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Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. The money raised has been used to purchase a wonderful selection of new books for the children to earn as rewards for reading regularly at home. It's a fantastic way to celebrate their commitment to reading and encourage a lifelong love of books!

On Thursday, the children took part in a wonderful Interfaith Day, exploring the different religions, beliefs and worldviews that make our communities so diverse.
Throughout the day, children across the school enjoyed a range of engaging activities, including online lessons, videos, stories and creative tasks. They had the opportunity to hear from representatives of different faiths and learn about their beliefs, traditions and values, helping them to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the world around them.
This year's theme was inspired by the children's book *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires, which explores the importance of perseverance, resilience and not giving up when things become difficult. The children reflected on how people from different faiths and backgrounds find strength, hope and encouragement during challenging times, recognising that although our beliefs may differ, we often share many of the same values.
The day also encouraged some thoughtful discussions about kindness, respect, tolerance and the importance of listening to others, even when their views or experiences are different from our own.
It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to broaden their understanding of the world, ask questions and celebrate the wonderful diversity within our society. Most importantly, it reminded us that while we may all be different, we can learn so much from one another.

On Monday, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week! Children and staff are invited to wear their odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. It is a lovely opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating our differences.

Finally, we will also be having our final Open Morning on Wednesday where we are looking forward to welcoming prospective families. Whether you are looking for a Reception, Preschool or an in year place, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, meet our friendly staff and see our children enjoying their learning. Please do spread the word to any families who may be interested - we would love to welcome them!

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Diary Dates

November

16th	Odd Socks Day
16th	Parent Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop at 2pm
18th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
23rd	MSN Y4 & 5 Cross Country - Downside
25th	**Inset Day**
26th	Zoo Lab Workshop
26th	Girls Football Match Vs Kilmersdon

December

1st	MSN Swimming Gala
4th	Christmas Craft Afternoon
5th	Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
10th	Starling Class Christmas Production
11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
16th	Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church
16th	Christmas Dinner Day
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Production
17th	FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th	**End of Term Two**

January

4th	**Inset Day**
5th	**Start of Term Three**
7th	Goldfinch Class Swimming Lessons
13th	Rags 2 Riches Collection

This Week's Stars

Arna Honey Bertie Aria

Notices

Clubs
There will be no clubs on the last week of term.

Open Mornings
Our next open day will be Wednesday 18th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.
If you, or someone you know, may be looking for a preschool or school place, please share the word.

Odd Socks Day
To mark Anti-Bullying Week, children are welcome to wear odd socks on Monday 16th to celebrate that everybody is different and equally brilliant.

Inset Day
Don't forget that the 25th November is a midweek inset day!

Zoo Lab Workshop
We are looking forward to our Zoo Lab workshop in school on the 26th November. Please ensure that payment is provided on Arbor and we are informed of any particular animal allergies or fears beforehand.

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for September:

1st Place (£30) - 55 - Barbara Denham
2nd Place (£20) - 91 - Jen Mullier
3rd Place (£10) - 32 - Alan Abhaya

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News from the Classrooms

Tip: Click the class bird to visit the class page!



Robins

This week in Robins we have been learning about Diwali and how other people celebrate their festivals. We made our own Rangoli patterns in the tuff tray and enjoyed following some dance moves.





Kingfishers

As part of our Knights and Castles topic this week, we read *Charlie Stinky Socks* and had lots of fun reenacting the story. In Science, we explored the difference between natural and man-made materials. Following the children's curiosity, our learning took an exciting detour into an experiment growing salt crystals - we are all eagerly waiting to see the results!





Starlings

Starling Class had a wonderful Interfaith day this week where the children thought about the big question: "What can we do when life gets difficult."

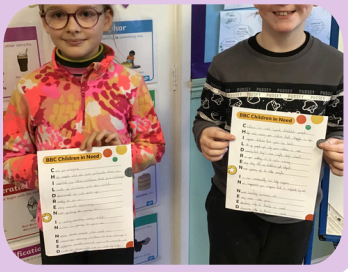
We thought about all the things that we can do to help us feel calm and at peace.





Goldfinches

This week goldfinch class created beautifully written acrostic poems focusing on children in need. The children worked hard to choose meaningful words about kindness and helping others for every letter.





Swallows

This week, we have been looking at 'Evolution and Inheritance' by comparing photos of us and our parents. We have been exploring what characteristics and mannerisms have inherited from our parents. We have been learning about 'Nature'--based inheritance from our parents, as well as the 'Nurture'-based inheritance which relates to our environment, experiences and influences.



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