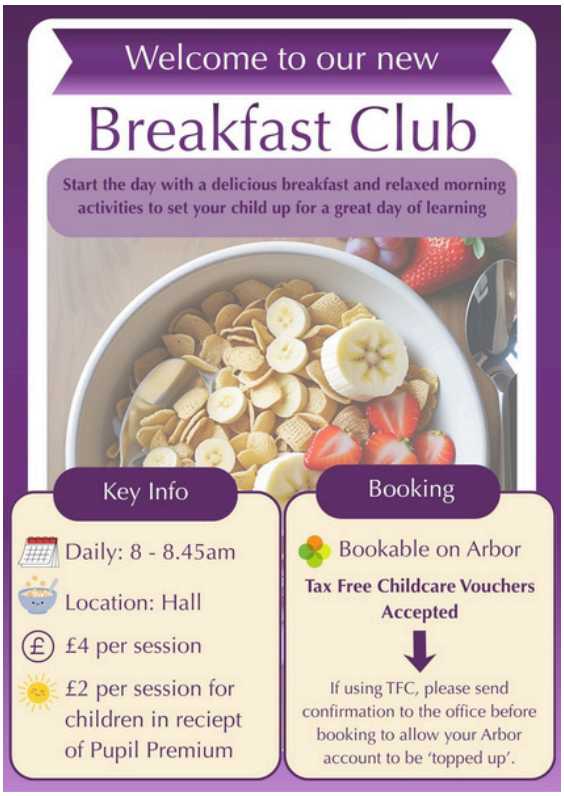
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We are really excited to let you know about our new plans for breakfast club. Starting in the new year, we have decided to take on this venture ourselves and would like to thank Mr Groves for all the years his company have been running it. The new breakfast club will take place EVERY day led by school staff (Mrs Ralph and Mrs Brooks). We have reduced the cost to £4 a session (£2 if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium) We will provide cereal, toast, fruit and drinks and a range of activities for the children to take part in before school starts. The bookings will be made through Arbor and will be live from Monday 30th November. If you require any further information, please come to the office.



We held our second Open Morning this week and showed many families around our school. The children who acted as guides were fantastic once again and our visitors were really impressed with all that we offer as a school, as well as how hard-working and well-behaved our pupils are. We can still show people around if anyone couldn't make the Open Morning - for next year's Reception or places further up in the school, so please keep sharing the word of what a great school we are!

We welcomed a new member of staff this week, as Viv Mclean took on the role of school cleaner. Many of you will recognise her as Oska's mum. We are really pleased to welcome her to our team.

Last night, we held our Term 2 Governor meeting, where we were delighted to welcome two new governors to the board: Rachel Sheppard, mum of Mollie and Nancy, who has taken on the role of Parent Governor and Rev Keith Johnson, vicar for St Giles', who is our new Community Governor.

We are very grateful to them for volunteering their time and effort to support Leigh on Mendip and Hemington Primary schools. We had a constructive meeting where we discussed recent attainment, attendance and plans for future developments for each school. Thank you to all our governors for their continued commitment to provide the best possible opportunities for their pupils.



Odd Socks Day 2026

Finally, congratulations to Xanthe on her hair cut raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She raised a grand total raised of £420. Well done Xanthe!

Mr Turull

This week, we proudly took part in 'Odd Socks Day' for Anti-Bullying week as a way of embracing our differences. It's a colourful reminder that we should always treat one another with kindness and respect.

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Diary Dates

November

23rd	MSN Y4 & 5 Cross Country - Downside
25th	**Inset Day**
26th	Zoo Lab Workshop
26th	Girls Football Match Vs Kilmersdon
27th	ECO Awareness Day

December

1st	Year 6 MFL Day at Downside School
4th	Christmas Craft Afternoon at 1.15pm
5th	Christmas Tree Sale & Fair - 10 - 2pm
10th	Starling Class Christmas Production
11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
16th	Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church - 2.15pm
16th	Christmas Dinner Day
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Production - 2pm
17th	Swallow Class - Final Swimming Lesson
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

Notices

Clubs

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

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.

Spotlight on... Mental Health

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) into school to introduce their service to parents. In January, the team will be returning to deliver an *'Understanding Emotions'* workshop across all four classes. These age-appropriate sessions will benefit children of all ages, helping them to recognise, understand and manage their emotions, whilst developing positive strategies to support their emotional wellbeing.

Following these sessions, we would also like to offer parents the opportunity to attend a one-hour workshop entitled *'Supporting Your Child's Big Feelings'*. This will provide practical advice and strategies to help parents support their children in understanding and managing difficult emotions at home.

We are incredibly fortunate to have access to this valuable resource and would encourage as many families as possible to take advantage of the opportunities and support available. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the MHST to promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing across our school community.

There are also some fantastic resources and additional support available to parents and carers through the following links:

- Young Somerset – Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Support
- Parent & Carer Wellbeing Toolkit

This Week's Stars

Alice

Viv

Benji

Ruby S

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News from the Classrooms

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



Robins

In Robins this week we have enjoyed reading *The Gingerbread Man* and joining in with the story. We have also made lollipops and candy canes for decorating our class walls. We had great fun playing in our role play house.





Kingfishers

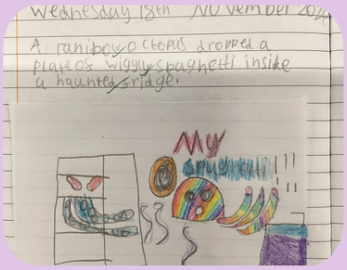
This week, we completed our topic on materials and their uses. We explored which materials are best suited for different purposes and tested them out with a floating and sinking experiment. In DT, we learned how to sew and weave using hessian and wool. The children showed great responsibility while using plastic needles.





Starlings

This week we really focused on using adjectives to describe nouns in our sentences. We played a game of silly sentences and rolled a dice to make the most silly sentence possible. We then had to expand this sentence to make it super exciting (and funny), with some wonderful illustrations too! Who knew that rainbow Octopus' like to drop slimy, squiggly spaghetti into tall, haunted fridges!?!





Goldfinches

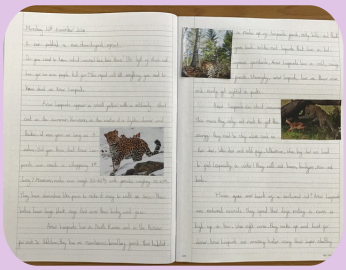
This week in Goldfinch Class, we have been composing and writing down our own vibrant samba rhythms using call and response patterns with crotchets, paired quavers, and crotchet rests. We brought our music to life by combining energetic percussion instruments, voices, and clapping!





Swallows

This week, Swallows have been completing the publishing of the Non-Chronological reports they have been writing. We have had some really interesting facts, fabulous organisation of work and great use of photos to compliment the details and information.



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