

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Welcome to the first Forest Community newsletter!
You will be updated with all the latest news and achievements within
Forest Community.

Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year, all of the Forest Community has risen to the challenge, reaching 96.4% across the year groups. Individually, the class totals are currently:

Ash: 97.4%	Elm: 96.3%	Beech: 94.5%
Willow: 96.9%	Yew: 96.2%	Oak: 96.9%

Reading:

Our new reading scheme 'Accelerated Reader' has been a huge success this year and has led to a real uptake in reading. It also allows us to track how many words children have been reading. Forest Community have really taken up this challenge and are enjoying the competition with the other communities, and each other!

The class totals so far are as follows;

Ash Class : 29,023 words; Harrison has reached 4458 by himself.

Elm Class : 281,378 words; with Charlie reading 30,428 of these.

Beech Class : 795,455 words; Tessa has read a fantastic 176,139 of these by herself.

Willow Class : 3,141,629 words; it's really close but Imogen is currently leading with 211,629 of them.

Yew Class : 4,253,533 words; Lewis has read 658,729 of these.

Oak Class : 4,884,305 words; Oliver has stormed ahead reaching 590,532 words already.

This is a fantastic start to the year, and hopefully these numbers just keep on increasing!

As part of our Christmas celebrations we have:

- had an amazing pantomime
- visited the grotto for a visit from Father Christmas
- worn our festive Christmas jumpers for our delicious Christmas Dinner

Have a lovely Christmas and prosperous New Year!



Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who have earned Challenge Champion so far:

Ash: Jake, Seren, Scarlett, Sofia, Megan, Harrison, Mya, Jack, James, Evie, Logan, Elijah and Lola.

Elm: Samuel, Alex, Zak, Caitlin, Lyla, Jeshurun, Lucy, Sophie, Tobias, Jacob, Ava, Amelia, Charlie T and Charlie S.

Beech: Lucy, Oliver, Daisy, Georgia, Oliver, Niks, Lexie, Tessa, Andrew, Skye, Summer and Grace.

Willow: Lenni, Millie, Oscar, Joshua, Harry, Imogen, Frankie, Haydn, Jess, Harvey, Abi, Philippa, Amelia and Allie.

Yew: Lacey, Finn, Riley, Ruby, Erin, Aimee, Alexis, Matthew, Max and Martha-Lily, Louis.

Oak: Harry, Thomas, Jack, Katie, Jamie, Jessica, Leia, Sam, Emily, Tobi, Jess and Leo.

Wow Days from Terms 1 and 2

"The best bit was getting all of the paper to make the mountain"
Jenson in Beech Class



"I really liked that I could find my house on Google Earth"
Seren in Ash Class



"We got to hold a tarantula because it was fluffy and cute"
Caitlin in Elm Class



"It was really fun when we acted out a Greek play!"
Neve in Yew Class



"The best bit was when we made the igloos from the Marshmallows, because we ate them afterwards!"
Harvey in Willow Class



"My favourite bit was building the castles because we worked as a team and ours is the only one which is still standing!"
Alice in Oak Class



Shout outs

A special mention to the children that have represented the school in various events throughout the last two terms:

- The children from Year 1 and 2 who took part in the Infant Agility competition at Tunstall School.
- The children from Year 3 and 4 who took part in the Sport Hall Athletics competition at Oasis Academy.
- The children from Years 4 and 5 who went and sang Christmas Carols to the members of Age Concern.

What's coming up



- The Family trust will again visit to deliver some special assemblies
- Safer internet day will be taking place in February
- The book fair will again be visiting in term 4
- Sport relief is also coming up at the end of term 4
- We are also delighted to announce a new member of our P.E team as Mr. Wybraniec will be joining us.

Staff Achievements

The staff have also had some achievements of their own so far this year:

Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Banning on the birth of their baby daughter, Esme!

Mr Claridge and Mr Wilson both ran a marathon.

Mrs Ware, Mrs Smith, Miss Draper and Mrs Elliot have all taken part in several 10km runs.