

Christmas Tree Festival

We are thrilled to share that our school won Best Under-10 Tree at the Village Christmas Tree Festival. The theme this year was "My Hero is" and every child created a special bauble with a drawing and description of who/what this meant to them. A huge thanks to Friends of Leigh School for their help in making this happen.

Governors' Cup

At the end of each long term (Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year) we award the Governors' Cup. Children are nominated by members of staff and then the Governors vote on who they think should win - with each description being anonymised. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the Upper School Governors' cup this term was Caitlin in Swallows Class for being *"helpful, kind, polite and a good friend to all members of the class. She completely epitomises every good aspect of learning and education: strong effort, positive attitude, mature responsibility, and a thirst to learn and improve."* The winner of the Lower School Governors' cup this term was Toby in Starling Class for *"thinking about his attitude to learning and being more positive in everything he does. He has shown huge personal progress this year."* Well done to both of them.

Merry Christmas

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in the Leigh on Mendip community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable break and we will look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 6th January.

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Notices

School Grid - Don't forget lunches for the first week back! You are able to do this now on our new system - School Grid. The deadline will be Thursday 1st January.

Swimming - Goldfinch Class will have their first swimming lesson on Thursday 8th January. Please consent and provide payment on Arbor from January 5th.

Clubs - There are still spaces available in next term's clubs and these will begin on Tuesday 6th January. Please sign up to school run clubs through Arbor. IG Sports Clubs will be bookable in the usual way, on their website.

Diary Dates

January

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

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Thursday 8th

Monday 12th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Inset Day

Children Welcomed Back to School

Clubs to Begin

Goldfinch Class Begin Weekly Swimming Lessons

Violin Lessons to Begin

Application Deadline for Reception 2026 Intake.

Music 4 Schools Lessons to Begin

February

Friday 13th

Monday 23rd

End of Term 3

Start of Term 4

March

Thursday 6th

Monday 23rd

World Book Day

Dance Umbrella Performance - Bath Forum

April

Thursday 2nd

Thursday 2nd

Monday 20th

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Goldfinch Class Final Swimming Lesson

End of Term 4

Start of Term 5

Field to Food Trip - Bath and West Showground

Starling Class to Begin Weekly Swimming Lessons

Christmas Star Award

Kingfisher Class

Oscar F

Ezra

Starling Class

Freddy

Goldfinch Class

Benji

Swallow Class

Tilly

Governors' Cup
Lower School - Toby
Upper School - Caitlin



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News from the Classrooms



In our last week before the Christmas holidays, we continued the theme of Christmas. We have made lots of decorations and made some special food for Santa's reindeer. We hope they enjoy it!



I'm sure you'll all agree the children were absolute superstars this week! Their performance of Camel-a-ma-ding-dong was full of fun, smiles, and festive cheer. We've also been busy making (and tasting!) gingerbread men, enjoying the KS2 carol concert and giggling our way through the story *The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas*. What a wonderfully Christmassy week we've had!



In Starlings we have loved being creative with two different styles of Christmas decorations. The children made a wreath out of pipe cleaners, beads & ribbon and a bauble from shiny card. We have thoroughly enjoyed all the lovely festivities at the end of this week, especially performing our wonderful play. The children truly deserve a well earned break.



Goldfinch Class held a very festive court case this week as a mischievous elf was put on trial for sabotaging Christmas preparations, opening presents, causing mayhem and putting parents under considerable stress! The courtroom was full with members of the jury, a judge, witnesses both for and against the elf and a confident prosecution and defence team. Both sides presented strong and thoughtful arguments but after careful consideration, the elf was found guilty. The final sentence? Extra training in Christmas cheer!



In Swallows this week, we have finally finished our Tote bags in Design & Technology and we have had some fantastic results. The ones I especially like are those where the children's original drawn design has been matched by their eventual finished product. The children worked so hard on improving their measuring, cutting and sewing skills and their progress has been fabulous to see. Hopefully, we can do some more textiles work soon.



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