



Forest Park Newsletter

18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another action packed week here at Forest Park.

It has been great to see pupils from sites getting out into the community. Pupils have been riding, walking and swimming. We've got a few more things in the pipeline which we are excited about. If you see anything you think pupils would enjoy please share your recommendation with the school via the admin email please.

One of my favourite parts of the week this week has been breakfast club at Secondary. Seeing students from different classes meet together to interact, chat and laugh over a few slices of toast was brilliant.

Just to keep you updated, we have made a small change to the assemblies on Primary. We now run two assemblies which we hope makes the hall space more manageable and allows me to pitch the assemblies so that pupils get the most out of being together and hopefully sharing something fun. Crocodile class swim on a Friday so they will have a class assembly on a Thursday.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support. I hope to see lots of you on Thursday at the coffee morning.

Have a lovely weekend,

David





Important information

Oak Lodge Open Morning

23rd September 2026
9.30am - 12.30pm

www.oaklodge.hants.sch.uk

If you would like to attend, please visit their website and book your space!

Arbor – Please remember to update your details in your Arbor account, for example contact information, address, consents, medical details. If you need any help with Arbor please contact us.

Absence reporting – Please phone or email before 07.30am to report your child's absence

Appointments – Please notify us as soon as possible either in person, email or in your child's home school book with a copy of the appointment letter.

Authorised Absence – Please submit an Authorised Absence form (you can get these from reception), giving as much notice as possible. You will get notified with the outcome.

Autumn Term 2026		
Date	Event	Info
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff Training Day	School Closed for Pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day	School Closed for Pupils
Thursday 3 rd September	School Opens	Current Pupils Return
Friday 4 th September	New Pupils Start	All pupils in
Monday 5 th October	RE Day: Harvest Festival	Primary Assembly
Tuesday 20 th October	School Photographer in	Primary Site
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening	
Friday 23 rd October	School Photographer in	Secondary Site
Friday 23 rd October	Pumpkin Festival	Secondary
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes	3pm for all pupils

Giraffe Class Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 22nd October

Important information



CAMHS – THE BIG DROP IN

As part of World Mental Health Day, on the 8th October 2026, CAMHS are running a series of free drop-ins across Hampshire.

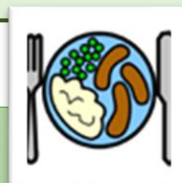
Bookable slots are available via their website or you can just drop in.

For more information visit hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/



Chartwells
Schools

School Dinners



- ❖ Our school lunches are provided by Chartwells School, please see the latest menu on our website. <https://www.fpshants.co.uk/School-Meals/>
- ❖ School lunches are £2.75 a day or £13.75 a week and should be paid in advance on Arbor.
- ❖ A payment reminder will be sent after 2 missed payments. When your dinner account exceeds 2 weeks of meals (£27.50) we must ask that you provide your child with a packed lunch until the arrears are paid.
- ❖ If you are sending in a packed lunch please remember **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please check labels and packets on any food that you send in, to ensure it does not contain nuts.
- ❖ If you are having difficulty making a payment please contact the school office to discuss a payment plan.

What has changed with Free School Meals.....

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) has changed.

- ☒ **Targeted Free School Meals – For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income below £7,400**
- ☒ **Expanded Free School Meals – For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400**

If your child already receives Free School Meals

If you have already applied through the Hampshire Portal and your child currently receives free school meals, no further action is required.

If you think your child may now be eligible

Please submit an application through the Hampshire County Council portal:

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals

COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE



We hope you will be able to join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some delicious homemade treats and a chance to support our pupils and this fantastic cause, at our

Macmillan Coffee Morning on

Date: Thursday 24th September

Venue: Secondary Site

Time: 10am – 11am

As part of this special fundraising event, our secondary pupils will be taking the lead in planning and hosting the morning. They will be busy baking cakes, biscuits and cookies, helping to prepare refreshments, and welcoming and serving our guests, giving them a valuable opportunity to develop their independence, communication and hospitality skills.

Although the event is being organized by our secondary pupils, we would love to welcome families from both our Primary and Secondary Sites to join us in supporting this wonderful cause.

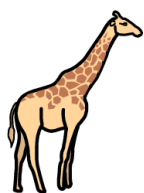
All money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, helping to provide practical, emotional and financial support to people living with cancer and their families.

If you would like to attend, please contact the admin office via the email below

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, please send your donation into school.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Giraffe Class



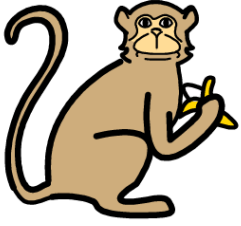
Our first sensory story of the term is, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The pupils have been exploring the different props, using different senses. The squelchy mud is proving to be a favourite.



Koala Class



Koala Class are going from strength to strength! We are beginning to move around the school more and are learning how we transition from place to place. We are also working hard on coming to complete learning with the staff in our class. The days are filled with surprises as our children amaze us every day with what they know and what they can do!



Monkey Class



Monkey Class have been having fun in PE. Pupils have enjoyed balancing, climbing, jumping, throwing as well as sharing the equipment with their peers.



Kangaroo Class



This week, Kangaroo Class have continued to settle happily into school life. The children are becoming more familiar with our routines and are growing in confidence each day. We have already enjoyed two fun PE sessions this year, giving the children the opportunity to develop their physical skills, work together and have lots of fun. We are so proud of the positive start everyone has made to the year!



Meerkat Class



This week, Meerkat Class have continued to make a fantastic start to the school year. The children are settling well into their new routines and are becoming more comfortable and confident in their environment. We have had lots of opportunities to stay active, including swimming, trampolining and joining in with games alongside our new friends. It has been wonderful to see the children building relationships, developing new skills and enjoying their time together. We are very proud of all they have achieved so far and look forward to another exciting week ahead.



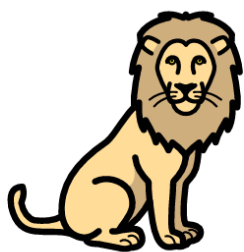
Panda Class



We have enjoyed our second swimming session this week.

We loved splashing about, kicking our legs and floating in the water. We also enjoyed the feeling of the water splashing on us from the watering can!

We also used different floats in the pool. Can you guess which type we enjoyed using the most?



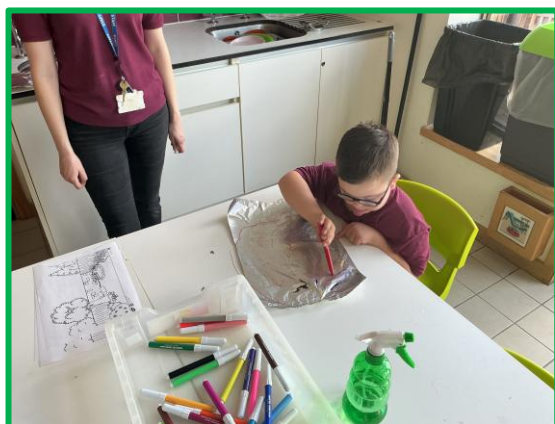
Lion Class



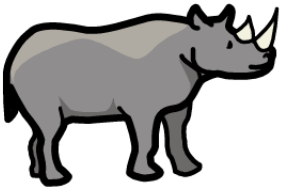
In Lion Class we have really enjoyed being active and on the go. We have been developing our Physical Development Skills walking, rolling, jumping and crawling in P.E. We also thoroughly enjoyed our first Swimming session of the year with everyone participating.



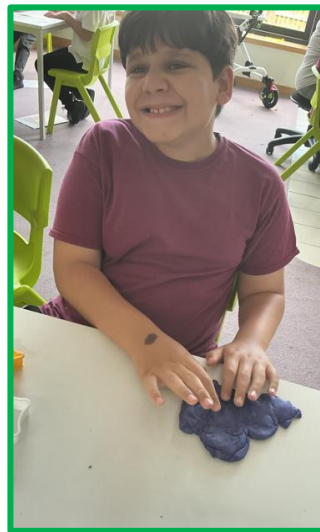
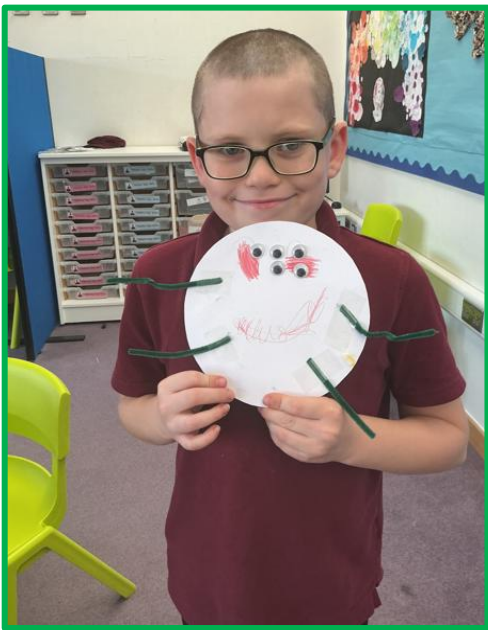
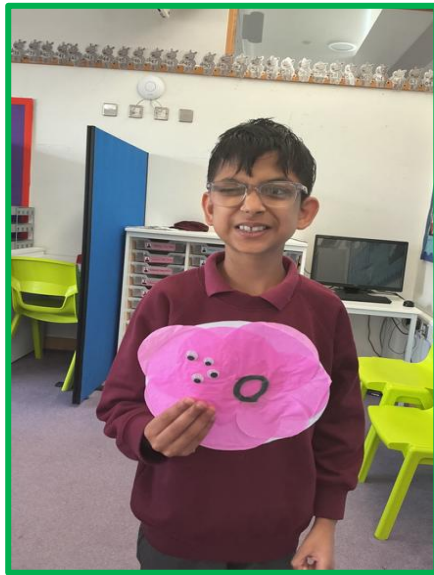
Zebra Class



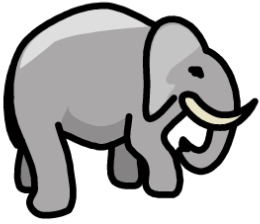
We have been finding joy in exploring our mini topic, '*Our Homes*'. The children loved taking part in hands-on activities, including washing clothes and hanging them on the washing line, with plenty of splashing, bubbles and smiles along the way! We have also enjoyed creating beautiful artwork using household materials, embracing the messy fun and celebrating our creativity.



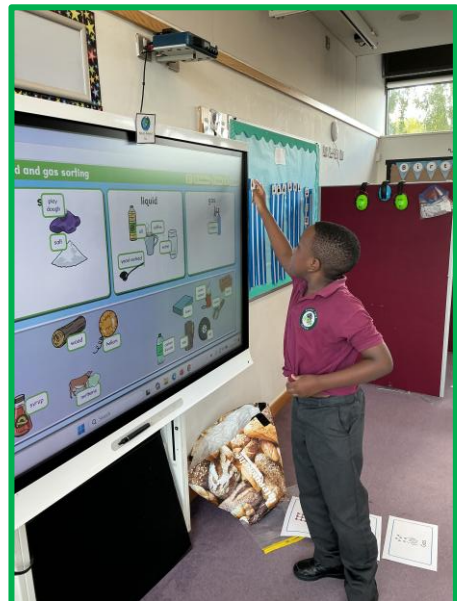
Rhino Class



This week, Rhino class made our own 'Colour Monsters' representing our emotions at the time. We have also been ice detectives and taken part in science experiments, using different methods to see who's ice melted the quickest, hot water won whereas the ice exposed to the air is currently still melting!

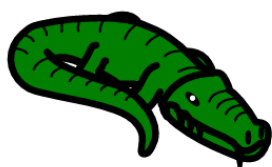


Elephant Class



Another super week in Elephant class, the weather has stayed fine again for us during our Kayaking session and we spotted a few different kinds of birds as well as a couple of jumping fish!

The children have been very busy in maths this week and we have been working creatively on a class collage for a display. We have started storytelling in our literacy by making puppets to help us with our own story writing.



Crocodile Class



Crocodile class were so excited to have the opportunity to start swimming again. Nothing gives us more joy than being able to spend time in the water with our friends and adults!



Maple Class



Maple Class have enjoyed stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new experiences at the QE2 Activity Centre, including archery. The photographs featured this week were captured by the learners themselves as part of their work on developing photography skills, showcasing the joy, confidence and sense of achievement gained through trying something new.



Cherry Class



Cherry class have been enjoying spending time outside during our forest school sessions and enjoying the weather while it is still dry. We created our own Woodland Coffee Shop and had fun making some interesting creations!



Redwood Class



Redwood Class have been enjoying their Physical Development lessons with Christina through dance activities. Pupils have been working hard on developing their sharing and turn-taking skills, learning to wait for their turn, work alongside their peers, and participate in group activities.

Passing the scarves to their peers, along to the music was a firm favourite.



Sycamore Class



Sycamore Class have continued to settle into the routines of school life again very well. They have been exploring their new Key Skills target and showing some great listening skills!



Oak Class



Oak class have been enjoying their dance sessions with Christina . They have been moving along to "Apt" by Bruno Mars and Rose and carrying on singing it in class.