

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

And in the blink of an eye, we are at the end of the first term!

Thank you for your warm welcome. I have enjoyed getting to know the Fordcombe Family, especially your lovely children. Working within an academy trust has been learning curve for me. It is great, as a small school especially, to be supported by the Tenax team. As part of the academy, there is so much that is handled centrally. In stand alone primary schools, everything falls to the school including finance, HR and premises. Now, at Fordcombe, we are able to shift our focus on the issues most pertinent to the education of your children.

I hope you all have a lovely week with the children. We made a good start clearing the gardens today but I am looking forward to seeing more of you tomorrow for round 2!

To our Hindu friends, Happy Diwali for Monday.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/fordcombe/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend in our Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by
November 7th, 2025.



Oak

This week in Oak class, in maths we have been learning about some rules of divisibility, along with practising our times tables. Mr Miles would like to remind you (and your adults at home) that you have access to Mathletics!



In art, we have created our own 3d-stylle charcoal drawings, which are based on the names of our Maya spirit animals. These are made to look like they are carved into a Maya stela (a Maya stone monument). We got very messy doing this!

Oak class also very much enjoyed taking part in our Harvest service – conversations around this continued for the rest of the week during in-school Acts of Worship. Happy half term everyone and well done for an amazing start to year 5/6!



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It was wonderful to bring the school community together for our Harvest Festival this week.

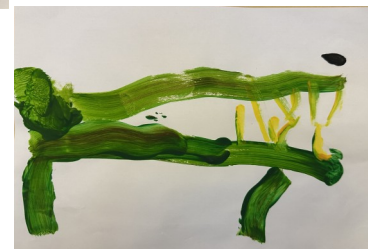
Apologies for the issues with sound - I'm working on a replacement mic set up for the school!

I'm delighted to share a flavour of the festival below. Special mention to our Year 6s who led the service so confidently.

What is your favourite thing in creation?

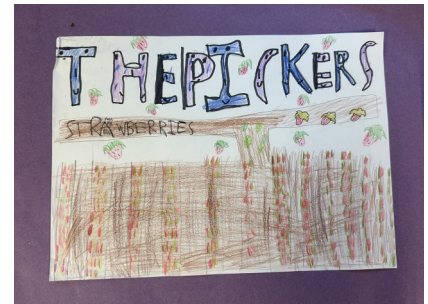


"A rainbow, flowers, crocodiles, tigers, transformers....me!"



When we eat our food, we should say thank you to God for what we have on our plate. As we eat it and enjoy its taste, we must remember to thank:

the Farmers,
the pickers,
the drivers,
the packers,
more drivers,
the shop keepers,
and our families who feed us
THANK YOU.



At harvest-time it is also right that we think about people who are not as lucky as us and who don't have enough food.

In many parts of the world there is not enough food, because the harvest has failed, and there is not enough rain, or too much rain, or because of war.

We think of those who have not got enough food, and pray for them:

Isla's prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for our beds in which we sleep.
Thank you for the shopkeepers who sell us food.

Thank you for the things which are new.
Thank you for the barley and wheat
And give food to those who are hungry.
Thank you for this season of Harvest
We will use tools that are the sharpest
To make our bread, cereals and more
And currants, berries and food galore.

Amen



Celebrating our values this week:
 James- Perseverance - particularly in writing
 Ivy - love - Kind and caring friend
 Florence - Love and respect

Attendance

Beech class
 have topped the
 polls this week
 with a good 97%!



Please remember that punctuality
 also counts...!



Stars this week:

Polina - Amazing maths
 Phoenix - Passion in reading
 Alyosha - Progress in writing
 Finley and Alya - Great talk partners

Lunch leader awards:



Jacob
 Amy
 Lara

Dates for your diary

October

Saturday 18th Groundforce Day (10-12pm)
 Monday 20th Half term break
 Monday 27th Return to school
 Thursday 30th Open Morning
 Friday 31st National Child Measuring service

November

Friday 7th Open Morning
 w/b Monday 10th Anti-bullying week
 Tuesday 11th Act of Remembrance
 Thursday 13th Parents Consultations (3:40 - 6:30, sign up will be available on Arbor from Monday 3rd)

December

Monday 1st Christingle and Non-uniform day
 Sunday 7th Christmas Fair
 Tuesday 16th Nativity
 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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