

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

What a fantastic week it has been at Fordcombe! From adventure and independence at Carrotty Wood to the wonderful creativity building ahead of our Festival of Arts, the school has been full of energy and excitement. It has been especially pleasing to see the children embracing new challenges and taking such pride in both their learning and wider experiences.

We would also like to wish all the dads and those who play a special role in our children's lives a very happy Father's Day this weekend.

Kind regards,

Julie Burton
Executive Headteacher

Oak class

Oak class definitely had a week of 2 halves and I'm sure it the second half that they will remember for a lifetime! They had a fantastic time away at Carrotty Wood and we were all so proud of their personal achievements during their stay. For some, the challenges came during the activities—facing some fears and conquering heights and depths.

For others, mastering putting on duvet cover, making sandwich and maintaining personal hygiene were newly acquired skills!

Well done to all and huge thanks to Mr Miles and his team keeping our children's safe and secure whilst fostering their independence!

We can't wait to hear all about it.



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Ash

Ash Class have been working incredibly hard this week on the composition of numbers up to 10. The children have been building cube towers in two different colours and exploring 10 frames using counters, helping them to deepen their understanding of number.

They have also put a great deal of effort into their writing, enjoying the opportunity to create their own sentences inspired by the story *The Snail and the Whale*.

In addition, the children have been busy preparing for our Festival of Art. As part of this, we read the story of Zacchaeus and discussed what meal each child might choose to share if Jesus came to visit their home, leading to some thoughtful and creative ideas.

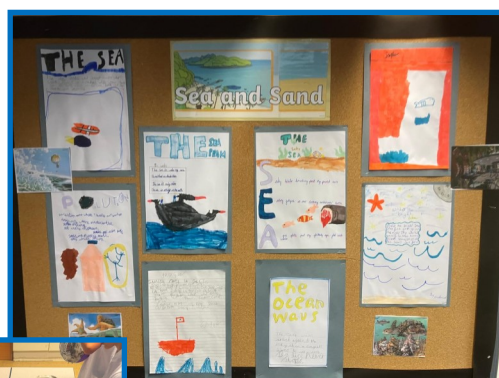
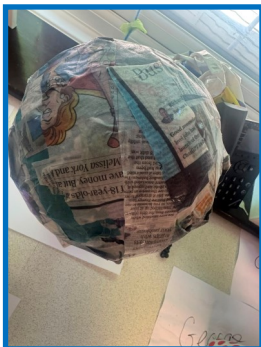


Elm class

We have been writing fantasy sea poems in Elm class this week and have really enjoyed illustrating them too. Maths lessons have been about telling the time and pupils are making good progress with this tricky topic.

We have been using strengthening structures to continue with our helmet making in DT.

In gardening news, we have been harvesting baby carrots and Oak class pupils have been picking the school raspberries. Delicious!



Beech



Beech Class have been busy learning about mass and capacity, enjoying hands-on exploration with a range of equipment—and taking the opportunity to cool down with some water-based activities too!

In literacy, we have begun a wonderful new book, *The Secret of Black Rock*, which the children are already thoroughly enjoying.

We have also been working hard in preparation for next week's Arts Festival and are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school to share and celebrate all that the children have been creating.



Stars this week:

Ollie for writing,
Annabelle for writing,
Tommy for writing,
All of Oak for being amazing!

Please remind
your children that
'please' and 'thank
you' are the best
manners to use at
the dinner table.



Celebrating our values this week:

Jacob for love.
Vinnie for love and being a kind friend
Gabby for showing love and respect, being
super helpful this week.

Attendance:

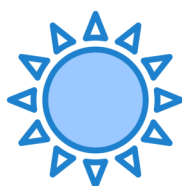
The whole school
had 95%
attendance this week!



Well done to prioritising learning
in school.

HOT WEATHER GUIDANCE

Next week is forecast to be
a warm one.



Please ensure that children
come to school with a **hat**, a **full water
bottle**, and have **sun cream applied
before the school day**.

We will also be making adjustments to
playtimes and the school day as needed to
ensure that we are **keeping all children
safe in the heat**.

Thank you for your support.

Fordcombe Festival of Arts

will take place this year on Friday June 26th 2026 at 2pm.

This year our festival will have the theme:
'Our Natural World'

We would like the children to enter the Arts competition with
a piece that represents the natural world around us. This
could be on the theme of recycling or sustainability, a piece
of work made from recycled/natural materials or your own
interpretation of the theme! We welcome entries of music,
poetry, sculpture or pictures (any medium welcome!). We
would encourage children to be as creative as possible.

The entries will be on display at the Festival of Arts
alongside class artwork.

The closing date for competition entries will be
Monday 22nd June.

We look forward to seeing how your children celebrate our
wonderful natural world.

Dates for your diary

June 22nd	Closing date for the Arts competition
June 23rd	Ash, Beech and Elm trip
June 26th	Festival of Arts
July 3rd	Sports Day (Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)
July 13th	Oak Class production
July 21st	9:15 Awards Assembly in the church 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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