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Next week we will be welcoming some musicians from Jackdaws Music Education Trust as part of the Year of the Recorder Project. They will be running a workshop with all of our KS2 children following an Assembly to the whole school where they will be playing music and talking about the project. Children in Goldfinches and Swallows will then work with the musicians building to a performance at a concert at the Cheese and Grain in Frome on Wednesday 13th March at 5.30pm. Tickets will be available from the Cheese and Grain box office for this event and we hope to see many of you there.

We will also be celebrating World Book Day in March and hope everyone will be able to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Our dress up day is going to be Friday 8th March, as Swallow Class go swimming on a Thursday, which is the actual World Book Day.

We have a huge shortage of space in Swallows class and despite a tidy up and moving furniture around there are still a number of coats, bags and lunchboxes piling up at the back of the room, making it very difficult at break time and lunchtime. Please can we request that your child brings the bare minimum to school; coat, lunchbox, water bottle and bookbag. We have an increasing number of large bags appearing in school and there is just no space to store them.

Next Friday, the last day of Term 3, we would like to hold a Valentine's Day Cake Sale to help raise funds for school equipment and books. We would really appreciate lots of pink and red cakes to sell, if you are able to do some baking and bring them into school on Friday, please. The Rags 2 Riches Collection Day is also on Friday 9th February, so please bring in your bags after school on Thursday or on Friday morning.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Tuesday

Weekly	Diary
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Monday <u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class

after school Sign Language Club with Mrs Newbury
8.00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves

PE for all children with Mr Groves

after school Sports Club with Mr Groves

Wednesday 8,00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves

Lunchtime - Eco Club with Mrs Smith

Lunchtime - Recorder Clubs with Mrs Ball (KS1) and Mrs Phillips (KS2)

after school - Drop in sessions in all classes

after school - Sunflower Club organised by Mr Groves

Thursday 8.00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves

pm - Swimming lesson for Swallow Class and PE for Goldfinch Class

after school - Football Club with Mr and Mrs Ball

after school - Craft Club with Mrs Layland

Friday <u>pm</u> - Forest School for Starling Class and PE for Kingfisher Class

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Diary Dates

<u>February</u>

Tuesday 6th Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th Jackdaws Music - Year of Recorder workshop for Goldfinches and Swallows

Friday 9th Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS

Valentine's Day Cake Sale after school raising funds for school equipment

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - Half term holiday
Tuesday 20th Dental Survey of all 5 year olds

Friday 23rd FOLS Groove-tastic Disco in the Memorial Hall 3.15 - 5pm

News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been reading 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and learning to always keep trying if we find things difficult. We had a lot of fun making a papier-mâché elephant for our jungle corner.





This week Kingfishers started to learn compound words and can now read and write longer words using the "chunking up" method. In Maths we explored the concepts of height and length and made a classroom measuring chart (in the picture). The book of the week was "Giraffes Can't Dance". We wrote some impressive sentences in Drawing Club and discussed the things we can't do **yet.** We then set ourselves some goals to achieve in the near future.





Another piece of art this week for Starling Class, this time in the style of Clarice Cliff. The children applied their knowledge of primary colours and mixing these to make secondary colours to paint their concentric circles just like she did over 100 years ago.





This week Goldfinches have been continuing to look at Egyptian art work and using these images when creating their own designs for an Egyptian inspired scroll. Next week the children will be making a scroll ready for painting their own 'story' after half term.





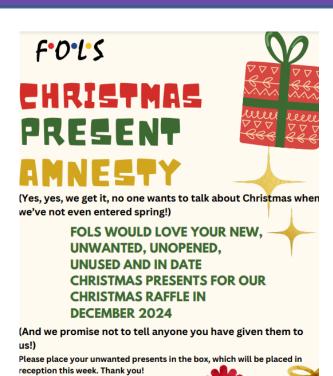
This week Swallows have written poems to submit to a competition in English, explored switches in Science and investigated the Vikings in History.



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