

FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

This week has been a wonderful reminder that learning extends far beyond the classroom walls. As I have visited classes, I have been struck by the enthusiasm with which our children embrace new experiences and challenges.

From Beech and Ash classes beginning their seaside topics, to Elm Class harvesting vegetables in the garden and Oak Class exploring the world of Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre, our pupils have demonstrated curiosity, resilience and a genuine love of learning. Oak Class's trip was particularly memorable, as the children showed perseverance and positivity despite the challenges posed by train disruptions and wet weather.

As we move through the final half-term of the year, we are also looking ahead to some exciting events, including our Festival of Arts. This year's theme, *Our Natural World*, offers a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate the beauty of the environment, think creatively about sustainability and share their talents with the wider school community. I am already looking forward to seeing the imaginative entries that our pupils produce.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging good habits at home, whether that is reading regularly, practising times tables, developing independence or reinforcing the importance of healthy lifestyles. These small daily actions make a significant difference to children's confidence and success in school.

I hope you enjoy reading about this week's learning and achievements.
Kind regards,

Julie Burton
Executive Headteacher

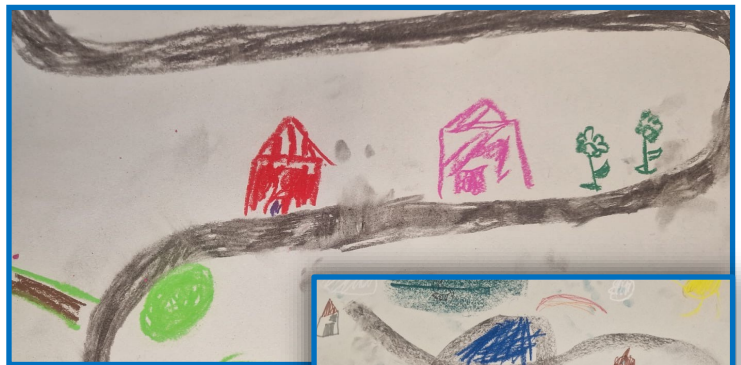
Beech class

Beech class are going to rename as Beach class this term as we wade into our new topic of The Coast. We have looked at the fascinating structures of lighthouses and loved exploring our new book *The Lighthouse Keepers* lunch. Our classroom has transformed into a seaside that we can enjoy even though the sun appears to have gone missing!



In art we have been mapping our journeys to school using mixed media.

Keep going with the phonics!



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Ash

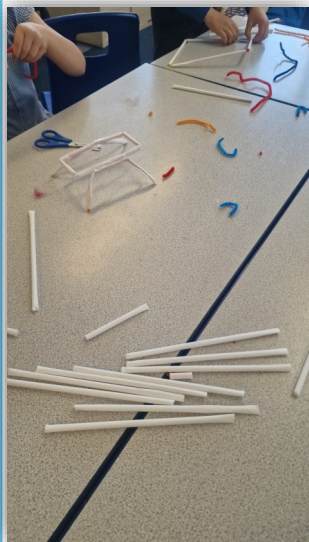
Ash Class has had a busy and exciting week of learning. In mathematics, the children have been working hard to use positional language to describe objects in their own small-world scenes. During continuous provision activities, they have also been practising their number skills by identifying and filling in missing numbers.

The children have begun their new topic on the seaside and have enjoyed exploring this theme through creative activities, including designing their own postcards and seaside buckets.

In their learning about health and wellbeing, Ash Class investigated how exercise affects the body. The children took part in a variety of exercises in the classroom and discussed the changes they noticed, such as their hearts beating faster and feeling warmer after being active.



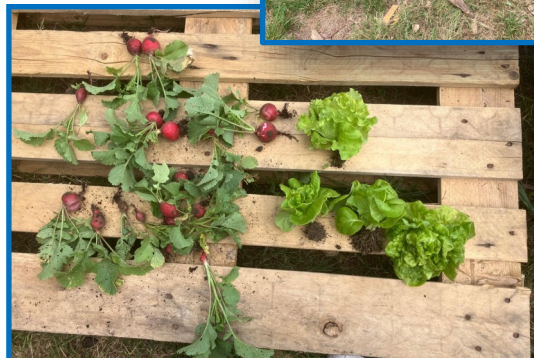
Elm class



Elm class pupils have been working hard in the garden before the rain this week. We have harvested some of our vegetables (learning a few French words as we go) and started to clear some of the Forest School area.

Back in the classroom, we have been practising times tables and writing an adventure story.

In preparation for the start of our new class book, it would be great if Elm pupils could bring in a holiday photo of themselves next week to help them recount a holiday memory.



Oak

Oak class had a fantastic time this week visiting The Globe theatre in London! We enjoyed a backstage tour, where we discovered how productions are brought to life, and learned more about the history of this iconic building. The children then took part in a workshop, led by a real director from the Globe!

During the session, the children explored Shakespearean language, learning how to unlock the meaning behind words and bring them to life through emotion, expression and movement. Despite the rain, train cancellations, further train delays and platform alterations, we had a great time!

We are also looking forward to our art workshop at the Amelia Centre on Friday: more details and photos will be shared next week.





Stars this week:

Polina for amazing maths work,
Miran for amazing phonics
Maddie for being a courageous advocate
and a helpful friend.

Could you please
encourage your
children to use
their cutlery
correctly this
week?



Celebrating our values this week:

Saoirse for honesty.
Florence for perseverance in phonics and
writing
George, Tommy and Zoe for perseverance in
times table practice.

Attendance:

Three of our classes
had attendance
over 95% this week! Remember,
every moment counts as children
consolidate their learning.



Healthy Snack Reminder

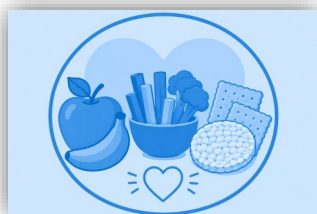
A gentle reminder that snacks brought into school
should be healthy options. Suitable snacks include:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetables
- Plain crackers
- Rice cakes

These choices help to support healthy eating habits
and provide children with the energy they need for
learning throughout the day.

Please do not send in any meat or dairy as we
have no facilities to keep these cool and fresh.

Thank you for your
support in helping us
promote healthy
lifestyles across the
school.



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 17th	Oak class Residential
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 20th	Leavers' Service at the Church

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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