

FORDCOMBE NEWS



Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

What an extraordinary and joy-filled day we have had!

The school was treated to an exclusive preview of Oak Class's performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, and it was simply inspiring. The children performed with such confidence, creativity and enthusiasm that I am sure parents and families will be incredibly proud when they enjoy the full performance on Monday afternoon.

Throughout the day, many of the children took part in our Penalty Shoot-Out and Basketball Challenge. Congratulations to Ellis and Emily, who were the worthy winners of the two competitions. Thank you to Mrs Bell and Mrs Wooley for organising and running these popular events.



This afternoon's Festival of Arts was an absolute delight. It was wonderful to see our children embracing poetry, music and such a wide variety of artistic styles with such enthusiasm and pride. Thank you to everyone who joined us on a very warm Friday afternoon to celebrate this special occasion. The classroom galleries were a feast for the eyes, showcasing an impressive collection of imaginative two- and three-dimensional artwork, including those created on our dedicated Arts afternoon.



A huge thank you to Mrs Pike and her team for helping the children create our wonderful commemorative tea towels. There is still time to purchase one! Simply visit the school office with £6 to order your child's design. Mrs Pike has very generously chosen to donate all proceeds from the tea towel sales to the school, and we look forward to sharing the total raised with you.

Our thanks also go to Swati, who sold her beautifully detailed handmade bookmarks during the afternoon, kindly donating all of the proceeds to the school. If you would like to see more of her artwork, you can find her on Instagram at [@swayati1610](https://www.instagram.com/swayati1610).



Congratulations to our competition winners:

- **Key Stage 1:** Archie
- **Key Stage 2:** Amy
- **Grand Prize:** Amber

A special mention also goes to our Highly Commended artists: George, Ayati, Isabella, Saoirse, Tomi, Lewis, Livvy and Clemmie. We hope to display some of their beautiful work around the school for everyone to enjoy.

We rounded off the festival by singing *Power in Me*—a fitting finale after a day that so clearly celebrated the talent, creativity and confidence of every child. A huge thank you to Miss Huskisson for leading our artistic endeavours and for helping to make the day such a memorable success.



Ash

Ash class have been working hard on identifying odd and even numbers this week. They have also been working on addition.

The children have been listening to the story *The Storm Whale* and have produced some outstanding writing about it.

They have been doing lots of art which you will hopefully have enjoyed this afternoon.

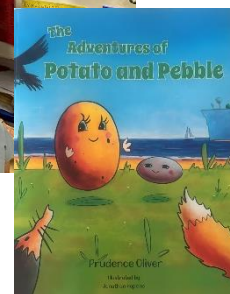




Beech

Beech class have excelled in their assessments this week. They have coped really well in hot, sticky circumstances!

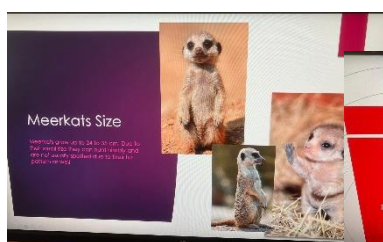
We have added some more creatures to our underwater world and loved all the activities in the arts afternoon.



Beech class loved this book written by Mrs McBride's friend. Here is a link to a free e-book for you to enjoy it again: www.magletpublishing.com/pp1

Elm

Elm class pupils have been learning all about plants and animals this week. We have been researching from non-fiction sources and have made our own PowerPoint presentations. They were super eye catching and informative, as you can see!



Oak

As we head into the final few days of term, Oak Class have been incredibly busy! The children have worked exceptionally hard during this final – again rather hot – week of rehearsals for our production of Romeo and Juliet. They have shown real commitment, resilience and teamwork as they have polished their performances, learned lines, perfected stage directions and supported one another. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and dedication they have brought to every rehearsal, and we can't wait to share the finished performance with you.



Alongside preparing for the play, Oak Class have also been working hard towards our Arts Festival. On Thursday afternoon, the children immersed themselves in a range of exciting creative activities, exploring different artistic techniques and working collaboratively with great enthusiasm. We hope you enjoyed seeing the wonderful artwork they produced when visiting the Arts Festival – it was a fantastic afternoon that showcased their creativity, imagination and willingness to try something new.

Dates for your diary

July 13th	Oak Class production – up to 3 guests per Oak family, arrive from 1:30 for a 2pm start.
July 21st	9:15 Awards Assembly in the church and Leavers' send off – all welcome

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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