9TH OCTOBER 2026

FOSSDENE WEEKLY ROUNDUP

IMPORTANT DATES

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

14 October - Art Gallery for Parents

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

4 November - Maths Open Classroom 9:00am

5 November - Reading workshop for Reception and KS1 parents - 2:30pm

11 November - Oak Assembly - 8:45am

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our Maths Workshop. We really appreciate your continued support and involvement in your children's learning!
A special thank you, too, to our Beech parents who joined us for their visit. It was lovely to see you!

Thank you all for being such a wonderful part of our school community!

🌟 Fossdene's Star of the Week! 🌟

Maleeka in Oak Class

A huge well done to Maleeka for working so well in Science! We are so proud of your hard work and enthusiasm for learning. Keep shining, Maleeka! ⭐

FOSSDENE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Never feed the Bear - Miss Zalecki

I love this book because it is interactive and full of rhyming words! The children have great fun feeding the bear different things, joining in with the story and enjoying the playful rhymes. It's a wonderful way to encourage language development, listening skills and participation while having lots of fun!

OPAL PLAY

The children have been enjoying imaginative play in the playground, pushing their peers around in the prams and taking turns as they play together. This has been a lovely opportunity to develop their social skills, communication and cooperation!

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please make sure your child brings in a warm, waterproof coat each day so they can continue to enjoy their time outdoors comfortably.

Attendance

For the whole school attendance this week was 93.2% our target is 97%

Year 2 - 97%

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

We have had lots of fun with our doctors' role play and have been learning how to keep healthy. We have also enjoyed creating self-portraits using collage and paint.
Our Funnybones literacy lessons have been lots of fun as we retold the story and explored the differences between day and night.
Parent reminder: Please label all your child's clothes and bring in a pair of wellington boots to keep at school. Thank you!

Year 1

This week, we have been reading the Magic Porridge Pot, exploring fairy tale structures and comparing it with other fairy tales through a fun guessing game.
We have also been working together to build our very own class castle out of cardboard, developing our creativity and teamwork skills.
In maths, we have been learning about one more and one less, whilst in science we continue to explore our senses, this week focusing on sound.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week! They have been adding detail to their observational drawings in art, role-playing Mrs Noah's Pockets and sequencing the story events. In Science, we have been exploring what makes a fish a fish and learning about their key features.

Year 3

After the buzz of our class assembly, Year 3 have continued our oracy skills this week by using our persuasive tactics to persuade our classmates to want to buy our own 'perfect pets'. We've been using rhetorical questions, exaggeration and creating a great sense of urgency. In maths, we've been learning how to count on to add multiples of ten to 3-digit numbers. We learnt several strategies and discussed which one we found easiest for us.

CLASS NEWS

Year 4

Year 4 have a good first full week back in school! We have been very engaged in classroom discussions and have shown particular good focus during our Maths learning of place value, learning about thousands. We have also enjoyed starting our first book of Year 4, Fortunately the Milk!

Year 5

In Design and Technology, Year 5 have completed their fantastic Wobble Bots, applying their knowledge of electrical circuits and motors to design, make and evaluate a purposeful motorised product. In Geography, the children have compared Innsbruck with Charlton, using their fieldwork findings to identify similarities and differences in the human and physical geography of the two locations.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! They refreshed their bike skills through Bikeability, built confidence, and practised percentages in arithmetic. We've also been busy rehearsing for our class assembly next week — we hope you can join us!

CLASS NEWS

Oak Class

In Science, we welcomed some real snails into the classroom to help us explore animals with exoskeletons. We also took a closer look at some realistic models of worms and jellyfish to learn about animals without backbones, before investigating the bones of animals with spines. Lots of fascinating discoveries! In Cooking, we travelled to South Africa and made delicious Malva pudding. We even received a special good-luck message from Christof before we started! The pudding was a big hit with the children. In PE, we had a wonderful time exploring the equipment in the top hall, practising our balancing, jumping and coordination skills. In Geography, we became playground reviewers, sharing our opinions and rating different areas of our playground.
Thank you for bearing with me while I continue to find the best way to share our weekly blog and photographs with you. I really appreciate your patience!

Cherry Blossom

This week, Cherry Blossom class have been focusing on the core words 'go' and 'more' through a range of fun and engaging activities. We have been practising using these words during play and movement activities. We have also been learning to name and recognise our facial features through fun songs, sensory experiences and interactive activities.

Beech

Beech class have had another fabulous week jam packed with meaningful activities. In PSHE, we have been learning all about our bodies and the children created pictures of foods that keep their bodies healthy. We got messy in our maths session where some of us were digging for numbers in the shaving foam and then adding the numbers we found together. We loved having some of our parents join us for an art focused stay and play! We have been listening to an autumn story about pumpkins so we used cotton buds and paints to decorate some images of pumpkins.

Fir Class

Fir have had a good week this week exploring within our learning using food. We had a blast making mud with flour and cocoa powder, we used our farm animals and they got very muddy. We also enjoyed fun with food where we practiced our independence skills in making our own toast!