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Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

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Head Teacher's Corner



Dear Families,

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks, with our children continuing to make us proud through their hard work and enthusiasm.

Firstly a huge well done to our Year 4 children who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We are very proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown in preparing for this assessment. A big thank you to the Year 4 staff who have supported the children in developing their confidence and fluency with their times tables.

Year 1 children have also been working hard in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check (PSC). We are very proud of the progress they have made and the confidence they have shown. Thank you to our staff for their continued dedication in supporting the children's reading development.

The children have enjoyed a fantastic start to our summer term events and trips. Year 3 visited Kew Gardens, Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Southend-on-Sea, and our school choir took part in the Singing Spectacular on 5th June. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for our children, beyond the classroom.

This week, Year 5 and Year 6 children have taken part in outdoor adventure activities, developing teamwork and resilience while enjoying new challenges. Some children from Year 1 and 2 also participated in a multi-skills session with other Luton schools, and we were proud of their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. They represented the school brilliantly.

We are sad to share that Mrs George, who has been a valued member of our office team, has decided to leave our school after 25 years of service. During her time with us, she has made a huge contribution to our school community. We would like to thank her for her dedication and commitment over the years and wish her every happiness for the future.

The end of term is fast approaching and we have lots of events and activities planned. Please continue to keep an eye on your emails for important updates and information.

Our annual Summer Fair is also fast approaching, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us for a fantastic community event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to see our children thrive, achieve and make us proud every day.

Best wishes,
 Mrs R Nisar
 Headteacher



25th June
 Y5 Ukelele Concert

6th July
 Y3 Recorder Concert

2nd July
 Y2 Ruislip Lido Trip

8th July
 Y6 Performance

13th July
 Creative & Careers Week



Gold Hedgehog Award



We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the Gold Hedgehog Award! This is a fantastic achievement and a huge thank you goes to Mrs Jones for all her hard work in ensuring that our school is a hedgehog-friendly environment and for carefully gathering and collating all of the evidence needed for this award. Please visit the Eco area of our website to find out more about our work and how you can help us continue to make our school and local area a safe and welcoming place for hedgehogs.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are pleased to share that our attendance has been improving over the past year, and we're proud to say that our weekly figures have often been in line with or better than the national average. This is a fantastic achievement, and we want to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

Each week, we celebrate good attendance in school, and we'd like to give a special mention to the following classes who have achieved 100% attendance at least once this half term - a brilliant effort!



As we continue to focus on attendance, we are also placing a strong emphasis on punctuality. We firmly believe that every minute counts, and arriving on time helps children start their day calmly and ready to learn.

PUNCTUALITY

Our doors open at 8:45am for a soft start, and ideally, all children should arrive as close to this time as possible. The doors close at 9:00am for registration - arrival after this time is recorded as late. We understand that traffic and parking can be difficult in the mornings, so we encourage families to leave earlier where possible, and consider parking a short distance away and walking.

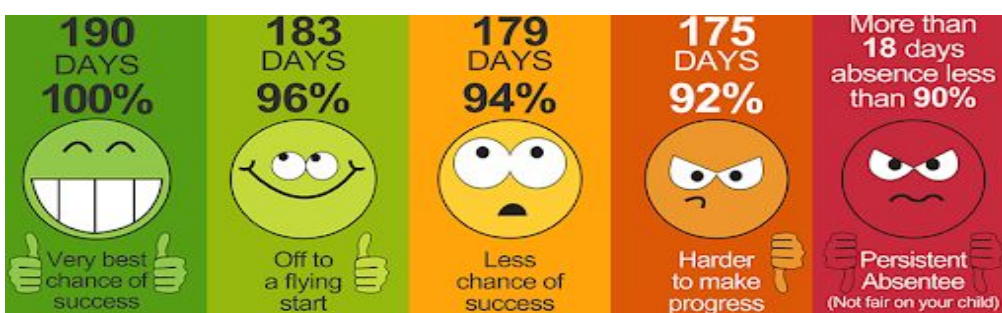
The same expectations apply at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children are collected on time. Please note that school finishes at 3:15pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3:30pm for KS2.

We are now issuing late collection fines. Guidance has been shared with all families. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day.

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Attendance Week Ending

Class	05.06.26	12.06.26	19.06.26	Class	05.06.26	12.06.26	19.06.26
Wrens	90.7%	89.3%	92.6%	Pinecones	94.6%	99.1%	98.2%
Swifts	96.9%	89.3%	93.9%	Beech	87.5%	89.6%	87.2%
Robins	94.2%	99.6%	95%	Oak	98.1%	97.6%	96.4%
Dragonflies	88.2%	87.4%	90.6%	Ash	97.5%	96.4%	96.8%
Ladybirds	91.4%	96.3%	96.8%	Ivy	91.3%	93.7%	94.5%
Butterflies	96.4%	95.2%	90%	Cedar	93.5%	97.4%	94.8%
Squirrels	98.1%	98%	98.7%	Spruce	97.6%	95.2%	97.1%
Badgers	95.8%	97.4%	96.3%	Kestrels	95.6%	99%	96.5%
Hedgehogs	92.3%	93.5%	92.7%	Kites	90.8%	94.7%	96.8%
Chestnuts	93.3%	97.3%	92.9%	Eagles	98.7%	95.8%	95.6%
Acorns	100%	100%	96.5%				

Our Class H.E.R.O's for the last 3 weeks are:



Infant Site: Squirrels & Robins

Junior Site: Acorns & Pinecones

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A huge congratulations to our shining stars for the weeks ending 05.06.26, 12.06.26 & 19.06.26


Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Adriel Aiyla Riuqayah	Aariz Abbas Zahra	Ayaan K Mhd Israr Diana	Hamza Iremide Aariz	Stefan Luca Rafan	Zsofia Eesa Livian	Sophia Ayet	Delia Aairah Ethan
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Erion Asad Musa	Aizah Aryan Za'im	Eesa Burhan Antonia	Shafin Hania Jasdeep	Musa Christine Zayyan	Yussuf Samera Nabil	Miraj Ismail Rayaan	Saaratu Fatima Mariam
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles	 <p>"Be a star in someone's sky every day!"</p>		
Aiza Raihan Younis	Zahraa Ion	Hannah Sahas Izzan	Eesa Anaya Ibrahim K	Ismail Arhum Damirs			

Dojo Winners of the Week!

Congratulations to our top dojo earners!

Your positive attitude, teamwork, and respect have truly stood out



Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Zubair Manveer Ruqayah	Abeeha Haadiya Aariz	Kendrick Gabriella Ayesha	Stefania Anastasia Sahil	Justice Sehaj Eisah	Eesa Fatima Luca	Zoriaz	Dawud Hashim Haleema
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Hasnain Ayah Gabriel	Arfa -Hud Daria	Umar Adnan	Armaan Aizah H.	Zainab Bilal Bilal	Yussuf Zainab Anaya	Hajra Rebecca Rebecca	Shayan Hana Maya
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles			
Ammara Umaima Maya Kashan	Rushda Rohan	Mihai Aminah Zaroon	Rebeca Raffaello Farhan	Inaaya Ayyan Haaniya			

VALUES

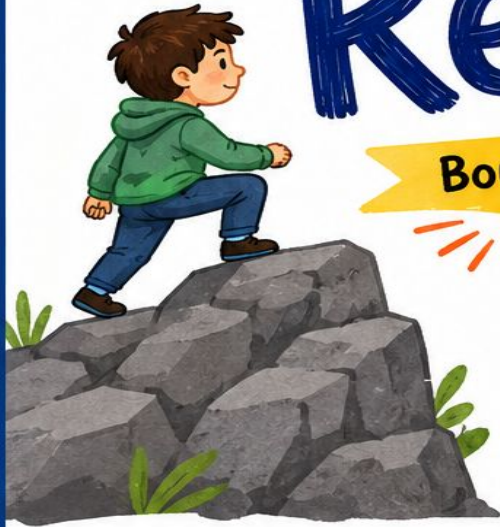
Our VALUE for Summer 2 is:

RESILIENCE

Resilience

Bouncing back when things get tough.

Resilience means you don't give up when something is difficult. You keep trying, you learn, and you **grow**.



WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

It's the ability to:

- ★ Keep going, even when it's hard
- ★ Learn from mistakes
- ★ Stay positive
- ★ Ask for help
- ★ Try again



EXAMPLES



If a piece of work is tricky, I keep trying.



If I don't win a game, I practise and improve.



If I find learning hard, I ask for help and keep practising.



If something goes wrong, I breathe, think, and try a different way.

WHAT RESILIENT PEOPLE DO

- ✓ They stay calm.
- ✓ They keep a positive attitude.
- ✓ They learn from challenges.
- ✓ They believe in themselves.
- ✓ They never give up!



**IT'S OKAY TO FIND THINGS HARD.
IT'S NOT OKAY TO GIVE UP!**

GROWTH MINDSET

Instead of thinking...

I can't do this.



I can't do this yet. I will keep trying!



HOW TO BUILD RESILIENCE



Set small goals.



Take one step at a time.



Be kind to yourself.



Talk to someone you trust.



Celebrate your progress!

REMEMBER...

You are **stronger** than you think.

Every challenge is a chance to **grow**.



**Be brave. Keep going. Believe in yourself.
You've got this!**

Around our School

Year R

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their recent learning about dinosaurs, exploring different types of dinosaurs, their habitats, and fascinating facts about dinosaur life. More recently, the children have started learning about the story 'Supertato'. To introduce the book, the children discovered vegetables from the story trapped outside and worked together to rescue them. They have enjoyed creating their own superhero characters, thinking carefully about their special powers and costumes, and have had lots of fun dressing up as different superheroes in the role-play area, using their imaginations to act out exciting adventures.



Year 1

In English, we have been writing instructions on how to catch a Gingerbread Man. In maths, we have been working with numbers to 100. Children split 2 digit numbers into tens and ones.

In DT, we are learning to join materials in preparation for making a puppet.

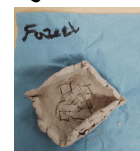
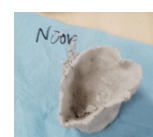


Year 2

We've had a fantastic start to our final term in Year 2, with the children diving into some exciting new learning across the curriculum.

This term, we are exploring the genre of diary writing. Our model text is taken from Samuel Pepys' famous diary, which gives a first-hand account of life in 1666. We stepped back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London. The children were fascinated to discover how the fire started, why it spread so quickly, and how London changed afterwards.

In Art, the children have been busy getting creative with clay. They have designed and shaped their own clay pots and experimented with making printed tiles, practising techniques such as pressing, carving and repeating patterns.



Around our School

Year 3

Year 3 began the term with a highly positive attitude and demonstrated excellent creativity through their impressive 3D pyramid homework projects. The children were proud to share their work during a whole-school assembly, showcasing their effort and creativity.

In DT, the children have made an excellent start to the term by beginning the design process for their castle projects. They are applying their creativity and design skills thoughtfully as they develop and refine their ideas.

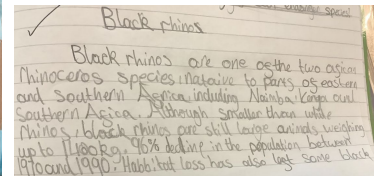
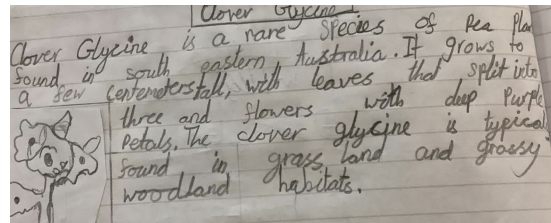
In Science, pupils have begun an investigation into how different amounts of water affect plant growth. Over a five-week period, they will observe and record changes, collect data, and draw conclusions based on their findings



Year 4

In science, we created a fact file about endangered animals that are at risk of extinction due to environmental damage. In our fact files, we included information about the threats these animals face, how human activities harm the environment, and what we can do to help protect them.

In geography, we learned about the features of a river, including its source, channel, and mouth. To demonstrate our understanding, we designed and created our own river models.



Year 5

As always, we've had a busy fun-filled term in Year 5 including our brilliant day out at the beach in Southend on Sea. Look out for photos and more information about it further on in the newsletter...

In DT, the children have experimented with creating gears out of cardboard. They have tested out different ways to create the teeth.



We look forward to seeing parents at our final ukulele and violin concert of the year on Thursday 25th June at 10.30am. The children are eager to show you all that they have learnt this year.

Year 6

In English, Year 6 have written some fantastic short stories. The children have used dialogue effectively to move the action on and chosen ambitious vocabulary to create atmosphere and engage the reader. They have worked hard to organise their ideas clearly and use a range of cohesive devices as well as punctuation to improve their writing.

In science, the children have been learning about the circulatory system. To help develop their understanding of how blood travels in and out of the heart, the children created models of the heart and explored how it works. They enjoyed this hands-on activity and developed a better understanding of the important role the heart plays in the body.



Around our School

Reception Baby Dinosaur Workshop

Reception had a roar-some start to the half-term. They welcomed a baby dinosaur to the school and learnt all about dinosaurs! The children were enthralled by the props and learnt some amazing facts. During the workshop the children also learnt about fossils and had a go at being a paleontologist (that's a special word meaning a dinosaur scientist!)



Here's what children said they learnt:
"Dinosaurs were extinct a long time ago."
"Dinosaurs lived in the triassic time!"



Singing Spectacular 2026

Earlier this month, our choir took part in the Singing Spectacular, joining pupils from several local schools to form one amazing choir. After a long afternoon of rehearsals, the children performed beautifully for family and friends, showcasing their hard work and talent.

We were incredibly proud of the way they demonstrated our school values of resilience, positivity and relationships throughout the event, working together with children from other schools and maintaining their enthusiasm all afternoon. A particular highlight was the **Unity Song**, which was the choir's favourite and perfectly captured the spirit of the occasion.

Well done to our choir for being such wonderful ambassadors of The Foxdell Way.

Around our School

Year 5 Trip



Year 5 had a wonderful time on our trip to Southend on Sea. We completed a scavenger hunt to find shells and stones on the beach whilst also helping to collect rubbish that had washed up on the sand.



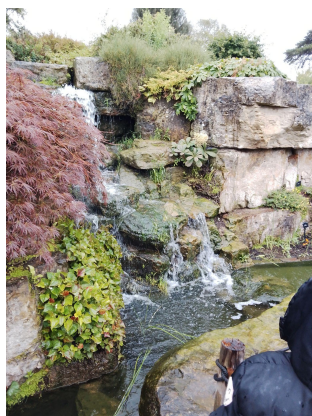
We learnt about the impact of litter, particularly plastics, on animals including turtles and sharks. The children enjoyed catching crabs and learning about how tides go in and out each day and loved paddling the water... especially when it meant splashing the teachers!

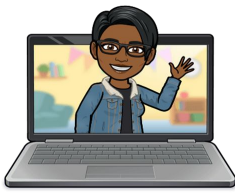


Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 3 had a wonderful and memorable visit to Kew Gardens. As part of our science learning linked to 'Plants' topic, the children had the opportunity to explore the incredible variety of plant life and develop their understanding of the natural world. Despite the persistent rain, everyone embraced the experience and had fantastic day, including the adults!

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Amazon Rainforest Workshop!





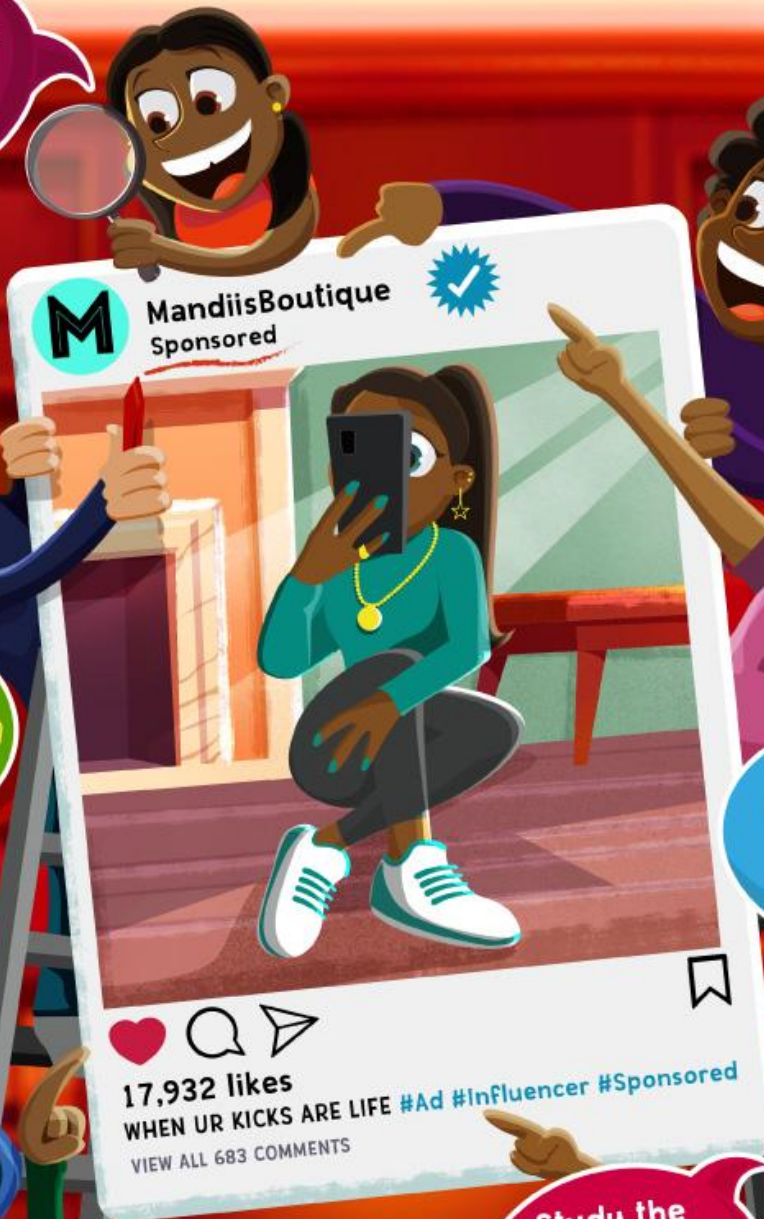
ONLINE SAFETY CORNER

SPOTTING ADS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you always know when you're seeing an ad on your social media feed? You might not! Some ads look just like any other post – they might be funny or cool, but really they're trying to sell you something without you realising. But here are some ideas for spotting ads like a pro!

Look closely at the profile picture

Pay attention to the account name



Check if it says "sponsored" f i or "promoted" t

A 'verified' tick can still mean it's an ad

Study the hashtags for clues about the post's purpose

Be savvy with high numbers of likes and shares





Keeping Children Safe from Violence

What does this mean for parents/carers at Foxdell?

VEPP's focus is on the use of weapons. With knife and youth crime on the rise in Luton, it is important that you feel confident in keeping your children safe and how to spot the warning signs.

What do I need to look out for to protect my child?



GOING MISSING

A child who is skipping school, staying out late, or staying out overnight may be at risk. If your child goes missing, you should report it to the police by calling 101.



NEW SOCIAL CONTACTS

- unfamiliar people coming to your home
- chatting online with older or unknown people
- gaming online with unknown people



SUDDEN OR DRAMATIC BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

- new friends you have never seen before
- changes in clothing style, music taste, or language
- being more angry or more quiet than usual



GIFTS OR UNEXPLAINED ITEMS

They may come home with new clothes, trainers, money, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, or food that they shouldn't be able to afford.



PHONE ACTIVITY

- messages from "new friends" or people you don't know
- being secretive about their phone
- having more than one phone



PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- bruises or injuries they can't explain
- changes in mental health
- feeling scared to go outside or go to school
- refusing to talk about what is going on

What should you do if you are worried about your child?

We are always here to listen and support you to identify the appropriate next steps.

For more information, please read the VEPP parents' guide:

<https://bedsvepp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/VEPP-Violence-and-Exploitation-Booklet-Digital.pdf>

Community



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2026



SAINSBURYS

20% off

Predicted to start on
Wednesday,
17th June 2026

ASDA

20% off

Predicted to start on
Monday 22nd
June 2026

M&S

20% off

Predicted to start on
Tuesday 7th
July 2026

ALDI

£5 Uniform Bundle

Predicted to start on
Sunday 28th
June 2026

LIDL

£5 Uniform Bundle

Predicted to start on
Thursday 9th
July 2026

TESCO

25% off

Predicted to start on
Monday 21st
July 2025



To check what uniform your child needs, please visit the school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/school-uniform>