



Friday 16th May

A huge well done to all our year 6s. Their SATs are complete! The week went without a hitch and the class were cool, calm and composed. Having breakfast together made a lovely start to the mornings and the energy flowed throughout the days. They are off on their residential trip next week for a well-earned week of fun and self-challenge.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor and would like to ask if you, or anyone you know, would like to join the team in looking after the children at lunchtimes. Maybe you would like to be able to help out occasionally, please can you let us know so that we can add you to our bank staff. Please contact the office for more details.

Menus

The new menus are attached and orders can be placed on ParentMail until the end of next half term.

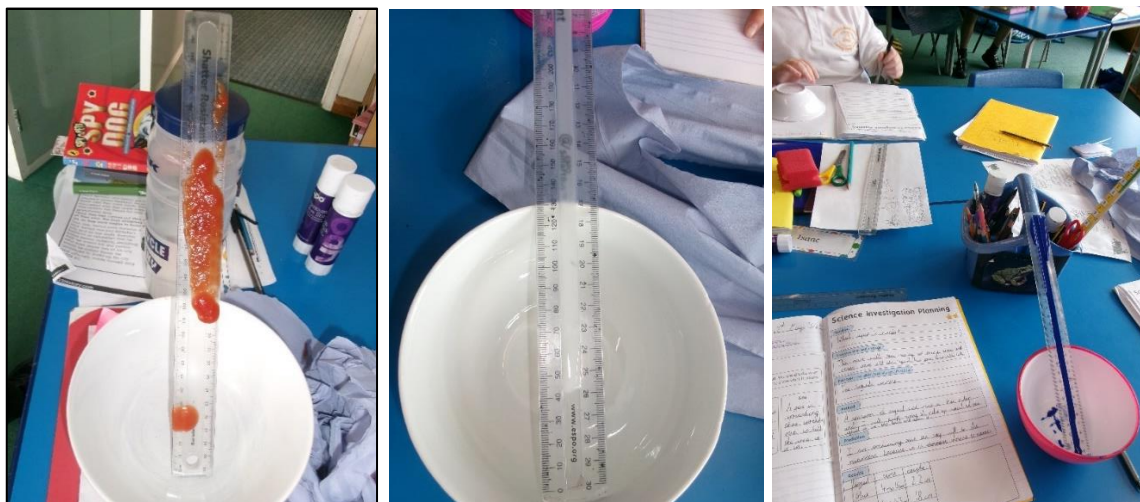
Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>Oak class have been busy exploring the traditional tale of the gingerbread man this week. They have had fun making their own gingerbread people out of ginger flavoured playdough and are ready to put their rolling and cutting skills to the test next week to have a go at making an edible version! We have been retelling the story, singing a gingerbread man song and having a go at writing in a gingerbread man's speech bubble. We can already see the children starting to become more independent and confident with their own writing so thanks to everyone who has helped at home with this. The children have clearly got green fingers as all the seeds which they planted have grown really well. They have also been writing a bean diary looking at what happens as a bean grows. So far, we have seen the roots and shoot, and we've been thinking about what a plant needs to grow. In PSHE we have been thinking about healthy eating and all the things we need to keep healthy and we have been talking about needing to try new foods lots of times. A reminder that our next stay and play is next Tuesday 20th May from 8.35-9am, we hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have shifted our focus away from writing stories and instead we are looking at colour poems. We started the week by thinking about our senses and how we can use these within our poetry. Then we thought about a colour (yellow) and how everything in our poem needs to relate to the colour yellow. Finally, we finished the week writing our own colour poems with some fantastic ideas, including, 'Yellow sounds like bees buzzing in the trees', 'Yellow feels like soft, fluffy chicks' amongst many other excellent examples. In maths we have been investigating arrays, learning how to build arrays using counters and interpreting them. For example, 3 x 2 becomes 3 rows, with two counters in each row. Although this can be a challenging concept to understand (it takes Mr Neal a while to interpret), the children all excelled and we were all</p>

	<p>very impressed. In our wider curriculum areas, we have been learning how to type using computer software, creating a missing poster for one of our teddy's who has disappeared in mysterious circumstances. In History we looked at how toys have developed over time and investigated why they have changed, was it safety? technology? or cost? that has had the greatest impact on toy development. Finally, in science we have looked at the difference between wild plants and garden plants and when on a plant hunt around school drawing and recording different examples of both.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class wrote some excellent descriptions of a wolf this week including a range of adjectives, adverbs and exciting verbs. In maths, we have been finding unit and non-unit fractions. We have also been looking at statistics and how data is presented in tables. Our broad beans are now starting to germinate! We made some careful observations and drew a diagram of each plant. In PSHE this week, we talked about how we can make someone else feel happy by giving them a compliment. We then wrote a cup of compliments for each other, and they are displayed in the window of Beech class.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class, we have been working on equivalent fractions in maths this week. In P.E we have been learning cricketing skills and in Art, we looked at Stone Age painting materials. We used turmeric, berries and crushed chalk to test out colours.</p>
Rowan	<p>In science we investigated the runniness of different liquids. We planned and carried out our investigation making sure the tests were fair, observed carefully and the results were recorded. We were surprised at what we found. Ask your children why! In tennis we continue to develop our racquet and footwork skills. In history, we have continued our learning about Romans. We have been thinking about why the Romans wanted to invade Britain and comparing the different invasion attempts. We imagined we were members of a tribe in Britain and came up with reasons why we would, or would not, fight back against the invading Romans. We have also continued to write our Romulus and Remus legends, using adverbs and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more descriptive.</p>
Maple	<p>We've had another fine week here in Year 5. English has seen us polishing off our Time Slips. We've picked our best paragraph and written them up, complete with illustrations. We're hoping to share them with you all soon. In maths we've been looking at adding and subtracting decimals (turns out it's not too tricky!) and have now moved on to problem solving linked to those skills. Topic saw us exploring the role women took on during WW2 (thank goodness for them!) and we've also used many of our afternoons this week to work on our propoganda posters we designed and have now been painting using watercolours. Again, we're planning to share these with you all soon. We wrapped up the week with a spot of PE, athletics on the rec and rounders on our school field. Some of your children really connected with the ball, the top of Mr Langley's head can attest to the power behind at least one of these! It's also been lovely seeing some of the WW2 project homework coming in. We've loved learning about a number of your relatives and the models, cooking and research projects have all been brilliant.</p>
Willow	<p>This week we have been incredibly proud of our Year 6s and how well they have taken their SATs in their stride. We would like to thank those that donated items for the breakfast, these were very much appreciated by the children. We're now getting ready for residential and look forward to the adventures ahead. Can we remind you that children need to arrive at school for the normal time of 8:35 am and, as they will have their luggage with them, need to come to the front entrance of the school. Children will then put their luggage in the school hall and we will collect any medications and medication forms from parents at this point. The children will then go the classroom with their rucksack, lunch box, sunhat and water bottle as normal. During the day you will receive a text or email to let you know that we have arrived safely on site. Please remember, as</p>

	already mentioned, if you need to contact us for emergencies please telephone the school.
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In Rowan class the children took part in an investigation to see the runniness of different liquids using paint, ketchup and liquid soap.



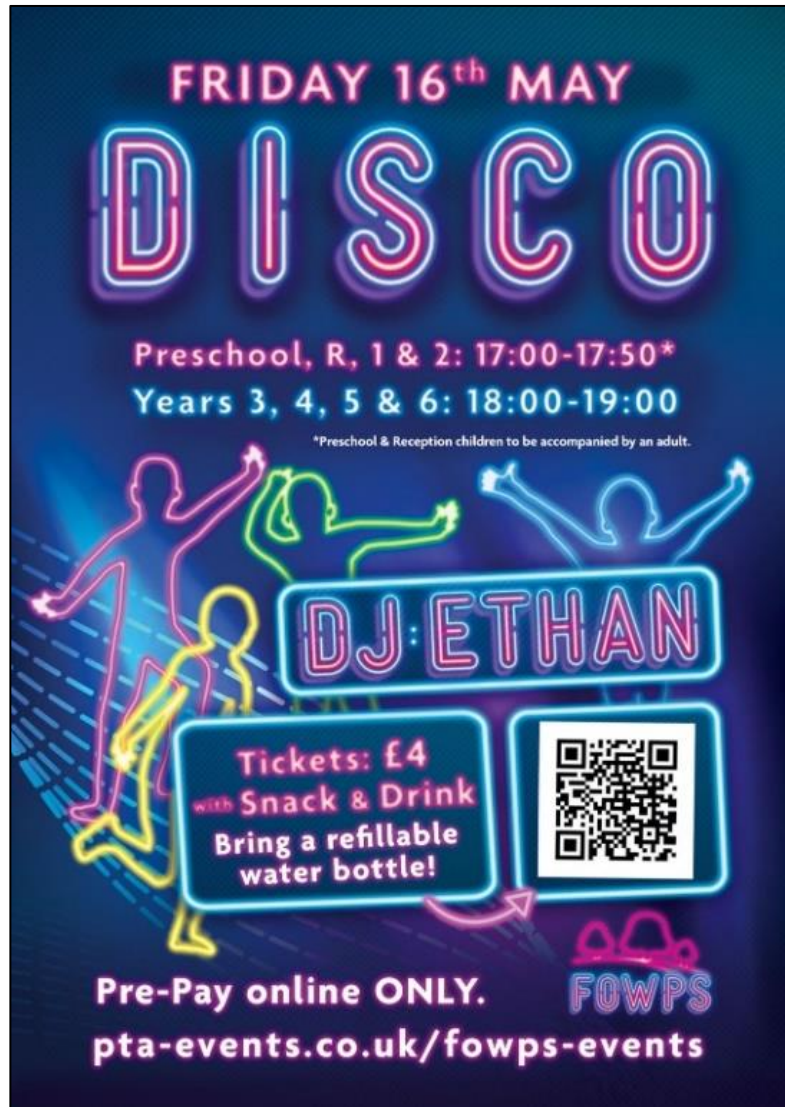
Important dates

Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May	SATs week for Year 6 children
Mon 19 th May – Fri 23 rd May	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 20 th May	Oak class stay & play 8:35 – 9:00am
Friday 23 rd May	FOWPS Non-uniform day in exchange for Bottle tombola donations
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	May Half Term, School closed
Thursday 5 th June	Class photos
Friday 6 th June	Year 2 & 4 After School Cake sale – all nut free donations appreciated.
Friday 13 th June	FOWPS Non-uniform day in exchange for sweet treats, no chocolate or nuts.
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day KS1 – 1:30 KS2 am – exact time tbc
Thursday 26 th June	Back Up Sports Day – times the same as above
Saturday 28 th June	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 play
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 play
Friday 11 th July	Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:30am
Friday 18 th July	End of term, 1pm finish

Monday 21 st July	INSET day
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET day
Wednesday 3 rd September	Children return/start the Autumn Term

FOWPS Update

We hope that you all have a fun time at the school disco!



Other News

Langtree School – job vacancy information attached.