Forest Park Newsletter

6th November 2026



Dear families,

What a first week back! I can now add water supply and boilers to my potential mastermind topics!

Primary Families - Thank you for your support and understanding this week. Please know that closing the school is never a decision that is taken lightly.

I have included below the communication shared about the water supply earlier today.

Due to the particular vulnerabilities of SEND pupils, Hampshire County Council carries out a regular programme of water testing in specialist schools. Following testing on our two school sites, we have been notified that legionella bacteria has been detected in our Crocodile and Giraffe classes and in the pool area, all on the primary site. The secondary site has a separate water supply and testing has raised no concerns there. Based on specialist advice from Hampshire Scientific Services and working with Hampshire County Council Property Services, we are taking some immediate remedial action including disinfecting the full water system over the weekend and having follow-up testing carried out thereafter. Unfortunately, further sampling cannot take place until at least three days after disinfection has been completed, and due to the laboratory process required, results will not be available until around two weeks after this.

In the meantime, in our Giraffe classroom and in the pool area, additional control measures have been implemented by Property Services, including isolation of affected outlets and installation of point-of-use filters. Expert advice is that these areas can continue to be used safely and as normal while further work and testing are undertaken, without the need for children to move elsewhere.

However, this is not possible in the Crocodile classroom so we will need to relocate all children in this class to the Hall while we await further results. We expect this arrangement to be in place for at least the next three weeks and appreciate that this may feel disruptive for some children. We will do everything we can to maintain a sense of normality and ensure children feel comfortable and settled throughout this time. However, if you have any concerns or wish to discuss this with us directly, please do contact the school.

Your child's health and safety have always been our utmost priority, and all precautions will remain in place until expert testing has assured us that we can return to normal arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support.



It was business as usual over at Secondary. This week groups of students braved the cold and sold Poppy merchandise in Totton. Students did an amazing job engaging with member of the community. Students used a combination of switches, symbols and their brilliant personalities to raise lots of money for the Poppy Appeal.

Here's one student 'spreading' awareness.



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Important information

Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is. . . . . .



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

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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

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



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Dinner Menu's

Please visit our website to view the latest version of the menu.
The updated menus now include **three meal options**:

- **Red Option**
- **Green Option**
- **Purple Option**

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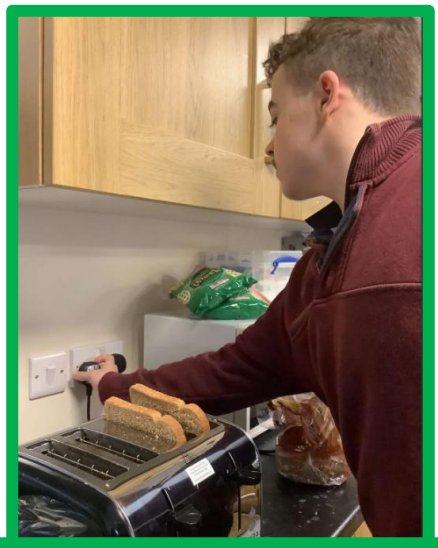
Maple Class









In Maple Class, we have been working hard to build our independence in the kitchen. We have been learning how to safely plug in and use different kitchen appliances, following visual instructions to make toast and smoothies. It has been fantastic to see our confidence grow as we develop important life skills and become more independent in preparing food and drinks.













This week Cherry and Redwood class enjoyed our annual poppy selling trip to Totton to support the British Legion.

We used our communication switches to engage with members of the public when they came to buy a poppy and collected the donations in our money tins.

Redwood Class







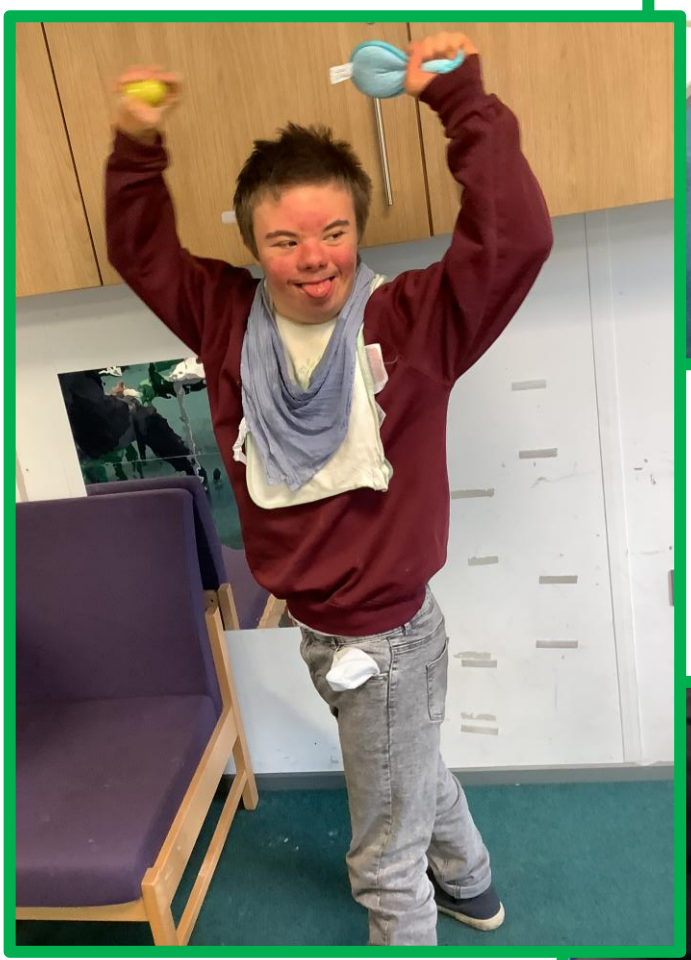


Redwood Class enjoyed a visit to Totton town centre to support this year's Poppy Appeal. The pupils took part in selling poppies to members of the local community, helping to raise money for the Royal British Legion while learning about the importance of remembrance.

The students practised their communication and social skills by greeting customers, handling money, and thanking people for their support using switches.

Sycamore Class







Sycamore Class have been having lots of moments of joy, listening to a range of songs that they like, and songs linked to celebrations for Fireworks and Bonfire Night.

They enjoyed moving, dancing and expressing themselves through sound and rhythm.



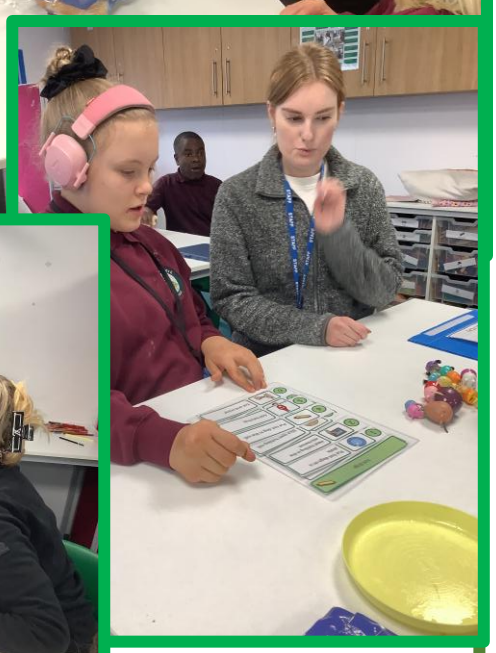
Oak Class













Oak Class have been taking part in activities to do with Bonfire night and Diwali. We have really enjoyed preparing and eating food and drink that is eaten around bonfire night, especially the hotdogs and hot chocolate.