



Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 1

September 11th
2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone across our school community. We all hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. We are really pleased to see all the children back in school and also to welcome our new Reception pupils, with ten new starters in Kingfisher Class. We will continue to use our weekly newsletter to update you on what is going on at school, with news and information regarding the whole school, diary dates, notices and a weekly snippet of learning in each class. Thanks to Mrs Payne who has given our weekly newsletter a new design as you can see!



Celebration Assembly

We have made the decision to move our celebration assembly from last thing on a Friday afternoon to first thing on Friday morning. These will start next week and parents/carers will be invited as before when your child is to receive a Learner of the Week certificate. If you are attending, you are welcome to come on in to school from 8:45am with assembly starting at 9:00am.

Dates

We have already started arranging different events for this term which are listed in the diary dates below. These will be added to each week so please make sure you read our newsletter each week. Further information will continue to be sent out using Arbor, including invitations for sporting events, which many children will get the opportunity to take part in this year.

School Uniform

The beginning of term is always a good time to focus on school uniform and we have been impressed that the majority of our children have returned looking very smart in the correct uniform. Please refer to the website link [here](#) for what your child should be wearing to school. If you have any questions or are unsure about anything on the website please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We update the website regularly to ensure all the information on there is up to date.

Mr Turull

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Diary Dates

September

14th	Weekly Violin Lessons Begin
14th	Meet the Teacher - Goldfinches - 3.15pm
16th	Meet the Teacher - Swallows - 3.15pm
17th	Meet the Teacher - Starlings - 3.15pm
17th	Norton Hill School Open Evening
21st-25th	Year Six Residential Trip
22nd	Meet the Teacher - Kingfishers - 2.30pm
23rd	Writhlington School Open Evening
24th	Somervale School Open Evening
25th	Kingfisher Dance Workshop
28th	Flu Vaccinations
29th	Year 5 & 6 BANES Cross Country Event
30th	Music Assembly

October

9th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
12th	Harvest Festival
	Robins, Kingfishers & Starlings - 9.15am
	Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am
22nd	Inset Day
23rd	Inset Day
	End of Term One

November

2nd	Start of Term Two
9th	Parents Evening
11th	School Photos
18th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
25th	Inset Day

December

11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Carols - Time TBC
18th	End of Term Two



Notices

Contact Information

It is important that we keep up to date contact details on record. If you have moved address or changed numbers over the summer, please update these via your Arbor Parent Portal.

School Lunches

As a reminder, school lunches are bookable via SchoolGrid. These should be booked by midnight every Thursday to secure school lunches for the following week.

Packed Lunches

Under new early years guidance, a reminder that children under the age of 5 do not have popcorn in their lunchboxes. Thank you.

Mysteries of History Club

There will be no History club on Monday 21st September as Mr Schofield is on the Year 6 residential visit.



Spotlight on...

Reading

This term, we are focusing on a love of reading. We are making changes to our classrooms to encourage reading for pleasure.

Please support us with this at home by recording daily reads in your child's reading diary.



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News from the Classrooms



Robins

This week in Robins we are learning all about ourselves. We have welcomed some new friends and are learning to share, take turns and new routines



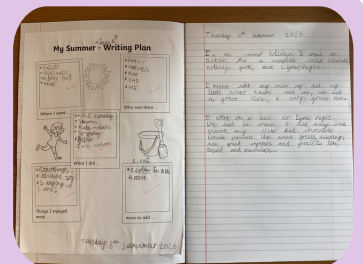
Kingfishers

It has been a big week for the Kingfishers! Some of our group have officially moved up to Year 1, and we've all enjoyed welcoming our new Reception friends. We had a lovely, gentle start to the term, taking time to settle back into our routines and get to know one another. The children are already embracing their new roles as Year 1 and learning the new expectations for this year.



Starlings

What a wonderful first week in Starlings! We have had lots of time to get used to our new teachers, friends and classroom. Our English lessons have been very exciting; thinking about our summer holidays, we had to plan and write a recount on something exciting that we did over summer. How lovely they have been to read!



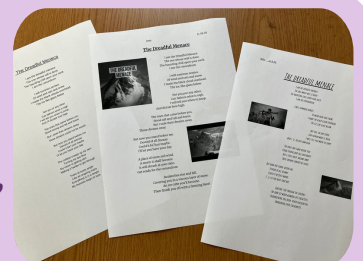
Goldfinches

In our art lesson, we explored how to make drawings look 3D! We folded paper and drew ladders across the folds, using shadows to make them look like they were popping out from the page. It was great fun seeing our drawings come to life!



Swallows

In Swallows class this week, we have been looking at a creepy poem called The Dreadful Menace. It uses metaphors, personification, alliteration and other figurative language to get its message of struggle, hardship and difficulty across. Some brilliant work has been created, a fantastic effort for their first week back. Well done, Swallows!





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Leigh on Mendip SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Join us for a guided tour of our village primary school & preschool to find out why our children love to learn.

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 9th October
9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th November
9.30am - 11.30am

TO BOOK
YOUR
PLACE

Please call 01373 812592 or email -
office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk



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SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We are looking for governors
to support Hemington & Leigh
on Mendip Primary Schools



WHAT DOES A GOVERNOR DO?

Governors act as "critical friends" to
school leaders — helping shape the
school's vision and ensuring a high-
quality education for all pupils.

WHY BECOME A GOVERNOR?

Gain insight into how schools work, build
valuable skills (strategic thinking,
teamwork, data analysis), and make a
real difference in your community.

WHAT ARE THE TIME COMMITMENTS?

Governors meet 6 times a year, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:00pm -
7:30pm.

We also ask governors to meet with the subject leaders 2-3 times a year.
Here you will discuss progress, highlight areas for development and
collaboratively produce a short report. This can be done in school, or via a
video meeting after school.

WHO CAN BE A GOVERNOR?

Parent Governors: parents of pupils in
school.
Community Governors: Could include
parents, grandparents or an interested
member of the community.

DO I NEED TRAINING?

Governors do need to do some online
safeguarding training each year. This
takes about 15 hours. Other training is
available however enthusiasm and
curiosity are the key qualifications!

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you.
Please contact Catherine Farmer (Chair of Governors -
catherine.farmer@msnpartnership.com) or Katie Payne (Clerk to Governors -
kpayne@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk)



Midsomer Norton
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SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS 2026

 **Norton Hill School**
Thursday 17th September
4:45pm - 7:30pm
Tours throughout the evening, presentations at 5:00pm and 6:15pm
Daily school tours from mid September (bookable via our website from 1.9.25)

 **Somervale School**
Thursday 24th September
5:00pm - 7:30pm
Presentation and tours available
Bookable via our website from September

 **Writhlington School**
Wednesday 23rd September
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Headteacher keynote speech and tours
Daily school tours from late September

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