

FORT ROYAL FLYER

Message from Mr Francis

28/04/2026

I can hardly believe that I am now entering my final term as a teacher, after 35 years working in special schools—25 of those here in Worcestershire. It has been a real pleasure and privilege, and I have enjoyed every minute. I am certainly going to make the most of the time I have left.

The children have settled back into their routines quickly and seem very happy to be back at school. It's been lovely to see. We have also heard that Vanessa, now Headteacher at Backmarston Special School in Hereford, has had a positive start in her new role. We wish her every success.

New transport arrangements

We are very pleased with how the new transport arrangements have settled so far. Drivers have adapted well to the new schedules, and the car park already feels more organised and less crowded. We do recognise that some children now have longer journeys. If you have any concerns about this, please do let us know—we are also monitoring this closely in school.

To help keep everyone safe, if you are driving onto the site to collect your child, please keep the process as brief as possible. If you have a lot to discuss with staff, we kindly ask that you arrange a phone call, send an email, or write in the school diary so that conversations can continue more comfortably. If you are walking on site, please ensure you cross the car park using the zebra crossing only. We have seen a few near misses and want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

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Dates for your Diary.

04/05/2026

Bank Holiday

18/05/2026

Arts Week

25/05/2026

Half Term

01/06/2026

Back to School



Attendance

Attendance Matters!

Our Target attendance is 94%

Last weeks attendance was 93%

Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.
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For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Please follow this link for more information:
[What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select? - Roblox Support](#)

**Click here to go
to our School
Calendar**





Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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EYFS & KS1

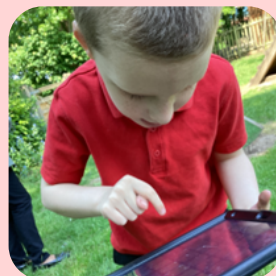
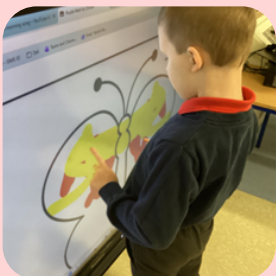
Class 02

In Class 2 this week we have been continuing our exploration of minibeasts, linked to our Literacy book 'Mad about Minibeasts'.

This week we have focussed on writing in literacy. We have used a range of traditional writing tools including pens, chalks and pencils, as well as using our fingers when exploring mark making using ICT.

In topic, as part of Science, we have been on bug hunts; firstly exploring minibeasts in the classroom using sensory trays and Grid on the interactive whiteboard then exploring Conker wood and Paddock looking for a range of minibeasts. We have found ants, flies, worms and butterflies. The children used Grid on the iPads to help them to communicate what they could find.

In maths this week, we have been focussing on length, exploring length worms and using sensory materials to draw long and short lines.



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KS2

Class 22

Class 22 have had a fantastic start to the half term, enjoying activities based on *The Jolly Postman*.

In literacy, children took part in role play, delivering letters and exploring characters' thoughts and feelings, while beginning to use adjectives in their writing.

In maths, some children joined in with counting songs and represented numbers using different resources, while others explored estimation using number lines.

In geography, children learned about local places, identified human and physical features, created observational drawings, and used compasses to navigate around school.

We also celebrated Earth Day with a bug hunt and seed planting in Planter's Patch, learning how to care for our planet.

We are so proud of the children's hard work and look forward to more exciting learning this term!

