



Forest Park Newsletter

23rd October 2026



Dear families,

What a brilliant first half term it has been at Forest Park. Our brilliant pupils and students have started the academic year with great gusto and enthusiasm. Staff have worked incredibly hard to build relationships and set our predictable structures.

It was brilliant to meet so many parents and carers this week at parent's evening at the Primary school site. We are reviewing how we do this moving forward so that all of SLT can attend both sites.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable half term.

David



This week's joy has a spooky theme!

The secondary classes entered into a competition to decorate their classroom doors. Thankfully, I was not asked to judge as I could not sperate them.



I was also given 'mini pumpkin' decorations from a student to decorate my office.





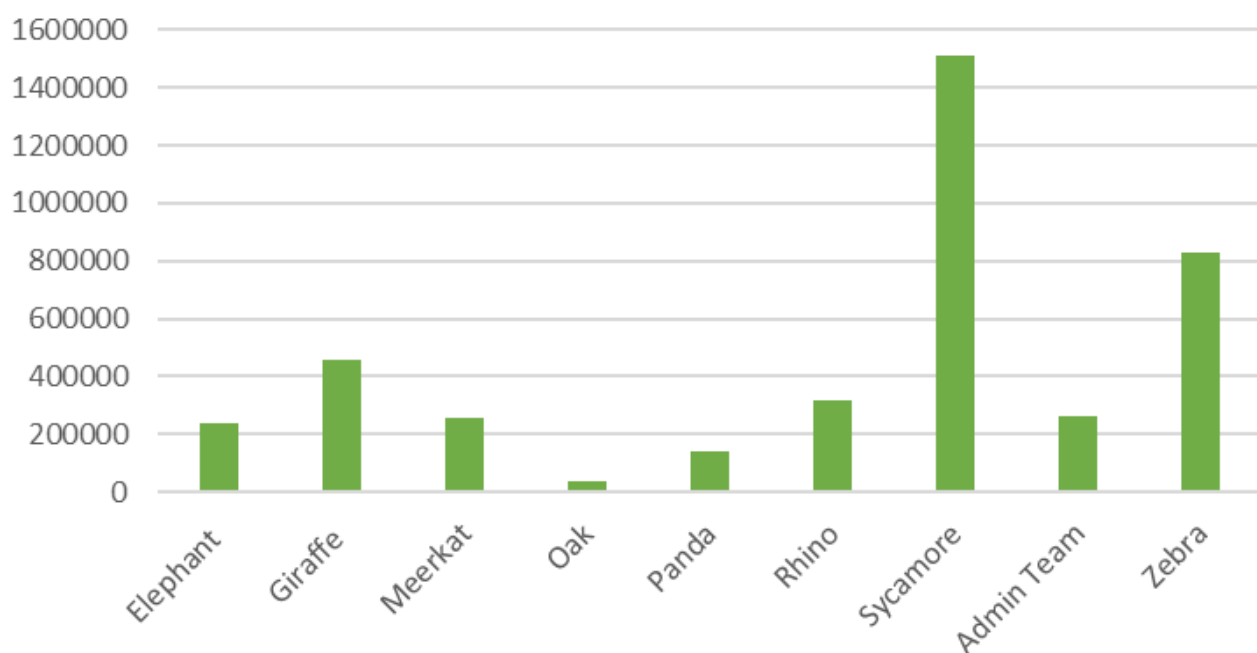
Final step count...

4,050,786

Well done everyone - What a great effort.

I think the true number of steps is actually a little higher!

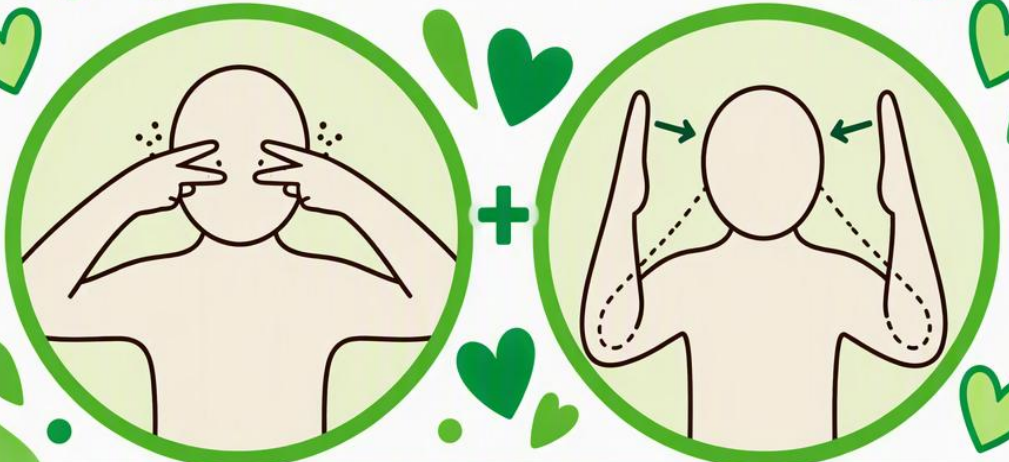
Walktober: Final Result



Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is.

Sign of the WEEK



HALLOWEEN



How to sign it:
Using your index and middle finger, trace a mask with your fingers from your inner eye to outer eye. Then place palms facing inwards at the side of your head and bring them together, in front of your eyes.



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

Easter Holiday

26th March – 9th April 27

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

Important information



Support the Poppy Appeal 2026

Join Us in Remembering Our Heroes

From Monday 2nd November 2026, children will have the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy or choosing from a range of items available in our Poppy Appeal collection box.

 **Suggested Minimum Donation: £1**

Available Items



Poppies



Snap bands



Wristbands

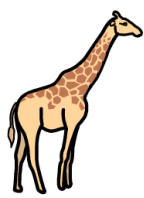
Reflectors



We honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

**Thank You for Your Support and Generosity
Every poppy makes a difference.**





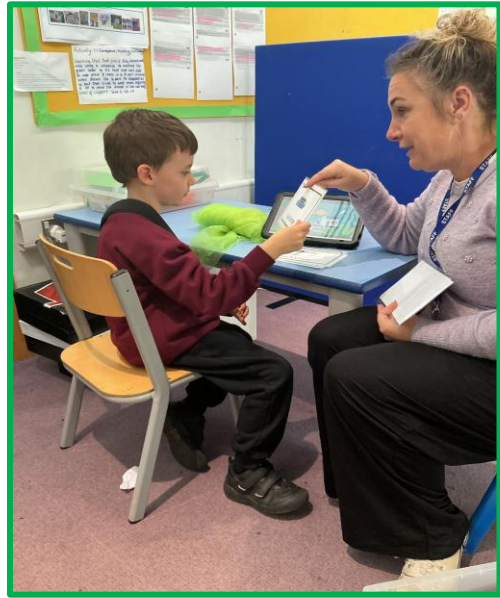
Giraffe Class



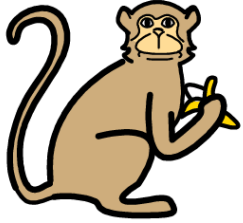
In Giraffe class, physiotherapy is a big part of our week. From side lying, to high kneeling, to walking, we try to incorporate as much physio as possible. The pupils have done really well this half term with working hard on their physical skills and tolerating different activities.



Koala Class



Communication is at the heart of all that we do in Koala Class and we do it in so many different ways! From using PECS and Aided Language Boards to singing and rhyming, using symbols, schedules and visuals we are all working hard! Each day we develop our listening skills in a variety of ways and we are always thinking about how we can communicate our needs successfully to others too.



Monkey Class



Monkey Class have enjoyed making a splash during their Swimming sessions this half term. Pupils have been developing their floating and swim skills as well as enjoying balancing on the floats in the water.



Kangaroo Class



What a great half term we have had! Swimming has been a real highlight, with the children enjoying floating, pouring, splashing, kicking their legs and singing songs in the pool. We are so proud of the progress everyone has made, especially the growing confidence and independence we have seen transitioning to the pool, changing and with the water.



Meerkat Class



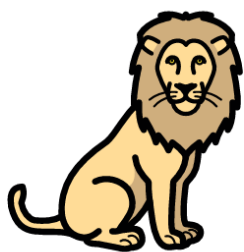
This week has been filled with lots of smiles, laughter and wonderful learning opportunities. The children have enjoyed exploring different textures through sensory play, strengthening their fine motor skills through threading and cutting activities, and joining in with songs and body percussion sessions. We have also been busy matching and sorting, exploring toys and resources together, and spending time playing both indoors and outdoors. It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence and showing curiosity in their learning



Panda Class



In Panda Class we have loved exploring pumpkins this week. We have been sniffing, scooping and touching the inside of the pumpkins. It has been great fun and very messy.



Lion Class



This week, Lion Class have been using their phonics knowledge to segment and blend words with growing confidence. Through a range of engaging reading and writing activities, the children have been identifying sounds in words and using them to read and spell a variety of familiar and new vocabulary. We have been encouraging the children to apply their phonics skills independently, helping to strengthen their early literacy skills and build their confidence as learners.

The class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different words and sounds, demonstrating excellent enthusiasm as they practised both reading and writing. It has been wonderful to see everyone making progress, developing their understanding of phonics, and taking pride in their achievements as they become more confident readers and writers.



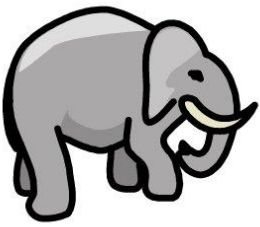
Zebra Class



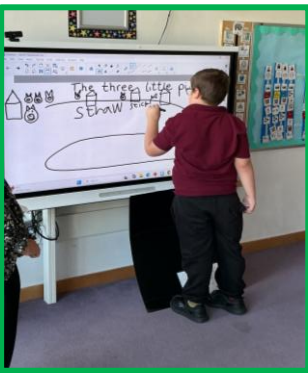
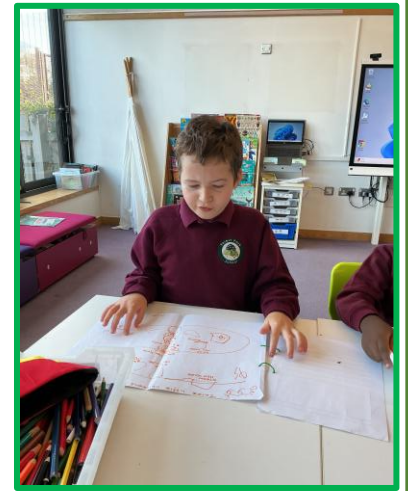
Zebra Class have been getting up to lots of fun things during the last few weeks of term! We've been spending time outside in personal development, learning how we can look after our physical and mental wellbeing.

In world around us we have been getting messy, taking part in some cause-and-effect experiments!

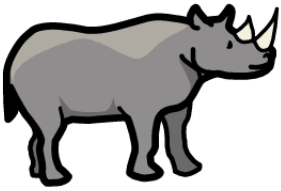
We've also been getting into the Halloween spirit, counting creepy crawlies in maths and making pumpkins in creativity.



Elephant Class



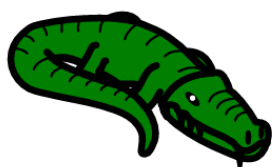
We have had a fun filled end of the term, sharing stories, enjoying the outside environment and tackling some super fun maths learning. Elephant class have worked together as a team this term, helping each other and always being proud of everything that we do.



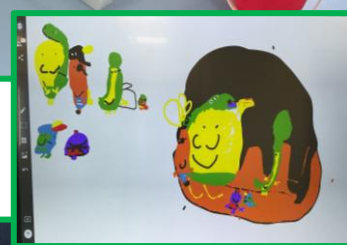
Rhino Class



This week in Rhino Class we have been getting creative. We have enjoyed making pumpkins with tissue paper, numbers with leaves and getting messy through different sensory play!



Crocodile Class



This half term has been filled with so many moments of joy, we thought it would be a good time to reflect on those. The children have already made so much progress and have clearly enjoyed their learning!



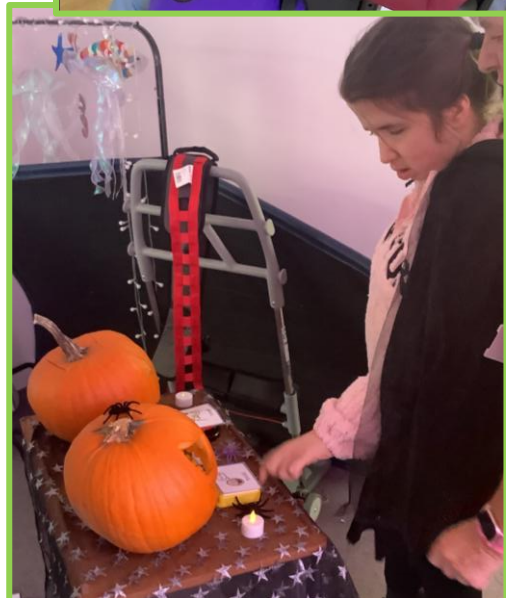
Maple Class



This week, we enjoyed our Halloween event, taking part in trick-or-treating and a range of spooky sensory activities. From eerie surprises to delicious treats, everyone had a wonderful time exploring, engaging, and celebrating together. It was a frightfully fun day filled with smiles and Halloween excitement! 🍬 👻



Cherry Class

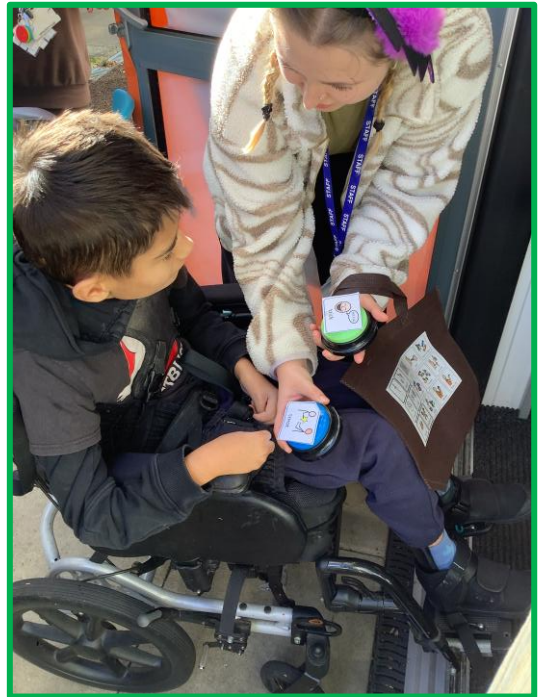


Cherry class had a wonderful time at our Halloween event on Secondary! We enjoyed lots of sensory activities in preparation, including decorating our pumpkins and creating our scary door decoration.

It was lovely to share the day with all the pupils on secondary together, taking part in spooky activities and Trick or Treating.



Redwood Class



Redwood Class thoroughly enjoyed our Halloween event at the Secondary Site today. We spent the morning exploring a range of sensory stations, including making spooky smoothies and exploring (and tasting!) edible slime. The activities were a fantastic opportunity for pupils to engage their senses and have lots of Halloween-themed fun.

In the afternoon, we visited classes around the school to take part in Trick or Treating. The pupils loved collecting goodies and were excited to take their treats home with them. We have had an amazing day and are already looking forward to next year's Halloween event!



Sycamore Class



Sycamore Class have had a fantastic time at our Halloween Event. The morning was spent exploring lots of different sensory activities and making smoothies. In the afternoon we had lots of moments of Joy going to visit other classes and choosing a trick or a treat!



Oak Class



This week Oak class went to Pickwell farm to buy the pumpkins for Secondary's Halloween festival. We had such a wonderful time exploring a huge variety of pumpkins in the field and then putting them in the wheelbarrow and paying for them in the shop. You can see the joy on everyone's faces.