



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during the recent heatwave. I appreciate that I have not been able to respond to every email individually; however, I hope that the ParentMail updates and communications have addressed any questions and kept everyone well informed. Reflecting on the past few weeks, I am so pleased that the majority of our Sports Days were able to go ahead. The children thoroughly enjoyed these events, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and teamwork on display. I would like to thank parents for their understanding regarding the cancellation of the internal graduation event planned for 24th June and carers afternoon. We appreciate your continued support and flexibility.

I am delighted to share that our Year 1 pupils performed exceptionally well in the Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils achieved fantastic outcomes in the Multiplication Tables Check. These successes are a testament to the children's hard work and determination, the dedication of our staff, and the invaluable support you provide at home. Whilst these assessments represent only a small part of a child's educational journey, they reflect the importance of securing strong foundations in Reading and Maths.

Please continue to support your child with reading at home. Listening to your child read regularly has a significant impact on their progress, helping to develop fluency, confidence and a deeper understanding of texts. It also plays a key role in building vocabulary and language skills. Strong reading ability enables children to access the full curriculum, supporting their learning across all subjects. The conversations you have around books further strengthen comprehension and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Teachers used part of the recent INSET day to complete end-of-year reports, which include a personal letter for your child. I am currently reading through these and adding my own comments, and I have been incredibly impressed. I hope you will be just as delighted when you receive them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Simcox

Spelling Bee Results

We are delighted to share the results of the recent Spelling Bee competition. Our pupils achieved fantastic success, bringing home a medal in every category:

- 🥇 Year 2 - Gold Medal
- 🥈 Year 5/6 - Silver Medal
- 🥉 Year 3/4 - Bronze Medal

Congratulations to all of the children who took part. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, confidence, and achievement.

Kind regards,
Fordbridge Community Primary School





IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH AT FORDBRIDGE...

Personal Development

Last week, our wonderful cheerleading squad had the incredible opportunity to meet professional cheerleaders from the Jacksonville Jaguars, who travelled all the way from America to work with our pupils. Over the past term, children from Fordbridge have been collaborating with Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Jacksonville NFL team to create a unique performance that beautifully blends ballet and cheerleading - what a fantastic opportunity! As part of this experience, they also visited Birmingham Royal Ballet, where they not only met world-class dancers but also rehearsed and performed alongside the cheerleaders in front of ITV and Sky Sports. To top it all off, in October, the children will be invited to Wembley to watch an NFL game and see the cheerleaders perform live. Watch this space for more exciting updates!



Fordbridge Voices Shine at Vocal Fiesta 🎵

Fordbridge Voices recently had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Vocal Fiesta at Park Hall, performing alongside other local school choirs in an evening full of music, energy and celebration.

Our pupils represented Fordbridge beautifully, demonstrating not only their fantastic singing skills but also their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork. They performed with pride and truly embodied the spirit of the event, creating a memorable experience for both the audience and staff.

A highlight of the evening was joining together with other schools for the finale performances, where the children sang uplifting and popular pieces including "If You Believe It" by Patch Crowe and the energetic K-pop hit "Permission to Dance" by BTS. These songs brought everyone together and filled the venue with positivity and joy.

Events like Vocal Fiesta are incredibly valuable, giving pupils the chance to:

- Perform in a professional venue
- Build confidence on stage
- Work collaboratively with others
- Experience the joy of live music

We are incredibly proud of every member of Fordbridge Voices for their dedication and commitment during rehearsals and their outstanding behaviour on the night.

We are also excited that there is an opportunity to take part again this year and look forward to another fantastic evening of music at Park Hall!



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Phase 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some of the wonderful learning and experiences that have taken place across Phase 1 this term. The children have been busy, enthusiastic, and full of curiosity, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Nursery and Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, filled with teamwork, determination, and lots of smiles. The children showed great enthusiasm in every activity, and it was lovely to see so many families cheering them on.

Our FCP and Launch Pad groups have been making the most of the outdoors this term. They have especially enjoyed bug hunting, exploring natural habitats, and developing their observation skills. Outdoor learning continues to be a key part of our curriculum, and the children thrive when given opportunities to explore the world around them.

Reception have been learning how to draw and follow maps, building important skills ahead of our upcoming visit to Wonderland. The children have loved creating their own simple maps and talking about journeys, landmarks, and directions.

Nursery have been exploring life on the farm as they prepare for their exciting trip to Ash End Farm. They have been learning about animals, crops, and the different jobs people do on a farm. Their curiosity and questions have been wonderful to see.

Year 1 have been diving into their new topic on the seaside, learning about coastal features, seaside holidays past and present, and the animals that live by the shore. This learning is helping them get ready for their upcoming trip to Weston-super-Mare, which they are very excited about.

All classes continue to enjoy their regular visits to Forest School. The children especially love being creative in the mud kitchen, building dens, exploring natural materials, and developing teamwork and resilience. Forest School remains a highlight of the week for many.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing even more exciting learning experiences with you as the term continues.



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Phase 2

Year 2

Firstly, a huge well done to all of our children for their fantastic participation in Phase 2 Sports Day. You were all amazing, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. We are very proud of how well everyone took part and supported one another.

Our Year 2 children have been busy learning about different types of farms and farming. They have enjoyed exploring where our food comes from and the important role farmers play in our communities. They also had a wonderful time on their residential trip, creating special memories and demonstrating excellent independence and teamwork.

Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard learning all about the rainforest. They have explored the different layers of the rainforest and discovered the fascinating plants and animals that live within each one. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been fantastic to see.

Year 4

Finally, Year 4 completed their Multiplication Tables Check and achieved some brilliant scores. We are so proud of the effort, perseverance, and commitment they have shown while preparing for this assessment.

Well done, Year 4—you should all be very proud of yourselves!





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Phase 3

Year 5 have had an exciting and enriching few weeks. They began by travelling into Birmingham city centre to investigate local landmarks, helping them connect their classroom learning with the history and culture of the community around them. More recently, they enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Space Centre, where they deepened their understanding of our solar system through hands-on exploration and real-world science.



Year 6 have been equally impressive, showing real dedication as they audition, rehearse and prepare to bring their Wizard of Oz production to life. Their teamwork, creativity and commitment are shining through and we cannot wait to see the final performance.

Both year groups also showed brilliant determination and sportsmanship during their sports days. It was wonderful to see so many pupils participating, encouraging one another and giving their very best.



Well done to all our pupils — we are incredibly proud of you.

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TEAM FORDBRIDGE

Summer 2 Sports Events:

We have taken part in a number of competitions during Summer 2, achieving some fantastic results while consistently demonstrating our Golden Values when competing against other schools.

Our Year 5 and 6 netball team won 5 out of their 8 matches and finished 3rd overall, which is a fantastic achievement. The team displayed excellent teamwork and impressive technical skills throughout all of their games.

At the Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Values Event, we also finished 3rd. For many of the girls, this was their first experience of playing football against other schools, and they should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

We also took a group of Year 6 pupils to compete against Marston Green in a 7-a-side football match and a dodgeball competition. They all played fairly, showed great determination, and demonstrated excellent teamwork. The leadership skills displayed during the dodgeball competition were particularly impressive.

We have recently learned that our Boys' 7-a-side football team finished 1st in their league, a thoroughly deserved achievement. They have now qualified for the final's tournament, where they will play a semi-final against the team that finished 2nd in League A. Congratulations to all of the boys, and good luck in the next stage of the competition.

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, several competitions have been cancelled this term. We are very disappointed for the children who were due to take part and are currently waiting to hear whether these events will be rearranged.



UPDATES FOR PARENTS

BE SMART
ONLINE



Online Games (Fortnite, Roblox)

These games are popular and social, but children can spend excessive time on them and may encounter strangers or cyberbullying. They are rated PEGI 12+, and parental guidance is essential.

There are junior versions of Fortnite available for younger children such as Lego Fortnite (PEGI 7) and Rocket Racing (PEGI 3).

Roblox - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safetyBlog/roblox/>

Fortnite - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcjdvj6>

REMINDERS - JUNE/JULY

- 26th June - Nursery Trip (AM)
- 29th June - Graduation Core Theatre (Invite Only)
- 30th June - Year 3 Trip
- 30th June - Young Carers Trip
- 1st July - Reception Trip
- 2nd July - Internal Graduation (Invite Only)
- 2nd July - New Reception Teddy Bears Picnic
- 2nd July - New Nursery Parent Evening
- 3rd July - Year 1 Trip
- 3rd July - Nursery Trip (PM)
- 3rd July - School Council Trip (Year's 4/5/6)
- 6th July - Year 3 Residential (Group 1)
- 8th July - Year 3 Residential (Group 2)
- 9th July - Year 6 Trip
- 13th July - School Council Trip (Year 1/2/3)
- 13th July - Internal Graduation (Invite Only)
- 14th July - Internal Transition Day
- 14th July - Year 6 Production
- 15th July - School Disco (Reception - Year 5)
- 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Party
- 16th July - Awards Assembly (Invite Only)
- 16th July - Attendance Event
- 16th July - Good To Be Green Event
- 17th July - Last Day Of Term



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