2ND OCTOBER 2026

FOSSDENE WEEKLY ROUNDUP

IMPORTANT DATES

5 October - Bikeability for Year 6

6 October — Maths Workshop for Reception & Year 1

7 October - Year 3 Class Assembly - 8:45am

7 October - Beech Class Assembly 2:30pm

9 October - School Closed Due to Staff Striking

12 October — Art Week

12 October - Bikeability for Year 5

14 October - Year 6 Class Assembly 8:45am

16 October - Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight

19 October - Art Gallery for Parents 2:00pm

19 October Individual School Photos

21 - 23 October - Inset Days

26 October - Half term

2 November - First day back 8:30am

Year 6 had a wonderful time on their school journey! 🌟
They conquered their fears, challenged themselves and showed fantastic teamwork throughout. They behaved so well and made us incredibly proud They also had the chance to make new friends and build lovely connections with the children from Cherry Orchard.

Secondary School Applications 📚
Please remember to:

- Research your preferred schools, including admissions criteria and open days.
- Check school websites for visiting information.
- List your schools in order of preference.
- **Submit your application by 31 October 2026.**

Apply online through the **Royal Borough of Greenwich website**.

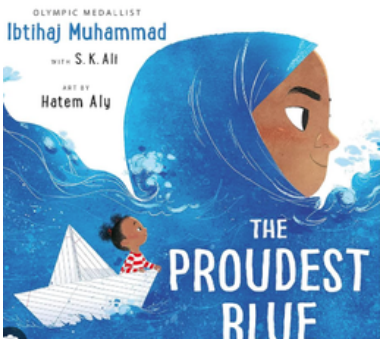
https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place

For support, please contact the school office.

🌟 Fossdene Star of the Week 🌟

Jason from Cherry Blossom, Jason has made fantastic progress with his communication. He has been using his symbols to communicate his needs and is also vocalising to express himself. It has been wonderful to see him developing his confidence and finding different ways to communicate with others.

FOSSDENE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Book Recommendation of the week by Miss Salah
Book: The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad
"This is a beautiful and uplifting story about a little girl who feels proud of her sister for wearing her hijab. It celebrates being proud of who you are and reminds us how important it is to be kind and stand up for one another."
You will enjoy this book if:
You like stories about family, feelings and being brave.

OPAL PLAY

This week, the children created their own games, explored different ideas, and turned the outdoor space into exciting worlds of their own. It was lovely to see them having fun, sharing ideas, and playing together.

Attendance

For the whole school attendance this week was 95.2% our target is 97%

Year 1 - 97.7%
Year 5 - 98.5%
Cherry Blossom - 97.5%
Oak - 97%
Fir - 98.8%

A polite reminder that if your child is absent due to illness and you have visited the doctor, please send any medical evidence (e.g. a prescription or appointment slip) to **admin@fossdene.greenwich.sch.uk** so it can be added to the register. Where possible, please book any routine appointments outside of school hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Get Involved!

Interested in joining our PTA Acorn Federation?
Please contact email **acorngrouppta@gmail.com** for more information

CLASS NEWS

Reception

This week we learned the sounds 'ck', 'e', 'u' and 'r' in our Phonics and some of our children have started reading decodable books. Please continue supporting your child with their Phonics homework and please help them practise their Numbots at home. You will find their Numbots login details at the back of their Yellow Reading Record. Please note that we only give out books if your child has brought their school bookbag/backpack in. If you haven't already done so, please bring in spare clothes and wellies for your child and remember to label all their belongings.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We drew the giant, but when we came back to school our giant had gone missing! We created wanted posters to help us find him. we also have been recreating a scene from the story with different shapes on Sketchpad in Computing. Finally, we enjoyed an Autumn walk in Science, collecting fallen leaves and used our senses to compare their colours, shapes and feelings.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week! We have published our very first piece of writing, which can now be seen in our book corner. We have also been learning about rewards and consequences in Jigsaw. We discussed our favourite rewards and shared how we earned them. It was lovely to hear the children reflect on their achievements and the positive choices they have made.

Year 3

Year 3 have been using their imaginations this week and describing and writing relative clause sentences to describe the failed project pets in our story. We have been practising our lines for our class assembly next week. Please help us to learn them off by heart over the weekend.

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Year 4

In Year 4 this week we completed our first big write of the year! We put together all that we have practiced and included the different features of an informal letter. We have also really enjoyed learning and playing rounders!

Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about friction and air resistance. This week, the children designed and made their own parachutes, investigating how air resistance affects falling objects. They enjoyed testing their designs and thinking about what makes an effective parachute.

In French, Year 5 have also been working extremely hard. They have been learning lots of new French vocabulary and have been busy practising their pronunciation and using their new words with growing confidence. Très bien, Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 had a brilliant time on their residential! They conquered their fears, challenged themselves and showed fantastic teamwork. It was a wonderful opportunity to make memories, strengthen friendships and enjoy quality time together. We are incredibly proud of them all!

CLASS NEWS

Oak Class

Oak Class has had another lovely, busy week!
One of our group had the exciting opportunity to join Year 6 on their school journey this week. We hope they had a fantastic time and made lots of wonderful memories!
In Science, we have been learning about animals without a spine and discovering some of the fascinating creatures that belong to this group. In PE, we headed to the hall to practise our climbing and rolling skills, showing lots of confidence and enthusiasm. In Geography, we became mapmakers and created our very own maps of the playground. We thought carefully about the different features we needed to include and where they were located. In Art, we explored our faces in a different way, looking closely to see what shapes we could find within our facial features.

Cherry Blossom

This week, we used our senses to explore a range of natural materials, including pine cones, dried flowers and moss. We touched, smelled and explored the different textures before using the materials to create faces on photographs.

Beech

Beech class have had a busy week filled with learning and laughter. In maths, we had a great time bowling and counting our missing pins. We have all loved exploring the new sensory room and incorporating this lovely space into our sensory diet. We ended the week by making sandwiches in our fun with food session. What a treat!

Fir Class

Fir class has enjoyed PE dance this week where we are exploring being able to move our bodies like animals. We have also enjoyed learning to practice our independence skills in Fun with Food this week by learning to male our own sandwiches.