



### Christmas Festival

We hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas festival last weekend, with so many great stalls, lovely refreshments, a fantastic Santa's grotto and our Christmas tree sale. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed to the day, with a special thanks to FOLS for their organisation as well as setting up and down and of course our special visitor in the lodge 🧑🏻, who has already confirmed he will return again next year. I would also like to thank all the staff who gave up their Saturday to help sell the trees and organise the grotto – a real team effort.

### Christmas Events

We have a few events left before we break up for the Christmas holidays. As this newsletter is being sent out, the school is heading off to the Westlands Theatre in Yeovil to watch the pantomime. Then next week we have our Christmas dinner, carol services and nativity. We hope to see you all at one of these events so you can join our pupils and staff in the festive spirit.

### Internet/Online Safety

As we know, children are spending more and more time online. There are so many positive aspects to this, but also many risks and dangers to them. Many children are more proficient than their parents at using devices but don't necessarily have the emotional maturity to keep themselves safe. The Head of School at Clutton Primary has arranged for an online internet safety talk for parents in January, which we are publicising across the schools in the Trust. This is being led by a member of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary. If you would be interested in attending please see the details with the link below.

### Mr Turull

## INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS- WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 6.30PM - 7.30PM

We'd like to invite you to a parents' evening *"It is never going to happen to my child... ?"* which aims to raise awareness of Child Exploitation, use of social media apps and gaming. The session will be run by Andri Nicolaou from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

#### Content:

- Overview of online risks (gaming and social media).
- Exploitation of children online / offline.
- Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about exploitation/grooming and how to work together to use the internet safely.

[click here for microsoft teams link](#)

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### Notices

**School Grid** - Everyone should now have received a welcome email to our new lunchtime platform School Grid. You are able to book your child's lunches for next term through this system. It is important that you log into this asap to get your system up and running. Any issues please contact the office.

**Christmas Cards** - A reminder to add the class name to the envelope of the christmas cards. This way we can ensure that the correct card goes to the correct child!

**Swimming** - Swallow Class will have their last swimming lesson next week. Goldfinch Class will begin weekly swimming after Christmas. Consent and payment for this will go out on Arbor in January.

### Diary Dates

#### December

Wednesday 17th School Christmas Dinner Day - Wear Christmas Jumpers  
Wednesday 17th Goldfinch & Swallow Class Carol Service 11am & 2pm  
Thursday 18th Kingfisher & Starling Class Nativity 2pm  
Thursday 18th FOLS Christmas Movie Night - 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
**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.

### FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for December:

1st Place (£30) - Number 8 - Yvonne Dix  
2nd Place (£20) - Number 79 - Nicole Sage  
3rd Place (£10) - Number 3 - Jodie Gomes

If you would like to be included in the 100 club draw,  
please contact a member of FOLS.

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### News from the Classrooms



We have been continuing the topic of Christmas in Robins. We have been practicing our scissor skills cutting out pictures of what we would like Santa to bring us. We have also had fun in our Christmas house decorating the tree.



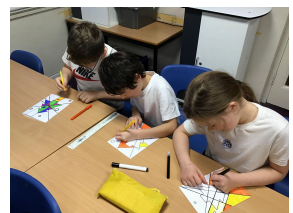
In preparation for the Panto trip, the children enjoyed revisiting the traditional tale Beauty and the Beast. In science, we continued learning about healthy eating and carried out a taste test with a variety of fruits and vegetables. Blueberries, Kiwis, and Persimmons were among the foods many children tried for the first time.



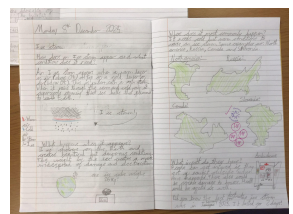
Before our wonderful trip to the Pantomime, Starling class managed to fit in their last RE lesson of the year by making Christingles. They followed instructions to construct it and learnt that the orange represents the world, the candle represents that Jesus is the light of the world, the red ribbon reminds us of Jesus' love & that he died and the toothpicks & sweets represent the four seasons and the gifts God gives to people.



This week in goldfinch class we have been getting creative, we have been busy preparing for Christmas by making cards, decorating the classroom, making snowmen and so much more. The children are all feeling ready for Santa's arrival and the mood in class is very excitable. We have also enjoyed listening to some Christmas classics.



This week, our Natural Disasters unit in Geography has come to an end, and so I asked the class to choose a natural disaster that we haven't looked at so far, and their task was to produce a Fact File on it. They used ChromeBooks to carry out their research, and then they organised that information into sections of their Fact File. We had some lovely work produced about such natural disasters as Ice Storms, Wildfires and Blizzards and here are some photos of some of their work.



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**F.O.L.S** *Presents...*

# *A Cosy Christmas*

*£5 per child, includes snacks and  
a drink*

*Thursday 18th Dec  
3:15pm until 4:30pm*

*Leigh on Mendip School Hall*

*Children are encouraged to bring a Soft  
Toy & Blanket*

**P.S we will be showing something Christmassy!**

**Please note: Robins Children must be accompanied by a Parent or  
Guardian.**



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