



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE

DATES:

15th - 19th June 2026

FOUNDATION



Phonics

This week in phonics, we have been consolidating what we have learnt about some sounds having more than one spelling.

We revisited the /ch/ sound paying close attention to the fact that there are two different spellings; <ch and tch>. We have been noticing where in words these two spellings typically appear. <tch> the children noticed, does not appear at the beginning of words whereas <ch> sometimes does. This observation will really help the children when it comes to writing sounds containing the /ch/ sound and deciding which spelling is required



Literacy



Our story this week has been Roaring Rockets, another charming addition to our collection of stories about vehicles. We've had Brilliant Boats, Super Submarines and now Roaring Rockets.

The children have been particularly taken by the end page of each of these stories that details particular features of the story's vehicle.

They have also taken onboard (pun fully intended!) so much new vocabulary this week in relation to this story and our wider look at space travel. They are enjoying using their new words and employing them in sentences and discussions. Gravity, oxygen, atmosphere, fuel, astronaut and lunar are just some of our new words.

Well done Foundation, you are out of this world!

Other things we have learned

We have donned our lab coats (metaphorical that is) and continued our work as scientists this week exploring the properties of a 'good boat'. We put together many of the previous week's findings about waterproof-ness and ability to float to decide which boats we thought would be best to carry small world animals across our water tray. Supported by the super helpful Year 6 helpers, we constructed some amazing vessels out of tin foil that carried an entire small world zoo at one stage! Good work scientists!

We also explored space travel this week with a look at rockets, planets and astronauts. The children were totally transfixed by a video capturing a real life rocket launch from Cape Canaveral in Florida. They were in awe of the noise, fire, smoke, steam, speed and general spectacle of a rocket launch followed by the comparative calm once it had passed through Earth's atmosphere. They cheered and clapped in their typical celebratory manner following this successful launch! Foundation, I adore your spirit!

We later watched a video filmed from inside the space craft showing some day to day effects of zero gravity. You will not be surprised to hear that the children thought this was both incredible and hilarious. We saw how travelling, sleeping, eating and pouring all presented challenges on board the craft in Zero G. Naturally the children had many MANY questions about how toilets were accessed! I did my best to answer! What was undeniable was the sheer bravery and magnitude of the task undertaken by a few courageous astronauts



Information & Dates

Huge thanks for the incredible turn out we had for Friday's Sports Day. It was so lovely to see and hear such wonderful support given for your and others' children. It was very much the spirit in which this event was intended; having fun whilst taking part in sport. I hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we did!

Many thanks also for all those attending our Fathers' Day Celebrations on Friday afternoon. We had a tremendous turnout for this event; a true testament to the wonderful community of important people we have supporting what we do at school.

Foundation Farm trip - Monday 22nd June 2026.

Parents / Grown-ups Afternoon (rescheduled) - Thursday 2nd July 2026 2pm - 3.30pm