



Forest Park Newsletter

9th October 2026



Our SMSC theme this week was Harvest.

Pupils and Students spent time exploring this topic in meaningful and age-appropriate ways.

On Friday I attended a meeting with some heads of other SEND school in Hampshire. In my absence Jill led the Harvest assembly, where pupils made two scarecrows – one of which is apparently me!

I hope you have a good weekend.



This week little bit of joy....

Lion class painted on the windows during Maths. Some pupils painted numbers, some painted groups and others answered number questions by painting their answers. There was a lot of fun and positive engagement. Being stood up and using large movements really supported lots of the pupils to remain focussed.



Thank you to anyone who has already sent in donations. If you would still like to send in donations, we are collecting till Friday 9th October.



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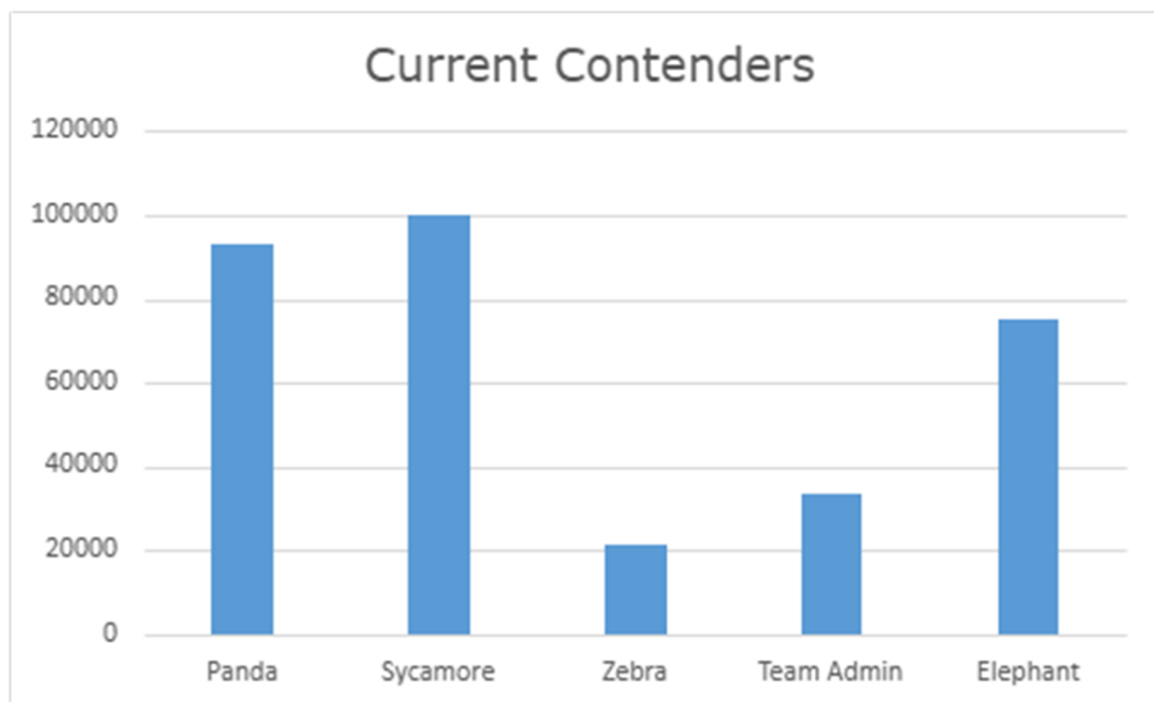


324,955
Steps to far



Walktober update.

We have been off to a great start!. Keep walking and wheeling this week to keep the step count ticking over.



Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is.

Sign of the week

toilet

How to sign it:
Rub your right middle finger up and down twice on the left shoulder.

Watch the sign

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

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

Important information

This year we're helping to raise funds by participating in a...

design-your-own Christmas card project

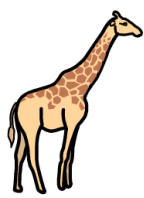
The Christmas cards come in a pack of 12 for a great price, and you will also be able to buy gift labels, mugs, magnets, thank you cards, keyrings and calendars with your designs on!

Help us raise extra funds this year while having fun and creating something you can be proud of!



SCHOOL
Christmas Card
PROJECT

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Giraffe Class



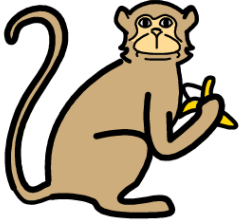
Giraffe Class have had a great time with our Harvest themed activities this week. The pupils enjoyed exploring a variety of vegetables using their senses. They looked closely at the colours and shapes, felt different textures, smelled the vegetables, and where appropriate, tasted a few as well. We then also used cut vegetables to paint our own pictures and make vegetable prints.



Koala Class



We are always learning in Koala Class and have been showing the staff exactly what we can do! We are finding out ways of pausing what we have chosen to do to come and complete learning with a staff member. This isn't always easy as there is so much to do in Koala Class but as the weeks go by, we are getting better and better! Here is a look at some of the things we do, from maths to mark making, PECS to posting!



Monkey Class



Monkey Class have enjoyed celebrating Harvest this week. Pupils had the opportunity to taste, smell and touch different fruits and vegetables as well as having a go at chopping them up.



Kangaroo Class



What fun we have had with our Harvest theme this week! We sang songs about food and enjoyed matching activities with a vegetable theme. Most of all, we had fun exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables. We used all our senses taking turns to cut them up, touch them, look at them, smell them and some of us were even brave enough to taste them! We also created beautiful autumn artwork by printing with vegetables using autumnal colours.



Meerkat Class



This week, Meerkat Class have been enjoying lots of Harvest-themed activities. The children explored a variety of vegetables, practising their cutting skills before tasting them. We also worked on our counting skills by cutting out and counting vegetables. At the end of the week, we used paints and Duplo pieces to create colourful Harvest artwork, exploring different patterns and textures. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic as they learn through a range of hands-on experiences.

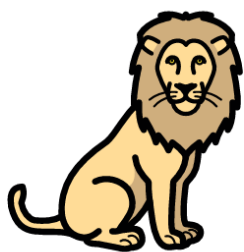


Panda Class



In Panda Class we have enjoyed our harvest learning. We have been focusing on the question "Where does our food come from?". We've been using our vegetables to make different art as well as tasting the different foods.

We used our aided language boards to request the vegetables and ways we wanted to chop up the foods.



Lion Class



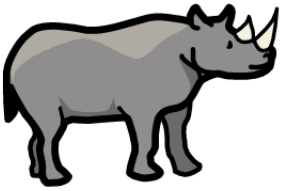
Lion Class have enjoyed learning all about Harvest this week. We have explored what Harvest is, listened to and signed Harvest songs, and taken part in a range of Harvest-themed painting activities. We have also been embracing the season through a variety of autumn-themed experiences, including a leaf scavenger hunt, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It has been wonderful to see everyone engaging so enthusiastically with our learning and exploring the changes that autumn brings.



Zebra Class



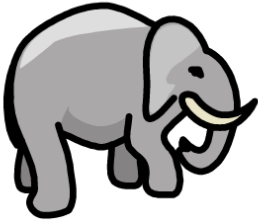
This week we have been learning about harvest festival, by exploring different harvest foods. The children helped chop the different foods and some children even gave them a taste!



Rhino Class



This week we have been thinking about Harvest and where our foods come from. We played a game of 'Farmer says' where we had to act out what the farmer was doing. We also did some lovely collage art and have created some pumpkin and corn masterpieces.

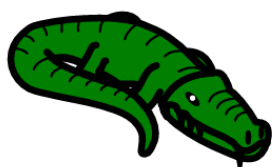


Elephant Class



This week we have been busy learning about the meaning of Harvest time by exploring where our food comes from and how it is harvested.

We have also retold the story of the Enormous turnip and have been making and tasting our own apple crumbles.



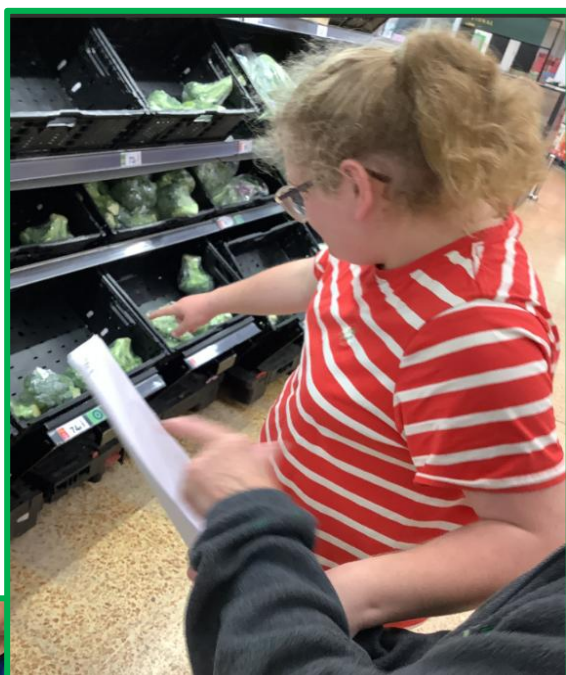
Crocodile Class



Crocodile class had a wonderful time celebrating harvest this week. We explored lots of autumn vegetables, used our excellent cutting skills to look at the inside of them and created some fabulous Harvest artwork!



Maple Class



Maple Class has been celebrating Harvest by developing our independence and life skills. Some of us visited ASDA, where we followed a shopping list and used the self-service checkouts to purchase vegetables that were then used to support Harvest activities on the Primary site.

We have also engaged with harvesting the produce from the school allotment. we harvested our sunflower seeds ready for us to sow in spring.



Cherry Class



Cherry class have been celebrating Harvest this week through our Sensology sessions where we have explored pumpkins, both inside and out!

We have collected leaves from around the school grounds to decorate our Harvest boxes, which we will help to fill with the donations sent in to school, and then deliver to the local food bank next week.



Redwood Class



We celebrated Harvest by making a food collection box and baking jammy cookies.

Using our Aided Language Boards, we chose a class to share our cookies with and delivered them around the school.

We learned about being thankful for our food and the importance of sharing with others during Harvest time.



Sycamore Class

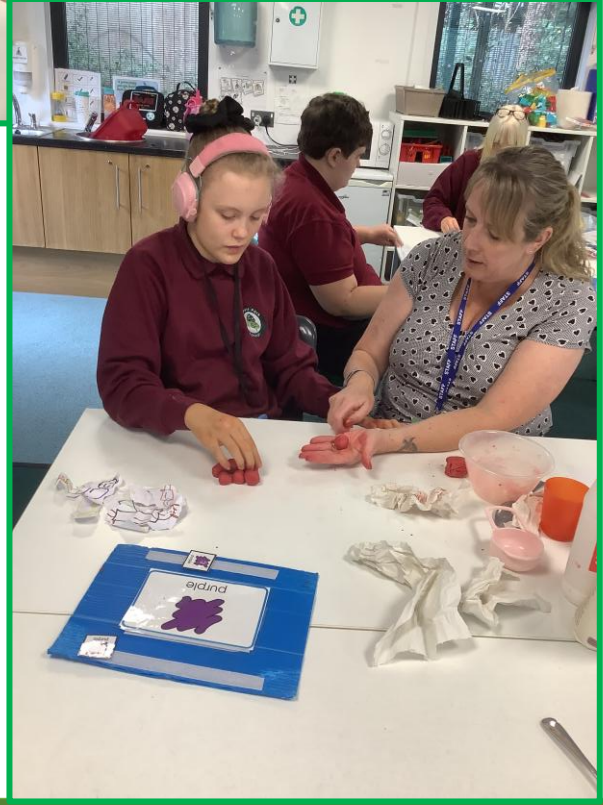


Sycamore Class have been busy choosing colours to decorate our Harvest Tub and images to use linked to Harvest.

We worked together in lots of different groups and started to sort the donations we received ready for our friends in other classes on Secondary to go and donate to the food bank next week!



Oak Class



Oak Class took part in our Harvest festival celebrations on Monday. We made our own gluten free playdoh, scented with cinnamon. We then made harvest apples with the playdoh and solved number problems with them.