



Thank you to everyone who came along to the parent consultation meetings on Wednesday this week. It is really important that teachers are able to meet and discuss each child's progress both in terms of learning and also social and emotional development and we hope you found all of the information useful. If you were unable to attend please contact the school office and we will look at booking you in at another time.

After some wintry weather last week we know we are on our way towards Christmas and as such, we have a lot planned in school during the last three weeks of term.

We start next Thursday, when we are hosting our Christmas Craft Afternoon or 'Crafternoon'. Please note we are now starting this slightly earlier so the timings are 12.45pm – 3.15pm. The children will be dividing into their houses and parents are welcome to join them whilst they rotate around various craft stations. Children in Robins on this day are welcome to join their siblings (under parent supervision), or you can join us in Robins at 12.45pm to do an activity with your child in preschool. This will be great fun and should get everyone in the festival spirit!

This is followed on Saturday with our Christmas Fayre, in conjunction with FOLS. The school hall will be full of stands and activities, Santa will be putting in a special visit up in our new lodge and we will of course be selling Christmas trees on the playground. This is always a really special day and we look forward to welcoming you along.

The following Friday is our whole school trip to the pantomime in Yeovil and then in the last week of term we have our Christmas dinner on the Wednesday lunchtime sandwiched in between two carol services at St Giles' Church with performances from the children in Goldfinch and Swallow classes. Finally on the Thursday we are all looking forward to the Kingfisher and Starling nativity in the Memorial Hall before we break up for Christmas on the Friday. An exciting few weeks ahead for all of our pupils in the school.

Mr Turull

ECO Team

Last Friday, the whole school had an ECO assembly led by Nikki Webb from Energy Sparks, a company helping our school to become more energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly. Nikki told us all some really interesting facts about why we need to think more about the energy we use and where it comes from. I also revealed in that assembly who the new members of our school ECO Team are, and they are as follows:

*Kingfishers: **Sunny and Ezra**
Goldfinches: **Benji and Alfie***

*Starlings: **Ruby and Evelyn**
Swallows: **Dexter and Jack***



After the assembly, the ECO Team met with Nikki to discuss how we are going to help our school improve in this area, and I am going to be arranging another meeting with the ECO Team soon to make a plan of action.

Mr Schofield

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Notices

Christmas Crafternoon - We will be running our Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 4th December between **12.45pm - 3.15pm**. The children will be dividing into their houses and parents are welcome to join them whilst they rotate around various craft stations. Children in Robins on this day are welcome to join their siblings (under parent supervision), or you can join us in Robins from 12.45 - 1.15 to do an activity with your child in Preschool.

Christmas Fair - Please join us on the 6th December from 10am-2pm for our Christmas Fair. We will have our Christmas Trees to purchase, Christmas market to browse & our magical Santa's Grotto.

Pantomime - We still have a number of outstanding payment and consents for the whole school pantomime trip. Please provide this via Parent Pay.

Head Lice - We have had a reported case of Head Lice. Please can you check your children and treat as required. Thank you

Christmas Cards - Our Christmas Postbox will be available from Monday morning in reception. Children are welcome to post their cards here and our school elves will deliver the cards to the correct classrooms.

Clubs - Clubs for after Christmas will be available to book via Arbor on Monday 1st December. Please note, Tuesday's Drawing club will now be open to both key stages. We are also looking into adding another paid club on Thursday which will be open to all.

FOLS 100 CLUB

The next round of the FOLS 100 club will be starting soon. Please join in by buying a number (or numbers) for the upcoming draws. Each number costs £15 for the year, with a chance of winning £30, £20 or £10 every month. This is a great way to raise funds for our school and have some fun in the process. Please see Katie in the office for a form. Thank you.

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Sunny & Amara

Starlings - Violet & Freddy

Goldfinches - William & Viv

Swallows - Tilly & Aurora

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Darcey T & Jess

Swallows - Kye & Flo

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Freddie

Starlings - Alice

Goldfinches - Ava H

Swallows - Chipso

Diary Dates

December

Monday 1st	School Book Fair Ends
Tuesday 2nd	Small Schools Swimming Gala
Thursday 4th	Christmas Crafternoon - Parents invited 12.45pm - 3.15pm
Saturday 6th	Christmas Fair
Friday 12th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 17th	School Christmas Dinner Day - Wear Christmas Jumpers
Wednesday 17th	Goldfinch & Swallow Class Carol Service 11am & 2pm
Thursday 18th	Kingfisher & Starling Class Nativity
Thursday 18th	FOLS Christmas Movie Night - TBC
Friday 19th	End of Term Two

January

Monday 5th	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th	Back to School
Thursday 8th	Goldfinch Class begin weekly Swimming Lessons

School Grid

We are excited to announce that we will be implementing a new software called for the ordering and payment of your child's school meals, starting from 6th January 2026.

With SchoolGrid, you can easily order and pay for your child's school meals with just a few clicks. To get started, SchoolGrid will be sending you a welcome email with instructions on how to activate your account and create your password - this will be sent to you on, or around the 1st December, so please look out for this. The cut off time for ordering lunches will remain the same i.e lunches need to be booked a week in advance and by midnight on Thursday. **Parents will be responsible for adding allergens on School Grid** - this will reflect in the menu choices available.

Please can we ask that any lunches that you may have booked for 2026 are **cancelled** within ParentPay as they will not be transferred to School Grid. **After Christmas, ParentPay will no longer be used.**

If you have any questions, or need any help with this, please come and see Katie in the school office.

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News from the Classrooms



This week we have been reading *Stick Man* in Robins. We have made Stick Man pictures using spaghetti and have been making a tree in the tuff tray exploring natural materials.



This week, the Kingfishers learned all about staying healthy. We talked about balanced diets, sleep and the importance of exercise. We also had great fun exploring the book *Stick Man*. The children created their own stick men using sticks, string, tape and other natural materials.



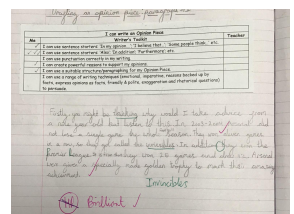
Over the last few weeks in Starlings Class, we have been looking at what candles mean to different groups of people. Following on from learning about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita, this week we looked at the festival Diwali, which is also known as the festival of lights, and discussed how Rama and Sita used similar lights to guide their way home. The children then made a simple diya (diva) lamp.



Goldfinch Class has been continuing their World War II learning this week. We researched recipes that they would have used when rationing and decided to make some energy balls. Everyone loved mixing, rolling and tasting these wartime treats. It was a great hands-on lesson about nutrition and resourcefulness during difficult times and the results were surprisingly tasty. If you would like to have a go at making these at home, [you can find the recipe here](#).



We have been working on drafting '[Opinion Pieces](#)' in English where we had subjects such as 'Do donkeys make great pets?' and 'Is life in the country better than life in the city?'. The children then needed to persuade the reader towards their opinion. Also, thank you so much for your support and positive words when I met you at Parent Consultations. It is always so encouraging when parents have lovely things to say about their child's experiences in the classroom.



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Santa's Grotto

We are delighted to announce that by popular demand, our magical Santa's Grotto will be back again this year. This will run alongside our annual Christmas Festival where you will be able to purchase your christmas tree, browse the christmas market and join in with many other festivities.

It will take place in our new Woodland Lodge, beautifully transformed into a winter wonderland. Children will have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas, share stories and receive a special gift to take home.

Your child should have brought home a letter to book into this event. If you need another letter, please pop into the office.



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