



Now we are on the countdown to Christmas, we would like to let you know of all the exciting activities that are planned for December. As you are already aware, on the 2nd December FOLS have organised a Christmas Film night. We're sure it'll be a huge success like the Halloween disco a few weeks ago.

On December 3rd and 10th, we are holding our annual Christmas tree sales from 10am until 2pm. Please do come and support the school and buy your tree from us. The prices for the locally grown Nordmann Super Premium Cut Fir Trees are as follows:



Height 150 - 175 cms = £40  
Height 175 - 200 cms = £45  
Height 200 - 225 cms = £50



On Saturday 10th December, FOLS are also holding a Christmas Fair from 10am - 2pm in the school hall. There will be much to buy, from homebakes to tombolas and Christmas gifts.

We would like to invite the children back to school on Wednesday 7th December. Kingfishers and Starlings can come dressed in their pyjamas and enjoy some bedtime stories with Mrs Ball and Mrs Layland. We are holding a poetry slam for the older children in Goldfinches and Swallows in the school hall. More details on both of these events to follow next week.

Wednesday 14th December is Christmas lunch day! Children have a choice of roast turkey with all the trimmings or roast veggie en croute, with a festive iced shortbread biscuit for pudding. We kindly ask that you book your meal on Parentpay by the end of November. We would then like to invite you back to school to join us for a short Christmas carol concert in the playground (weather permitting!) at 4.15pm. This is an opportunity for you all to sing along to some well known favourites and listen again to some of the wonderful songs from the nativity. We will also have a performance from the Goldfinch children who have been learning the violin with their teacher, Charlotte Sloane-Hill.

Kingfishers and Starlings are performing 'Higgledy Piggledy Nativity' in the last week of term. We are running two performances this year; Wednesday 14th at 2pm and Thursday 15th at 10am. Both performances will be in the Memorial Hall. More details on booking your tickets will follow shortly.

Following the visit last week from 'Music for Schools Foundation' we would like to remind you to enrol your child if you would like them to start music lessons in school. Please click the link below

<https://www.mfsf.org.uk/parentinformation>

**Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips**





## **Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2**

### **Each Week**

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class & Forest School for Starling Class <u>after school</u> Hand Bells Club
Tuesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club
Thursday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club with Lego and K'Nex <u>pm</u> - Swimming lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> - Origami Club
Friday	<u>pm</u> - Forest School for Kingfisher Class

### **November**

Monday 28th	FOLS meeting in school hall at 3.15pm
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### **December**

Thursday 1st	Goldfinch Class Parents evening & Final Fun Swim for Goldfinches
Friday 2nd	FOLS Christmas Film Night
Saturday 3rd	Christmas Tree Sale 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 7th	Bedtime stories for Kingfishers and Starlings - more details to follow Poetry Slam for Goldfinches and Swallows - more details to follow
Thursday 8th	No Swimming lesson for Goldfinches as pool closed for the afternoon
Saturday 10th	Christmas Tree Sale and FOLS Christmas Bazaar 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 14th	Christmas Lunch at school Kingfishers and Starlings Nativity Play in Memorial Hall at 2pm 4.15pm Christmas Carol Concert (weather permitting)
Thursday 15th	Kingfishers and Starlings Nativity Play in Memorial Hall at 10am Whole School Trip to see Cinderella at the Bristol Hippodrome
Friday 16th	Last day of term and everyone can wear their Christmas Jumpers

## **FOLS**

FOLS are busy preparing for the Christmas Film night and Christmas Fair, if you can help out at these events, please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the noticeboard outside the school office.

Please don't forget to bring in your bottles and raffle prizes and check your book bags for information about how to make Jolly Jars for the Christmas Fair.

If you have any questions or ideas, ask a member of FOLS, message us on Facebook or email [secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com)

Thank you





### News from the Classrooms



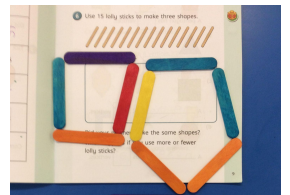
This week in Robins we have been celebrating birthdays, talking about how old we are and which month our birthday is in. We have designed some very yummy cakes and also made party puddings with cream (also known as shaving foam!) and sprinkles. It turned out to be quite a messy tea!



This week Kingfishers learned the days of the week and how to spell them. They also wrote their own story books using their imagination and a single square of paper that they transformed into a window, a mountain, a river, a bridge, a park, a flower bed and a fountain. We also continue to discover facts about our body and this week we learned about taste buds and healthy eating habits.



This week Starlings have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have been discussing their properties, so far counting 2D shapes, sides and vertices. We have also carried out a few investigations like this one pictured - What shapes can you make out of 15 lolly pop sticks?



This week in science we have been learning about sound and how it travels. Today we did an investigation to see how sound travels through different mediums. Our three mediums were, water (liquid), air (gas) and a table (solid). Why not ask your child which medium does sound travel fastest through.



This week Swallows took part in a writing webinar themed around the World Cup. The webinar hosted almost 500 schools and got us to really think about our vocabulary and sentence structure. Some of the brilliant sentences written by children were:

A bolt of adrenaline shattered me like lightning.

A sea of people were watching me.

My heart was racing, sprinting like Usain Bolt.

Time slowed down as I watched the ball catapult towards the net.







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## NEXT MEETING



Monday 28th  
November



15:00-16:15



School Hall - bring  
your kids!



**HELP US PREP FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS FAIR AND NEW YEAR "ON YOUR  
MARKS" SPONSORED EVENT FOR OUR  
PLAYGROUND MARKINGS CAMPAIGN!**

