



Forest Park Newsletter

16th October 2026



Another great week at Forest Park school.

This week the full Governing Body met. It was a great opportunity to reflect on our start to the year and discuss plans for the strategic direction of the school! We have lots of things in the pipeline.

We hope you have fantastic weekends

David



This week little bit of joy....

Back to Wiget for joy this week. Some of our young people are so excited when they see him they don't quite know what to do. On Friday 3 pupils threw toys for him, ran with him, stroked him and of course, fed him treats. All three gave him space and interacted beautifully.

It was so lovely to watch our pupils and our school dog bringing joy to each other!



Thank you for all the donations. Our post 16 students parcelled everything up and delivered the donations to our local foodbank.



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2,810,491

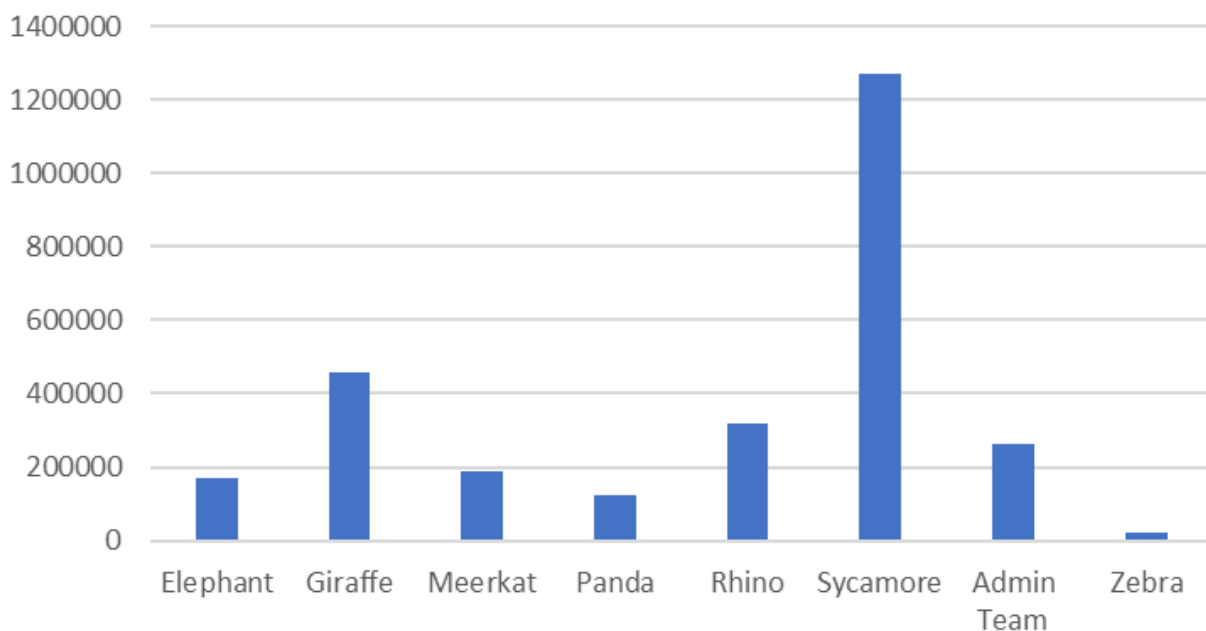


Walktober update.

Wow! We've really hit out stride now...

Classes are clocking up the miles. One last push to half term!!
Sycamore are way out in front. Can anyone catch them?!?

Walktober Update 2



Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is.



Sign of the
WEEK

HELP

How to sign it:
Place your fist on top of your palm and move it upwards.

Let's make communication kinder, clearer and more inclusive!

If you would like to practice the sign at home, please scan the QR code on the poster.

Important information



Arbor Communication

We use Arbor when sending home communication. To ensure you do not miss out on any information, please download the Arbor app and have notifications switched on.

- 1. Download the app:** Search for 'Arbor' in the App Store
- 2. Logging in:** Use the email address registered with Forest Park. If you do not have a password, select 'Forgot Password' and follow the instructions.
- 3. First time setup:** Verify your child's details when prompted.

Key Dates

Autumn Half Term

26th October – 30th October 26

Christmas Holiday

21st December – 1st January 27

February Half Term

15th February – 19th February 27

Easter Holiday

26th March – 9th April 27

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Summer Half-Term

31st May – 4th June 27

Summer Holiday

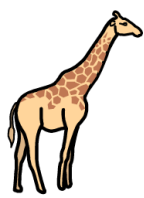
22nd July – 1st September 27

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

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	3.45 – 6.45pm ~ all families
Thursday 22 nd October	Parent's Evening	Giraffe Class ONLY
Thursday 22 nd October	Pumpkin Festival	Secondary
Friday 23 rd October	School Photographer in	Secondary Site
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes	3pm for all pupils

Giraffe Class Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 22nd October
3.45pm - 5.45pm



Giraffe Class



Giraffe class have really been enjoying their sensory exploration sessions. We have been exploring a range of different textures using our hands. We have investigated materials that were soft, dry, sticky and crunchy, developing curiosity. As part of our transport topic, pupils also searched for pictures of different types of transport or used toy vehicles, including cars, buses, trains and aeroplanes.

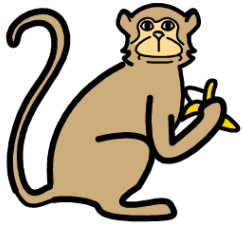


Koala Class



In Koala Class we are learning to work, play and spend time with our friends. We have been playing games with our peers and listening carefully to words such as 'waiting' and 'your turn' to help us understand sometimes we need to share and wait our turn.

We also spend time together at snack and lunch, sharing the space and enjoying each other's company as we eat our lovely food!



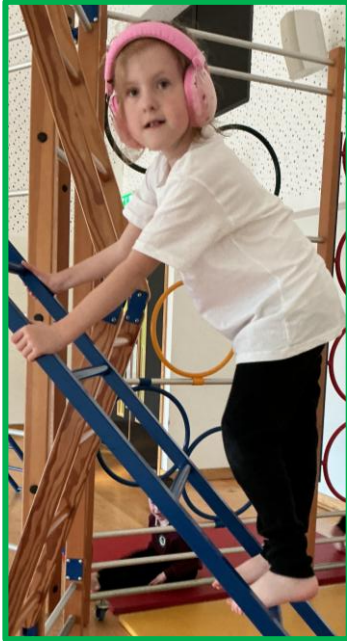
Monkey Class



Monkey Class have enjoyed exploring the dressing up box and role play corner. Pupils had fun trying on the different outfits and masks whilst pretending to be different characters. Monkey Class did very well with sharing the different clothes and accessories with their peers.



Kangaroo Class



We have been having lots of fun in PE. We have been practising climbing, balancing, rolling and jumping with increasing confidence and independence. It has been great fun, and we are finding that the children are needing to hold staff's hands less and are allowing us to move further away whilst they proudly show off their skills. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence and independence grow each week.



Meerkat Class



This week, Meerkat Class have enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities. The children have been developing their fine motor skills through playdough activities and exploring different shapes and creations with their hands. We have also enjoyed our weekly swimming session, where the children continue to build their confidence in the water.

Throughout the week, the children have been working on their problem-solving skills by completing puzzles and developing their coordination through ball games, practising throwing and catching with increasing confidence.



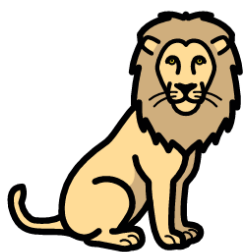
Panda Class



In Panda class we have really enjoyed working with shapes and different playdough this week.

We have used our light box and transparent shapes to make different patterns.

We have also enjoyed different smelling playdough, apple scented was a favorite.



Lion Class



Lion Class have been developing their voices and communication skills this week by expressing their likes and dislikes in a variety of engaging activities. We have been encouraging the children to make choices and share their preferences, helping to build their confidence and self-expression.

The class have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new karaoke machine, using it as a fun way to develop their creativity, singing, and speaking skills. It has been wonderful to see everyone participating so enthusiastically, finding their voices, and growing in confidence as they communicate with others.

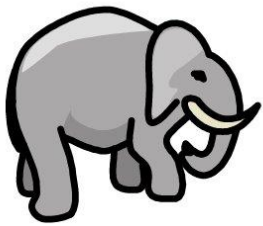


Zebra Class



We have been having lots of fun in soft play this week. We were enjoying building with and stacking all the different blocks so we could go over, under and through them!

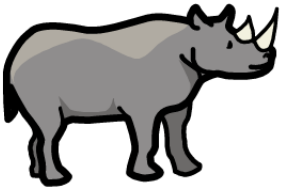
We have also been loving our sound of the week boxes in phonics! Our sound this week has been 'd', and we have explored different toys, pictures and yummy treats beginning with that sound.



Elephant Class



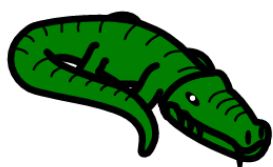
Over the next two weeks Elephant Class are walking to Totton Library to bring back a selection of fiction and non-fiction books for our 'Love to Read' box in class. We really enjoy sharing books and have been busy creating some story books of our own!



Rhino Class



This week, Rhino class went on a walk to Totton and back. On the walk, we looked at different buildings and discussed if the Big Bad Wolf would be able to blow the building down from the Three Little Pigs book. We also thought of different ways the Big Bad Pig from the Three Little Wolves book would demolish the buildings. Whilst we were out, we visited the war memorial. The children had lots of questions, so we spent some time answering these and enjoying the beautiful benches.



Crocodile Class



Crocodile class went to the park for the first time this week and had the best time. The children were so excited and transitioned beautifully onto the minibus. For some, this was their first time on the minibus and they did so well. We can't wait until the next time to practice our new transitions!



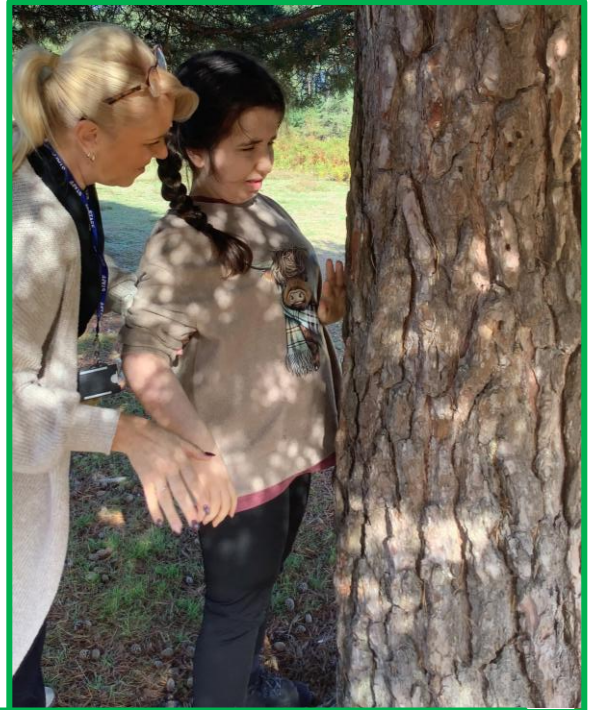
Maple Class



All of our Post-16 students played an important part in this year's Harvest donations. We worked together to sort the generous donations and pack them into food parcels ready for the local food bank. Some of us then delivered the parcels to the food bank, giving us a valuable opportunity to contribute to and support our local community.



Cherry Class



It's been a busy week in Cherry Class! Alongside a fantastic Forest School session at Deerleap, our Post-16 pupils worked together to sort and pack our Harvest donations into beautifully decorated boxes.

A group of pupils then delivered the boxes to our local food bank, where the donations were very gratefully received. A lovely opportunity for our pupils to support their local community!



Redwood Class



Redwood Class had a fantastic time during their dance sessions this week.

The Dance Teacher, Christina focused the session on sound to link with our topic 'Technology for Life.'

The pupils loved experimenting with sounds by using their voices and their hands to tap on the microphone.



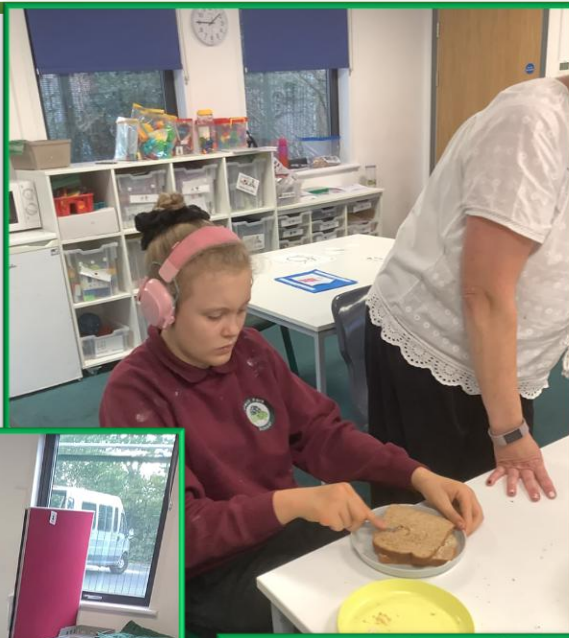
Sycamore Class



Sycamore Class have been busy practising some life skills by following instructions to spread butter and cut up a boiled egg. A few of the students then enjoyed making a sandwich and having it for their snack!



Oak Class



Oak class practised making a simple snack by preparing egg sandwiches, including removing the shell. They enjoyed spreading, chopping and putting the sandwiches together, helping to build independence and confidence in basic food preparation skills.