



Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

This weekend, please spare a thought for our staff! Unfortunately, we have been affected by illness this week and everyone has pulled together to keep going and ensure our children continue to have everything they need. I hope that with a restful weekend, we will all be fighting fit next week!

Our children have had a full week and are enjoying the change in season.

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.

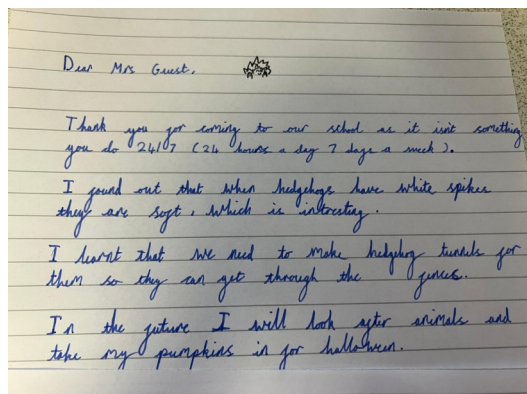
Please place your order online by
November 7th, 2025.

Elm

Elm class had a visit from Folly Wildlife Rescue this week. They were very grateful for our donations of meaty cat food, which will be used to feed the hedgehogs and some of the other wild life they look after. Although they couldn't bring in the real animals for us to see (it would be too stressful for the animals) they did bring in some stuffed toys of our native wildlife and we really enjoyed looking at these!



We have written letters to say thank you and there is one here to share with you.



"In the future, I will look after animals"

"Thank you for coming to our school..."

I found out that when hedgehogs have white spikes, they are soft, which is interesting.



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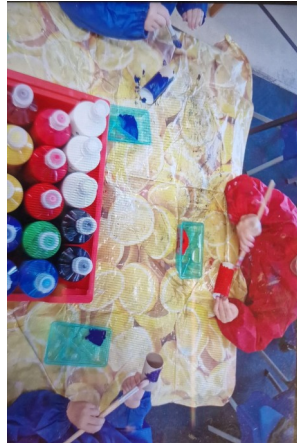


Remember, our Harvest Festival will be on Tuesday at St Peter's. If you feel you can donate food items, please do send them in with the children and we will collect them in the school foyer. We welcome you to join us and stay for tea afterwards!

Beech

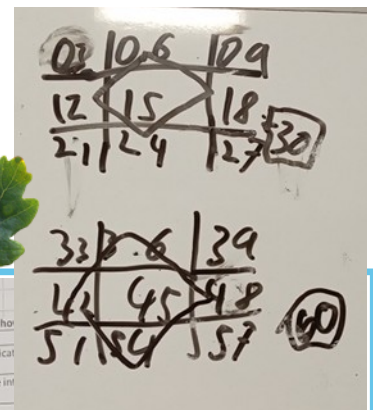
Beech have been busy painting tubes to create our own crayons from the story that we have been reading.

Autumn has also arrived and we are celebrating all the delicious fruits and vegetables by singing our harvest song and making pictures of them.



Ash

The class have been programming BeeBots!



Oak

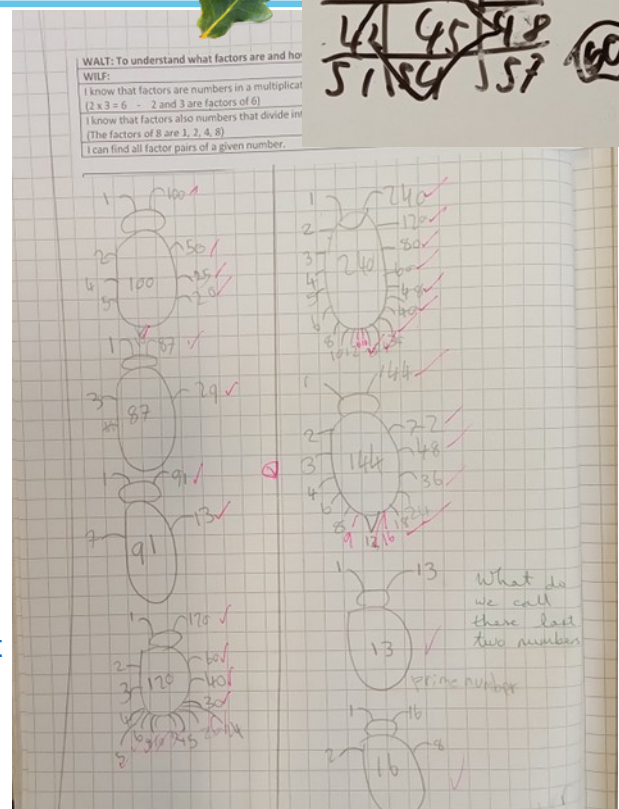
This week in Oak class, in our English lesson we have been learning about different types of figurative language and writing a setting description inspired by Odysseus.

In art, we are starting to create charcoal drawings of our Maya spirit animals.

In maths, we have been learning about column multiplication, factors and multiples.

We have even learnt some tricks to help us (remember!) our 3, 6 and 9 times tables!

Mr Miles would love for you to show your adults at home these tricks!





Celebrating our values this week:

Carl - Love - Always being kind to his friends
 Annabelle - Showing love
 Bella - Being a good role model
 Tomi - Perseverance in Maths
 Ellis - Lunch leader certificate

Attendance

Elm and Beech were almost neck and neck with great attendance this week. Unfortunately, Ash class are suffering this week - please reinforce good hand hygiene!



Stars this week:

Ada - Amazing maths
 Marcus - Amazing maths
 Charlie - Great science skills
 Amy and Maya - Amazing extra homework



Spread the word about our fantastic school! We have open days for prospective parents lined up and flyers to follow. Please share and ask people to contact the office to book in for our tours!

"Pupils enjoy attending this small and happy school" *Ofsted (Good)*

For children starting reception in September 2026

Thursday 30th October
 Friday 7th November
 Monday 8th December
 Thursday 8th January

Dates for your diary

New dates are in italics. Unless it is unavoidable, we will not change the dates for key events such as Sports Day, Inset days, the Award ceremony etc. Dates for curriculum events, Maths Day, Book Week, etc. and those not directly involving parents may be subject to change but give you a flavour of what we are up to this year at school.

Date	Activity	
October		
Tuesday 14 th	Whole school	Harvest Festival
Friday 17 th	Whole school	INSET day
Friday 17 th		Groundforce Day - 1-3pm
Saturday 18 th		Groundforce Day - 10-12pm
Monday 20 th	Whole School	Half term break
Monday 27 th	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 31 st	Ash and Year 6	National Child Measuring service

Groundforce day!

There will be plenty to do – from clearing, trimming, weeding, and sweeping to spreading bark and tidying borders. Please bring along gloves, secateurs, loppers, strimmers, hedge cutters, spades, forks, wheelbarrows, or any garden tools you can spare! Drinks and snacks will be provided for both adults and children to keep everyone re-freshed.

This is a real community effort and a wonderful way to show the children what can be achieved when we all work together. Any amount of time you can give will make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing many of you there!

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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