

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

Thank you for your patience this week - and **WATER** week it was! Very strange that we just had one day of water disruption, but I'm not knocking it.

Last term, some of the children entered the Young Writers competition and we were thrilled when some of our pupils were selected to be published! You will have recently received a letter informing you of this, alongside a form to order copies of these books. They have arrived and Miss Huskisson was very excited this morning to hand out these books to the children. We now have lots of published authors at Fordcombe!



UNIFORM SALE

We are offering 20% the price of our uniform stock in school - purchase through Arbor whilst stocks last!

Oak This week in Oak class we have been very busy! 

In maths, we have been learning how to multiply fractions: multiply fractions by integers, multiplying fractions by mixed numbers and by other fractions. In English, we have started looking at our new Power of Reading book, which this term is "Tales of the Caribbean" by Trish Cooke. We looked at how we create some very formal sentences by using the subjunctive. If I were you, I would check with your children how we use the subjunctive! In art, we are starting the process of creating a "memory museum". We have created a clay model, which represents an aspect of ourselves. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, we will be creating cardboard sculptures to capture some of our memories, thoughts and feelings.



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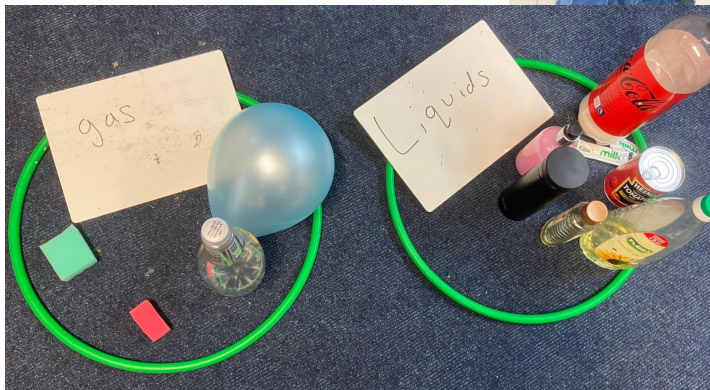
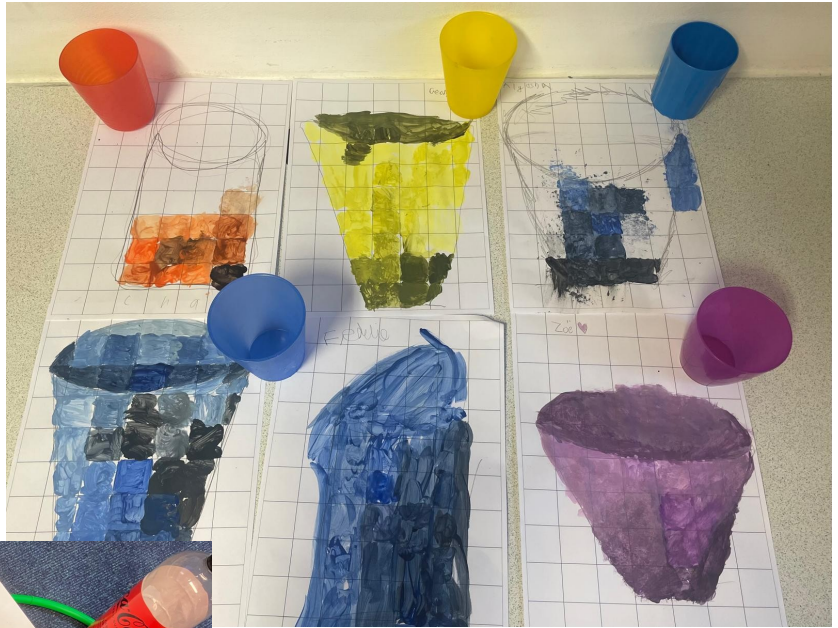
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Elm

In Elm Class this week, we have been looking at solids, liquids and gases. We have really enjoyed pouring (and spilling), squashing (and shaking) plastic bottles to find out more about states of matter.

This afternoon, they used tints and shades to give 3 dimensional effects when painting.



Beech

Beech class have coped really well this week but were thrilled to see Miss Huskisson back today. They have continued their learning regarding Amelia Earhart and loving the flight simulator!



We have also welcomed Mrs Sedgemore to our team and she has enjoyed getting to know us all.

Ash

In Ash class, we have been reading the book Magic Sky. The children have really enjoyed it and have created their own pictures of the Northern Lights using chalk.





Celebrating our values this week:
Saoirse - Love - helping friends
Sophie and Amy - Always being so kind

Oak class had the best attendance this week with 96%. We do need to improve on our punctuality, though...

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Stars this week:

Archie - Amazing writing
Joey and Vinnie - Great Speaking and listening
Tommy - Incredible times tables
Freddie - Amazing spellings

Lunch leader awards:



**Sophie,
Annabelle,
George and Ada**

New singing opportunity

We have been contacted to share that a new singing group is being formed in Penshurst. This will be initially with younger members, meeting late afternoon on Mondays (during school term-time). You don't have to be able to read music to join, although we plan to introduce this and more during the sessions. And it won't just be singing – we hope to put on a concert at the end of each term, with songs and other instrumental pieces from those who wish to perform. We will cover all genres of sung music and everyone is welcome. You do not have to live in Penshurst to join, and in particular we would love to see anyone from Fordcombe who is interested. Community singing (and making music in general) is becoming increasingly recognised for its benefits to both physical and mental health. As well as being a thoroughly positive and great fun pastime. We will be laying out the timetables, costs etc. later in the spring with a target of starting in late April 2026. If you would like more information please contact Georgina Stober, Deborah Whitaker, Lisa Cornell, Stephen Hazell-Smith or Robert Rees.



Dates for your diary

January 15th	Closing date for Reception class admissions for September 2026
February 10th	Safer Internet Day
February 23rd	School closed - INSET day
February 26th	Parents Consultations
March 5th	World Book Day
March 26th	Travelling Book Fair visit
March 30th	Elm and Oak Swimming Week

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

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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