

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,



It's been a busy week starting with Odd Sock Day. We all wore Odd Socks to remind us that we are all different but all the same. We reflected on a passage from 1 Timothy 1:7 - *The spirit God gave us does*

not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. We talked about using our power to say, "Stop, that's not kind!" when we need to help our friends.

Then, on Tuesday, we joined together in our act of Remembrance. The children all created poppies in their classes and joined in the community Remembrance Service at the front of school. They were so respectful as they joined in the silence. Beech class even created a wreath which was shared at the War Memorial

Emily, Oak class, told me that she felt a mixture of emotions; the poppies looked so beautiful but she was sad thinking about the people and animals that died.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent's Evening on Thursday. A big thank you to our teachers for working such a long day to share your children's progress.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Julie Burton



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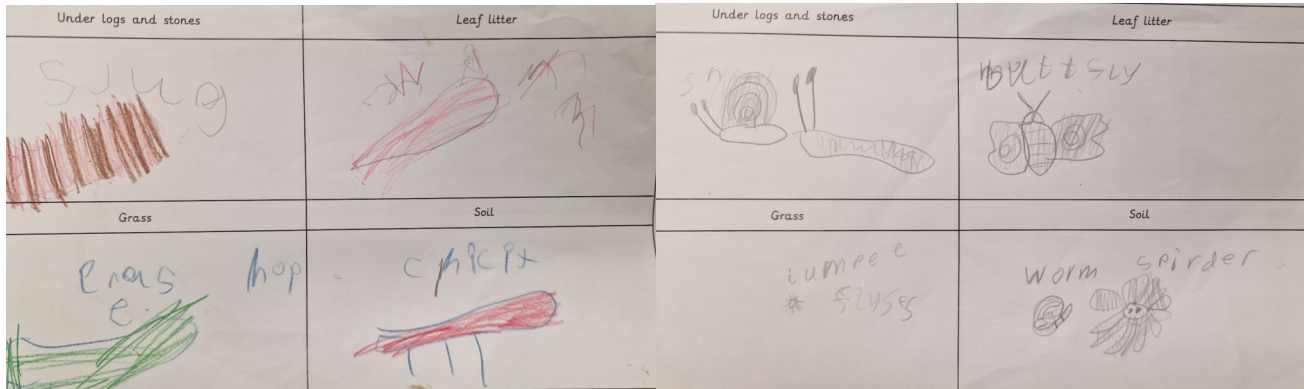
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Beech

Beech class went on a mini beast hunt on the field. They looked under leaves and rocks and found some interesting bugs in their micro habitats.



Ash

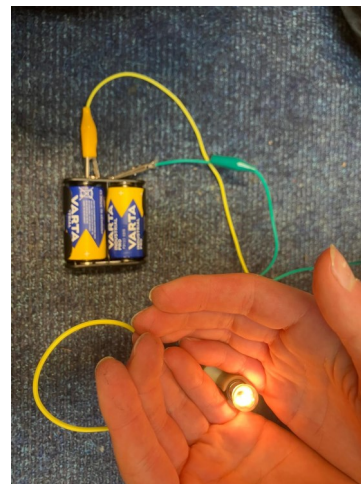
Ash class were thrilled by a visiting owl! I am sure they told you all about it!

They have been flying around the school ever since. What a magical experience for them all. Thanks for organising, Mrs Dunbar"



Elm

Elm class worked with bulbs and batteries to make electricity flow. Afterwards we drew circuit diagrams with electrical symbols.



NEW BOOKS!

Look at this incredible haul of books! We have purchased sets of books Beech, Elm and Oak, and some beautiful picture books for Ash class. This is over £800 worth of books so far. Thank you to you and the Parent Guild for making this possible.



Work from children in Elm and Oak was entered into a Young writer's competition called 'I Have A Dream'.

Sixteen children from Fordcombe have been selected to have their poems published in a book called Magic and Moonbeams.

All the children have received a certificate and a bookmark and are taking home a letter to accept permission to be published.

Mr Miles and Mrs Treutenaere are feeling proud and the work that was submitted is fantastic.

We look forward to sharing some of the published poetry with you soon!

Oak

This week in Oak class we have been working really hard to complete our own endings to our class book, *The Adventures of Odysseus*. In maths we have been consolidating our fractions learning: converting between mixed and improper fractions and beginning to add and subtract them (more to come in this week's homework!). We are also very excited to see each other's amazing Science presentations, all about the classification of plants! You can see some lovely examples below.



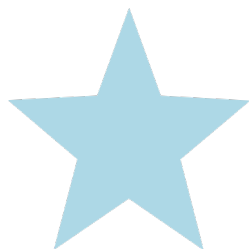


Celebrating our values this week:

Oliver and Logan– for being respectful and helpful in the dinner hall
 Carl - for showing love and respect
 The whole school - for being extra respectful during the remembrance service!

Attendance

Year 4 and Year 2 have the best attendance of the academic year so far - well done!



Stars this week:

Tomi - for doing excellent Mathletics
 Isabella - for completing some tricky spellings and persevering
 Evelyn - for doing extra work at home
 Bella - for doing an amazing bug hunt diagram

Lunch leader awards:

Mimi, Oliver and Leo



Christmas is coming...

We have a special menu for the last week of term to explore meals from around the world! This will include a traditional English Christmas lunch 'with all the trimmings' on the Wednesday.

I asked one of the children what their favourite thing was about school and was told it was school lunches!

Please note the change to menu attached to this week's newsletter.

Around the world Festive week menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vietnamese lễ ăn mừng Cà Ri Gà (Chicken curry) & lemongrass rice G.M.U.F.	Ethiopian ሰባከር ላይ Doro wat (Chicken stew) & steamed new potato's G.M.U.F.	English Celebration Roast turkey with all the trimmings & festive cracker G.S.U.	Portuguese Boas festas Empadão (Mince beef & potato pie) G.M.U.E.M	American Festive Cheeseburger with cranberry mayo & chips S.O.S.U.G.E.M.SS.
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Peas	Egg salad naan bread G.S.U.	Celebration vegetables	Green beans	Sweetcorn
Coconut flapjack G.S.U.	Lime jelly	Spiced festive shortbread G.	Chocolate mousse M.S.O.	Chocolate Maryland G.

Dates for your diary

December

Monday 1st	Christingle and Non-uniform day
Sunday 7th	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16th	Nativity
Wednesday 17th	Christmas lunch
Friday 19th	Christmas Church service and a special visitor in school...

Other early dates for your information:

February 26th	Parents Consultations
June 15th	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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