



9th October 2025

Dear Parents,

Forest Preparatory School Speech Competition

Pupils from Years 1 to 6 are asked to plan and organise a speech in preparation for a speech competition, which will take place after the half term holiday. The competition will take place at four levels: Early Years (Nursery to Reception), Infant (Years 1 and 2), Middle (Years 3 and 4) and Junior (Years 5 and 6). Early Years children may enter on a voluntary basis. If for any reason you feel that taking part in this competition will cause distress to your child then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Children may talk about any topic, which should last between approximately 1½ minutes and 3 minutes, and thereafter be expected to answer a few relevant questions. Please ensure that your child is suitably enthusiastic and interested in the topic they have chosen, and they should not be seen to read their speech verbatim. There will be no time limit for Early Years children. All contestants will be marked on presentation, topic content, speaking ability and, of course, entertainment value.

Props (materials relating to the topic, pictures, photos, etc.) may be used and cue cards are advised. Children may use the Chromebook and television/projector screen in the classroom or hall for Google Slide presentations or other visual aids.

Initially, the competition will take place in classes and be completed by 7th November, when two successful entrants will be selected for the school final to be held in the hall at 9:00 am on Wednesday 12th November. It is expected that the final will last approximately 1¼ hours. Parents of the finalists will be invited to attend. The winner from each age group will go forward to represent the school in an inter-school final, which will include Brabyns Prep, Edenhurst Prep and Forest Park Prep schools. The inter-school final will be held at Brabyns Prep in Marple at 9:30 am on Friday 21st November.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the children and parents for their effort and enthusiasm in helping to make this such an entertaining and successful competition.

Yours sincerely,

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Graeme Booth
Headmaster