weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

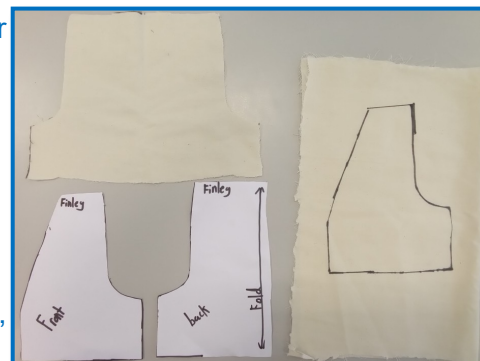


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Oak

This week in Oak class, we have been learning about the importance of instructional writing in English. Through this we have been recapping our knowledge of using colons and semi-colons, maintaining the correct tenses across our writing and making our writing cohesive. In RE this term, we are learning about Hinduism and we discovered it has just been the festival of Holi – I hope you had a wonderful time if you celebrate! In art, we are busying getting ready to sew our waistcoats – there will be plenty of pictures to come very soon!

Next Friday is Science Day! Oak class will be doing an experiment...more details to come next week! However, if you have any **used and clean 2l bottles** (milk bottles, fizzy drinks, etc.), I would be grateful for any donations!



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Elm

In Elm class this week, we have been working hard at fractions, finding parts of shapes and numbers and using terms including numerator and denominator. All the children have persevered to grasp some tricky concepts and we are properly proud of them. We were also impressed that the children are following up on curriculum learning in their independent study time - here are Shiva the Destroyer, Brahma and Vishnu made by one of the children inspired by our study of Hinduism in RE.



In Science, we have been investigating vibration and sound waves. *Early* fascinating!

Ash

In Ash class, we have also been reading The Gingerbread Man. Some children chose to order numbers to 10 by cutting out gingerbread men on a 10 frame.

The children also have been ordering story cards. They wrote lists of the characters in the story, made stick puppets of them and re-told the story themselves, using finger puppets to role play in the little theatre.. They even designed their own gingerbread men!



Beech



Beech class have been working hard on their odd and even numbers and times tables this week. In English, we have been looking at plurals and adjectives. We used our writing skills to describe this picture.

One child wrote: 'In the woods there is a dark black cave and a giant white polar-bear. In the forest there are beautiful colourful leaves and the bright blue air is cold. It even has brown and green trees and tall pink flowers.'

We have also settled into our good routine with our phonics scheme. Thank you for remembering to return the books each Monday.



Celebrating our values this week:
for love and always helping others.
Vinnie for perseverance
Tomi for perseverance.
Oliver and Fin for being kind and helpful

**Sports leader
awards:**
George, Bella,
Ethan



Stars this week:
Jacob - For writing and maths
Joey - for great work
Livvy - for a fantastic world book day
Freddie - for superb diary writing.
Wilf - for being helpful in the library



**Lunch leader
awards:**
Mimi and Livvy

Netball Match - Home v Chiddingstone

The netball team were in action on Monday this week, hosting Chiddingstone for our first home match. The Fordcombe team were enthusiastic, energetic and determined, although we had a couple of players with very little experience.

The final score was 9-3 to Chiddingstone but the goal difference does not reflect the fiercely contested game. Fordcombe defended really well although sometimes at a bit of a disadvantage with height! Congratulations to Mimi and Isla who both scored and to Oliver who was voted player of the match by the opposing team.

Now we've got one match under our belt, we're keen to build on our skills - watch this space for our next fixtures!

Dates for your diary

March 10th	Ash class hearing and vision screening
March 13th	Science Challenge Day
March 19th	Class Photos
March 25th	Travelling Book Fair visit for 1 week
March 27th	Non-school uniform day (£1 donation)
March 30th	Elm and Oak Swimming Week
April 2nd	Easter Celebration Day

Other early dates for your information:

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

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