



Parent Questionnaire

We have updated the question on our annual parent questionnaire and will be sending out the link today. We would ask that you complete these over the next few weeks in the run-up to the half-term holiday. If you have more than one child at the school it is really helpful to complete a separate questionnaire for each child as responses may differ from class to class. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will share the results with you during Term 4.

Mr Turull

Eco Team Update

The school ECO Team has now had its second meeting and we have decided on a new logo. We have also had an ECO assembly this week, where we updated the school over what we have been doing. We are also trying to petition to get solar panels installed at Leigh and the Senior Leaders are looking into this.

The team have launched a Poster Competition to ask school pupils to create posters to raise awareness of the new ECO Team and the environmental issues it is addressing. The closing date for this competition is Monday 9th February and entries should be handed to Mr Schofield.

We have also designed Classroom Turn Off Checklists to help with minimising our energy waste. Our other plans include creating Litter Monitors, cleaning up the school pond, buying or making some bird boxes and bug hotels and possibly creating some fund-raising opportunities to help sponsor an endangered animal.

So all in all, there's lots that we have been doing!



The ECO Team



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Diary Dates

February

Monday 2nd

Friday 13th

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Monday 23rd

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Tuesday 24th

Speak Out - Public Speaking Competition 6 - 7.30pm

Bring Anything but a Book Bag - FOLS Fundraising Event

End of Term 3

Start of Term 4

Starling Class Trip - Sevington Victorian School

Swallow Class Trip - The Holburne Museum

March

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 6th

Monday 23rd

Wednesday 25th

Friday 27th

Kingfisher Class Trip - We Are Curious

World Book Day

Dance Umbrella Performance - Bath Forum

Parent Consultations

Rags 2 Riches Collection

April

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

Thursday 2nd

Thursday 2nd

Monday 20th

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Thursday 30th

FOLS Easter Bingo

Goldfinch Class Final Swimming Lesson

FOLS Easter Egg Hunt

End of Term 4

Start of Term 5

Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip - Field to Food

Starling Class to Begin Weekly Swimming Lessons

Kingfisher and Starling Class Trip - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Willow & Amara

Starlings - Mireya & Sienna

Goldfinches - Hannah, Amelia & Jess

Swallows - William & Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Daisy F

Goldfinches - Darcey T & Viv

Swallows - Kye & Aurora

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Oliver

Starlings - Dylan

Goldfinches - Eliza

Swallows - Billy

Notices

PGL Residential Trip - Year 5s - Payments towards your PGL residential can now be made via your Arbor account. You can choose to pay in instalments or in full. Full payment is required by 1st July 2026.

Dance Umbrella - For children in the Dance Umbrella, tickets are available to purchase through your Arbor Parent Account. Please find them for sale in the school shop.

Lunch - We have had a number of children arrive to school with no lunch. Please check your accounts and ensure you bring a packed lunch if no hot meal has been ordered.

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News from the Classrooms



We are talking about jungle and safari animals in pre school this week noticing different patterns. We have had fun in our role play area going on safari in our jeep and looking for different animals



Our journey through traditional fairy tales continued this week with the classic story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children practiced their sequencing skills by creating story maps, which they used to confidently retell the tale to their peers. In Science, we dove deeper into the five senses! It was a hands-on week as the children tested their taste buds, identified "mystery smells," and explored various textures using sensory bags.



Over the last two weeks at Wren Woods, Starling class have been exploring tools that they might be able to use to create things out of wood. They explored using hand saws and hand drills. In future weeks the children will be designing and creating their own habitats that could be left at Wren Woods for our wonderful woodland creatures to enjoy.



Goldfinch class have started learning all about the Saxons and Vikings this term. We have been looking at where the Saxons came from and when, who the 3 main tribes were as well as how they lived and farmed. We also researched Sutton Hoo and learnt about the interesting discoveries that were made by Basil Brown in 1939.



This week, Swallows have been doing some great team games in PE - working hard on their throwing and catching skills, dexterity, strategy, communication and teamwork. They have been able to make some fantastic progress in PE by improving their hand-to-eye coordination and speeding up how quickly they can move a beanbag or tennis ball between team members, all whilst keeping to the rules of the game, focusing themselves to better help their team-mates, and maximising the time we have in PE lessons.



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