Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

A Message from the Head Teacher

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start the children have made to the school year. The term seems to have flown by and it has been a real pleasure to see the school buzzing with learning, creativity and enthusiasm.

I have been so impressed by the way the children have embraced new challenges and demonstrated our ACE character values every day. Whether showing kindness to a friend, persevering with their learning or helping others around school, they continue to make us proud.

Our Harvest celebrations were a wonderful opportunity to come together and think about the importance of gratitude and helping those around us. I know first-hand how hard Rose Class are working, but it has also been lovely to spend time in Lily Class and Preschool, seeing the wide range of learning taking place across the school and hearing children proudly talk about their work.

A special congratulations goes to Bonnie, Isla, Jessica, Paige and Ruby, who have represented our school at the cross-country events held at Stockland Primary School this half term. The course is certainly not an easy one, but all of our runners tackled it with determination and resilience. We were especially delighted to celebrate Bonnie winning her race at Wednesday night's event. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and the excellent way they represented our school.

Thank you to our staff, families, church partners and wider community for your continued support. Working together helps us create the very best opportunities for our children, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive school community. I have particularly enjoyed meeting with members of our church team to discuss the return of Share the Story after half term, as well as exploring ways we can continue to enhance our library space. These partnerships play an important role in fostering a lifelong love of reading, and I am grateful for the support we receive in making this possible for our children.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and find some time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming the children back for another busy and exciting half term.
With best wishes,

Cara Gilmour White

Safeguarding

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If you have any worries or you are concerned about someone else, please come to speak to one of the adults in your class or one of the adults in this poster. We are all good listeners and will do everything we can to help you.

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Rose Class

Mrs Gilmour-White

This half term, Rose Class has been exploring the question "Can creativity inspire us to change the world?" through our class text, *The Promise*. The story has sparked lots of thoughtful discussions about looking after our world and how even small actions can make a big difference.

In English, we have been working hard on our descriptive writing. The children have enjoyed experimenting with ambitious vocabulary and powerful descriptions to help bring their ideas to life. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as writers and to watch them take increasing pride in their work.

In Art, we have used *The Promise* as inspiration for developing our drawing and painting skills. The children have explored colour, shading and texture to create some beautiful pieces of artwork, particularly when capturing the changing landscapes from the story.
We've even found time to take our maths learning outdoors - exploring place value on a grand scale!

I have been incredibly proud of the creativity, imagination and effort shown by everyone in Rose Class this half term. The children have produced some fantastic writing and artwork, and I know they are excited to continue their learning journey after the break.

Mrs Gilmour-White







Lily Class

What a fantastic half-term and start of the school year we have had in Lily class!

The children have enjoyed the three learning enquiries we have completed and have even taught me a thing or two and are quick to point out when I have made mistakes on the board.

Our last two learning enquiries have been art and science. In art we looked at Vincent Van Gogh, we drew sunflowers, self-portraits and designed and printed tiles inspired by his artwork. The children enjoyed their printing so much, they even produced pictures to take home to share. As part of the art enquiry, we produced poetry that was inspired by the weather and the seasons, and we used the inspiration of Van Gogh's paintings to help us with our ideas.

In our science enquiry, we have been looking at animals including humans. We have been grouping animals into the correct groups: mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, birds and fish; we have been looking at different life cycles, identifying the basic parts of a human, looking at our five senses, understanding the basic survival needs all animals have, and understanding why hygiene, exercise and good food choices are important.

In maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction within 20. The class have been looking at part whole models to work out the missing number, they have been working on their number bonds to strengthen their number knowledge, we have looked at doubles and near doubles and looking at the difference between numbers. We have been doing daily number formation practice and tough tens at the beginning of every lesson, so that children can recall their knowledge more easily.

I hope everyone has a lovely, restful half-term holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all after the week off!

Mrs Parker













Little Shoots Nursery

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring how we can create different textures using various materials. We have investigated what happens when we mix certain colours and used this knowledge to create pictures.

The children have been developing their skills to use one handed tools and equipment, we created paper dolls and decorated them with facial features and clothing, this led on to exploring similarities and differences between us and others.

We've been continuing the story of the Three Little Pigs, and the children have been building houses using straw, sticks and bricks. We talked about which materials were stronger and more suitable for the job. The children enjoyed lots of 'huffing and puffing'. This also triggered lots of role play and acting out the story.

We have watched lots of friendships blossom this term, the children love to dress up and role-play different scenarios. The children enjoyed acting out the carnival, this led to lots of discussions about what they had seen and heard.

Mrs Moss













Stockland Cross-country

Well done girls













Reminder

Please ensure your child has their wellington boots, coats and waterproofs in school every day from next term. We want to use the school field as much as possible, thank you.



Snacks and Lunches

A gentle reminder that we encourage healthy snacks and packed lunches in school, as these help children stay focused and ready to learn throughout the day. Where possible, we also ask families to consider using reusable containers and reducing the amount of single-use plastic packaging brought into school. We know this is not always easy, but every small step helps us to care for our environment and sets a wonderful example for our children. Thank you for your support.

What's going on over Half Term.



Looking for something different to do this half term?

Little Escapes is a family escape room and party venue in Taunton, created especially for children and their grown-ups.

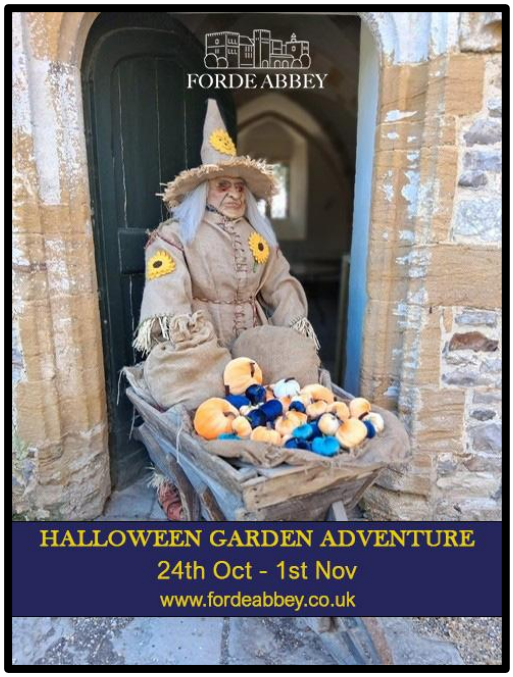
Since opening just six weeks ago, we've already received rave reviews from local families and are quickly establishing ourselves at the forefront of family escape room experiences in the area.

- Family-friendly escape room
- Ideal for children around 6–12
- Grown-ups join in too
- Encourages teamwork, problem-solving and confidence
- Welcoming to families with additional needs

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