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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.' **John 13**

Newsletter 5 03.10.25 Our overall attendance so far this year has dropped again this week to **97.2%** Let's get back to at least 98%

Don't forget, Rev Sarah's 'Rector's Rambling' available by [CLICKING HERE](#) Always an interesting and inspiring read.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Bake Sale, we raised an incredible £559.87

Friends Film Night, Weds 5th November, 3.00pm.

Apple & Maple—Lilo & Stitch

Beech & Chestnut - How to Train Your Dragon (Live Action). Available to book on Arbor, £5 per child.

Friends Wreath Making Evening,

Monday 1st December at Farbridge, 11.0am and 7.00pm.

Poster attached with full details, available to book on Arbor as a



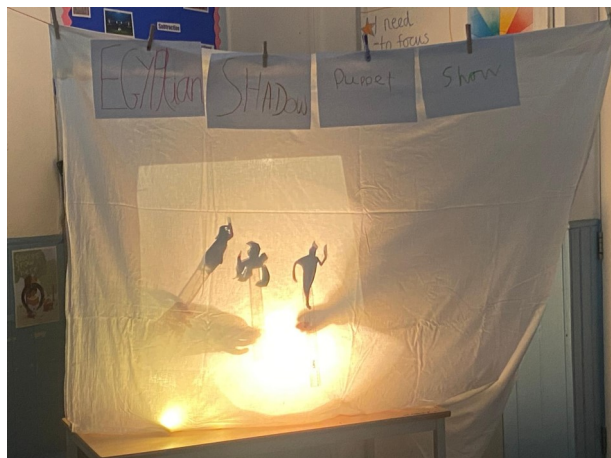
Plea from Apple Class

Please could we ask for any donations of pants and socks to keep as spares in Apple Class, thank you.



Beech Class Egyptian God and Goddesses Shadow Puppet Show

Beech Class had an amazing afternoon on Thursday demonstrating their knowledge of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses through shadow puppets.





We were really impressed by the thank you letters to farmers, written and read so beautifully by Beech Class children as part of our recent Harvest Festival Service. So much so, we thought that we really must include them in a newsletter, so all of you can be impressed with them too.
Well done Beech Class writers!

Dear Farmers,

Thank you for all the wonderful food that you produce. We know you work long hours into the night and early mornings.

We thank you for the food you grow. We are grateful for the brilliant fruit and vegetables and for looking after the livestock, chicken, pigs. For the crops that you grow, like wheat, barley and more. You are so important and I mean SO important. If it wasn't for you, we would not be here.

Yours sincerely,
Charlie Huxham

Dear Farmers,

Thank you for all the delicious food that you produce. Thank you for the fruits and vegetables. Thank you for the milk and eggs. Thank you for the gamekeepers who look after the pheasants and partridges. We thank you for the milk and for growing crops.

Yours sincerely,
Eadie

Dear Daddy,

Thank you for all the crops that you grow for us to make scones and cookies and cakes. Without you we would not be as healthy as we are. We thank you for looking after the ground. You even let me have a go at driving the tractor with a roller on the back!

Love Jack

Dear Farmers,

Thank you for all the wonderful food that you produce. I think you work very hard and long hours. I love the eggs you make, they taste delicious scrambled or with baked beans on toast, The chickens taste good roasted on a Sunday. Thank you for the wheat you grow so we can make cakes and bread. I like the way you make the fields look lovely and the wild flowers, like lavender, smell heavenly too,

We thank you for the cows you milk and the crops you grow. Without you, we would all be starving. We know you work very hard so we can eat and there is food on our plate three times a day. So we would like to say thank you.

Your sincerely,
Etta

Dear Farmers,

Thank you for all the wonderful food that you produce. All the chickens, eggs and cows milk that you give to us. The juicy fruits and healthy vegetables such as raspberries, strawberries, lettuces and tomatoes, are extremely special. We know that you work enormously long hours and for you it is probably quite tough but we are very grateful. Without you, we'd be very hungry and there might not even be as many of us humans around. That's why you farmers are essential to the human world.

Yours sincerely,
Holly Griffin-Hughes

Dear Farmers,

Thank you for all the wonderful food that you produce. For all the eggs from the chickens and ducks that you rear to make our cakes! The long hours, early mornings and late nights harvesting the crop. Tending to pigs for the pork, bacon and sausages. For mowing the grass to feed the sheep who provide the wool. Looking after the bees for our honey and raising cows for milk and beef. For crops like: barley for the beer, wheat for flour, corn straight on the cob, sunflowers for the seeds, rapeseed for the oil and the oats for our porridge. Don't forget all the fruit like apples and strawberries. Without you this country would not be the same!

Yours sincerely,
Harry





- Yr R **Athena** - for being so kind and supportive of others, You are a wonderful role model.
- Yr 1 **Harrison** - for your super writing about Super Heroes!
- Yr 2 **Hugo O** - for the quiet determination you show towards all your learning. You give everything your all. Well done.
- Yr 3 **Eadie** - for your helpful contributions in class and good effort with your reading.
- Yr 4 **Etta** - for your determined effort with your maths, particularly your coded number square. You have a fantastic attitude towards your work
- Yr 5 **Ned** - for stepping up and being a hardworking Chestnut. You have shown super focus and a mature learning attitude
- Yr 6 **Hetty J** - for showing incredible initiative in your maths homework. What else do you do if you don't have a protractor - learn Pythagoras Theorem!



2025/26 INSET Days



Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Autumn Term 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September—Friday 19th December

INSET - Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025



Wednesday 8th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Apple & Maple at Lavant
Thursday 9th October	No Dance Club
Thursday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Beech & Chestnut at Lavant
Friday 10th October	Josefa Gonzalez Blanco - Ambassador of Mexico visit
Monday 13th October	Open Book Assembly in school
Thursday 16th October	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 17th October	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 21st October	Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 22nd October	8.30-9.00 'Friends' Meeting (Year Group Reps only please)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Friday 24th October	INSET—School Closed
Tuesday 4th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 5th November	3-5pm. 'Friends' Film Night, now available to book on Arbor
Thursday 6th November	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 7th November	West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks (details to follow shortly)
Monday 10th November	Open Book Assembly in school
Wednesday 12th November	Yellow School Photographs (Individuals and Siblings)
Thursday 20th November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 21st November	Children in Need
Monday 24th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Monday 24th November	Open Book Assembly in school
Saturday 29th November	West Dean Christmas Market Event (details to follow)
Monday 1st December	11.00am & 7.00pm 'Friends' Wreath Making at Farbridge



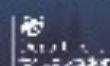
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