



Lympe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026



Let Your Light Shine

Friendship, Respect, Courage, Resilience

Dear Parents and Carers

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE award

Well done to this week's winners:

Shining Light	Spotted by	For
Harry in Willow Class	Mrs Chapman	Always coming in with a smile and settling into school so well
Jacob in Willow Class	Ms Venton	Being so kind and helpful during tidying up time

Well done to this week's attendance champions:

Willow	Maple	Cherry	Beech	Sycamore	Oak	Elm
98.9%	98.1%	95.7%	97.6%	96.7%	96.6%	98%

The children have had great fun developing their skipping skills during playtime with Mrs Everitt this week!



We were very lucky to have a visit from Sheena Dempsey this week, who is the brilliant and popular author of the 'Pablo and Splash' graphic novel stories.

She started with a talk about her background and how her inspiration was Roald Dahl as a child. She began illustrating children's books before becoming an author; she explained how she found this hard at first but with work and determination she fulfilled her dream. She also lives in Folkestone and talked about how her dog, Jeremy, helps her to write.

The children asked lots of insightful questions and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a draw-along activity where Sheena showed them all how to draw the two main characters of the series: Pablo and Splash!

Many thanks to Mrs Hayes for organising this visit.



We were also delighted to welcome Miss Wallond, a specialist drama teacher from Brockhill School into school this week to work with Sycamore Class. Miss Wallond will be working Year 4 every Wednesday afternoon, culminating in a performance in the theatre at Brockhill towards the end of term 5. Further details will follow for Sycamore Class parents who will be invited to come and watch to celebrate the children's achievements.



A Message from Elm Class

Dear All

We have also had a visit from our friend from Uganda this week, Lucy, who works for the Child of Hope Charity. In Year 6, our *Agents of Change* project is dedicated to supporting this charity and raising funds to help the children in its partner schools. Last year, the money we helped to raise was used to provide new playground equipment, and it has been wonderful to see the positive impact this has had on the children through the photos and videos shared with us by Lucy.

This year, we are eager to continue our fundraising efforts and help bring joy to children whose daily lives are very different from our own here at Lymgne. The Year 6 pupils are particularly enthusiastic about strengthening the relationship between our schools. They have already exchanged letters with their pen pals in the P5 class and are looking forward to maintaining regular contact throughout the year via email and Zoom.

We greatly appreciate any donations you are able to make and are sincerely grateful for your kindness and generosity. Your support will make a meaningful difference to a charity that is very close to our hearts.

The link is below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/elm-class?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched

Thank you all very much
Elm Class



School Link 2026

Every year, your school's classrooms reach all the way to Mbale, Uganda. Through video calls, letters, and some brilliant fundraising, your link with Child of Hope has made a real difference to our pupils this year — here's how you have helped...

Your fabulous fundraising in action

- New playground kit for our nursery children — swings, a climbing frame, see-saw and roundabout, now getting very well used
- Building blocks and water trays for our baby class
- Balls, hula hoops and tyres to keep our nursery children busy (and giggling!)
- Science and agriculture equipment for practical primary lessons
- Craft resources for our primary classes
- School uniform for the children who needed it most.



Your fundraising also helped cover the cost of entering competitions — and this year it's paid off!

Two of our netballers and one volleyballer have qualified for the National Ball Games, and three pupils have also made it to the National Spelling Bee. This is huge for such a small school, and we couldn't be prouder!

"We are so grateful for the links we have with schools in the UK — our children have loved interacting with children here through video calls and letter writing. We're looking forward to growing these links even further in the new school year. Thank you so much!" — Lucy Swift, Education Advisor, Child of Hope Uganda



Want to make it personal?

If your family would like to support one of our pupils, sponsorship is **£15 a month** for a child in our nursery or primary school. Your sponsorship supports that child's education, healthcare and welfare — and that of every child at Child of Hope. As a sponsor, you will receive a photo to pop on your fridge, regular updates, and letters from your child during the year — the start of a lasting connection for your family.

How to sponsor:
Visit childofhopeuganda.org or contact us at enquiries@childofhopeuganda.org



Child of Hope is a Registered UK Charity: 1136068
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Keeping Everyone Safe

As you may be aware, all schools are advised to practise evacuating the school to ensure that all children and staff are familiar with the procedure should we need to evacuate the premises quickly, e.g. in the event of a fire. In addition, we are also required to practise the opposite of the procedure as there may be an occurrence when everyone needs to be kept safe inside the building. This is explained to the children as our 'safety plan' to keep everyone safe.

All children, including our very youngest, have already practised evacuating the building which they did very sensibly and calmly. Next Wednesday we will be explaining our 'safety plan' to the children in their new classrooms and having our first practise. Please be assured that this will be carefully delivered in a child friendly and age-appropriate way.

Both drills will then continue to be practised termly to ensure the children are familiar and confident in them.

Forest School Update from Rocky Richardson

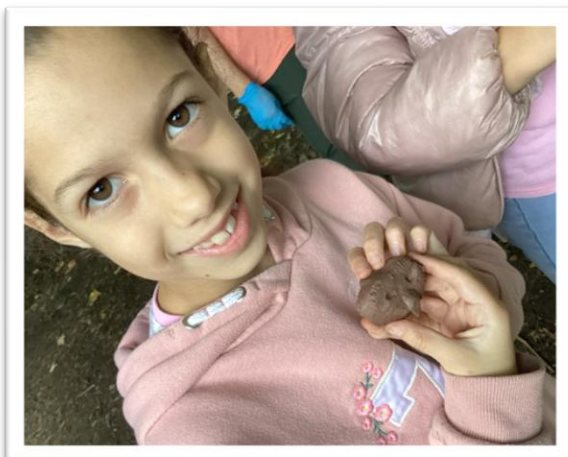
Sycamore Class are learning about digestion which gave us the perfect opportunity to try an activity I've wanted to do for a long time - owl pellet dissection! Gloved up and armed with tweezers, the children pulled apart the dried regurgitated pellets from an Eagle Owl and were able to identify the bones from what had been recently consumed. Everyone had a go, but some children spent the whole morning engrossed!



In addition, there was poo (mud) painting with stencils, recreating various woodland animal poos from shaped mud, as well as owl artwork and clay work. The children also had the opportunity to make a wood slice owl using a range of tools.

Several children worked hard to create a 7.5m 'mouth to toilet' giant marble run with guttering - the length of our intestines, and of course we used our digestive systems when eating our plum crumble cooked on the fire, made with plums grown on school trees.

In addition, there was much creativity - pallet cars, a working gym and mud kitchen feasts!



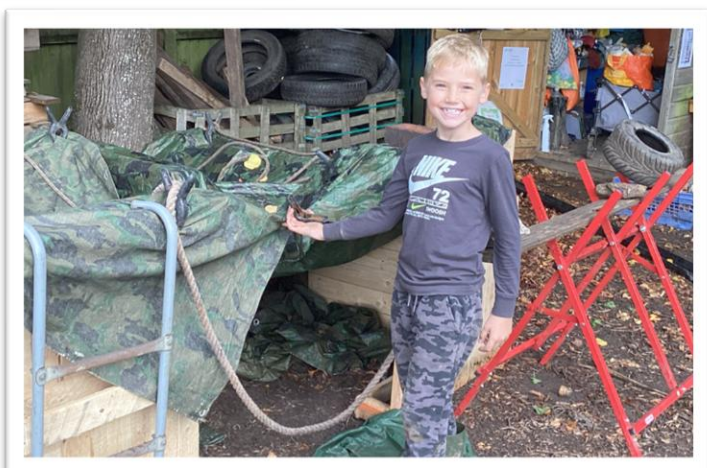
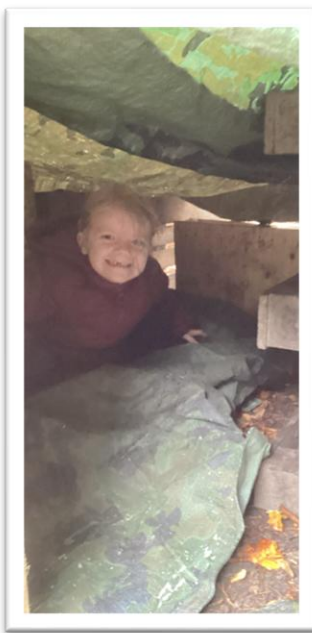
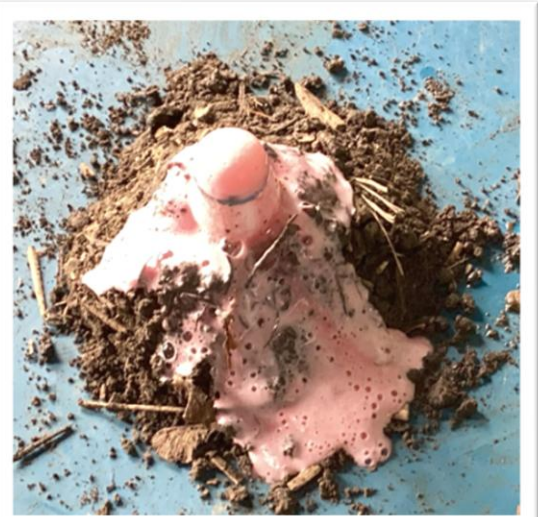


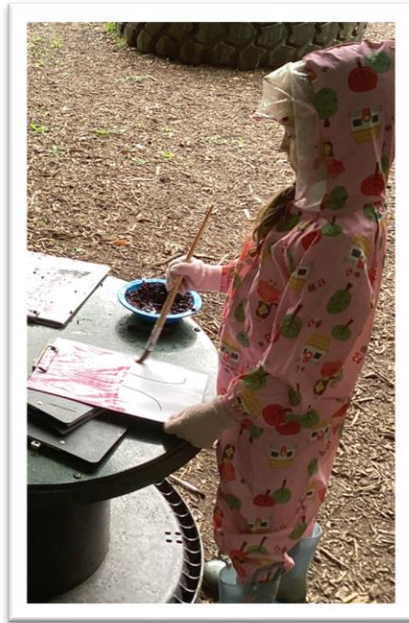
Beach Class are learning about volcanoes, rocks and soil. We started with a team game of 'the floor is lava' and crossed the field using just a plank of wood and a tarp. There was excellent teamwork and leadership skills displayed!

Despite the wet weather, the children created volcano artwork using charcoal and berry paint, explored catapults for launching 'lava' pinecones and planted some pants to check how healthy the soil is at Forest School - we will dig them up next month and report back! We kept warm with a fire and some 'lava' soup.

In the afternoon we played a team game of valleys and volcanoes, did some rock painting and built our own volcanoes out of mud/sticks/leaves. We added a solution of bicarbonate of soda, red colouring, washing up liquid and vinegar and our volcanoes erupted!

In addition, we all attended a wedding - the bride wore a tarp dress with a willow/binbag veil and a woodland posy. The aisle was built from wooden planks, the alter from pallets and the confetti from leaves. Luna was word perfect as celebrant and George sang the wedding march!





As we approach autumn and changeable weather, please ensure your child is equipped with the necessary clothing and footwear for Forest School as per the letter that comes out to you in advance of their session. Many children have not had waterproofs and/or a change of footwear this week - both of which are essential.

Parking Reminder

- ✓ Blue Badge holders only to park in the disabled bay at the front of the school
- ✓ Please use the school driveway for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only
- ✓ Please allow those with limited mobility priority access to the few remaining spaces and park outside the school driveway wherever possible



Calendar – September 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming Willow Class parents and carers to a Monster Phonics Workshop after school on Monday. We will set up a neighbouring classroom with activities for the children while this is taking place.

21	22	23	24	25
3:30 Monster Phonics information session for Willow Class parents and carers	Shepway Girls vs Christchurch (away at Three Hills)			Herald Cup Boys vs Saltwood (away) Celebration Worship at 2:40 - all welcome
Year 2 Forest School				
28	29	30	1	2
Year 1 Forest School			Year R Forest School	Celebration Worship at 2:40 - all welcome
			Year 3 swimming	Herald Cup Boys vs Lyminge (home)

Have a good weekend and thank you for all your support his week. Please don't hesitate to continue to get in touch whenever needed.

Kind regards

Melanie Nash
Headteacher

Pirate Day Lunch



Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

Crispy Coated Chicken
or Veggie Dippers
Chips, Baked Beans, Peas
& Tomato Ketchup
Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available: Jacket Potato with Fillings,
Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt

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SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

£5 A TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON ARBOUR,
UNTIL 5TH OCTOBER

YEARS R-2

4:30 – 5:30

Snack bag including
drink, crisps, sweets
and chocolate bar.



YEARS 3-6

6:00 – 7:00

£5 includes premium
drink and two items from
the tuck shop.

Additional items of food/drink
can be purchased from the
tuck shop – no more than £3
on the day.



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SUNDAY 20TH
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3PM - 4.30PM

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Folkestone Model Railway Club

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 26th & Sun 27th September 2026,
10am- 4.30pm



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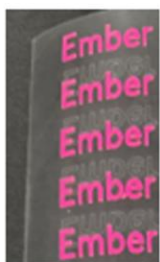


ADULT (16+): £9, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £24



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One of our pupils, Ember in Sycamore Class, has been very enterprising and is able to offer a name label service, with 50p from every purchase being donated to the school:

Iron on name labels - £5:50 each (25 iron-on names)

Two water bottle names can be added for an additional 50p



To order please WhatsApp 07817313163 or email shogben247121@gmail.com the following information and Ember's mum will then send payment details over:

1. Name to be printed
2. Full Address for delivery 2nd class (can be collected)
3. Chosen school for the donation
4. Chosen colour (see photo, fluorescent pink, yellow, orange and green also available)



Thank you for your support and well done Ember!