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Recruitment

We have begun the process of recruiting a teacher for Starling Class to start in January 2027. We have made some great appointments over the last few years and are confident we will find another fantastic teacher to join our team. We are interviewing in a few weeks and will keep everyone updated.

We also need to recruit new Governors to be involved in the strategic development of the school over the next few years. This would be a wonderful opportunity for anyone who has a real interest in the school and would like to shape the future for our children. Please find the Governor application form link [here](#). This is currently live and will stay open until Friday 2nd October.

Morning Drop Off

Please can we remind you that children can be dropped off in the playground or on the decking when they arrive at school but that parents/carers should not be entering the classrooms. If you need to talk to a member of staff there will always be someone available to speak to in those places.

Meet the Teacher

We hope you found the sessions useful this week, with Kingfishers taking place next Tuesday. As well as the information about each class, there were also updates to our PE uniform and Reading Rewards. We are phasing in new PE tops for the children; once these are available to purchase we will give you more information about them - they will become an official part of our uniform in 2027. An update to Reading Rewards from our teaching team is that children will now get their first reward at 50 reads, followed by 100, 200 and 300 reads.

Mr Turull

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Could you tell
if your child was
being exploited
online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

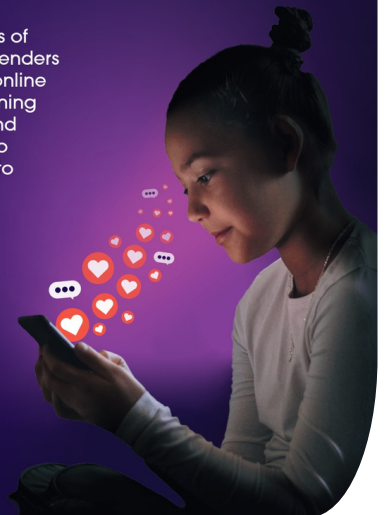
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

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06 Oct



Sent to us by the Somerset Safeguarding team, please see above a poster regarding a free online session from Avon and Somerset police regarding online exploitation.



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Diary Dates

September

21st-25th	Year Six Residential Trip
22nd	Meet the Teacher - Kingfishers - 2.30pm
23rd	Writhlington School Open Evening
24th	Somervale School Open Evening
25th	Kingfisher Dance Workshop
28th	Flu Vaccinations
29th	Year 5 & 6 BANES Cross Country Event
30th	Music Assembly

October

9th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
12th	Harvest Festival Robins, Kingfishers & Starlings - 9.15am Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am
12th	Small Schools Netball Tournament
22nd	Inset Day
23rd	Inset Day
End of Term One	

November

2nd	Start of Term Two
9th	Parents Evening
11th	School Photos
18th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
25th	Inset Day

December

5th	Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Carols - Time TBC
17th	FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th	End of Term Two



Notices

PGL Residential

A reminder that all children attending the residential trip on Monday should bring a packed lunch with them.

Mysteries of History Club

There will be no History club on Monday 21st September as Mr Schofield is on the Year 6 residential visit.

Kingfisher "Meet the Teacher" Session

This will take place at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September

Robins Preschool Forms

Please return your payment choice and parent declaration forms to the office by Tuesday 22nd September.

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for September:

1st Place (£30) - 63 - Chris Grant
2nd Place (£20) - 21 - Charlie Farrow
3rd Place (£10) - 14 - Charlene Oatley



Spotlight on...

Reading

This term, we are focusing on a love of reading. We are making changes to our classrooms to encourage reading for pleasure.

Please support us with this at home by recording daily reads in your child's reading diary.



This Week's Stars



Edith

Kylo

Toby

Kye

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News from the Classrooms



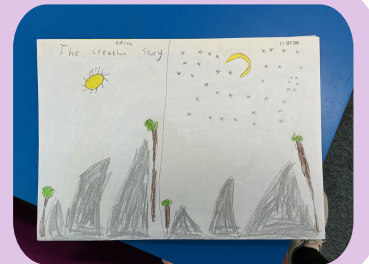
Robins

We have continued to learn all about ourselves and our different families. Also we have started to notice differences in people we have explored this by making pictures of ourselves



Kingfishers

What a fantastic week of learning! The children did an amazing job bringing their own creative twists to There's a Snake in My School, all while settling beautifully into their new class routines and roles. We also dove into science to learn about the four seasons and explored the Christian Story of Creation.



Starlings

This week in Art we continued our Colour Mixing topic. We had to make secondary colours and record our findings. We had some lovely shades of green (and brown) but we all found it very tricky to make purple - some of us are determined to have another go at home this weekend!



Goldfinches

This week in Goldfinches, our class of athletes took part in an action-packed Quad Kids session! The children gave it their all across five fantastic activities, showcasing their energy and determination in every single event. From explosive power in the standing long jump and hurling techniques in the vortex throw, to raw speed in the sprinting races, everyone pushed their limits.



Swallows

In art this week, Swallows have really impressed me. We were looking at the work of Charlie Mackesy, who uses felt tip and water to soften and blur his drawings to give them stronger emotions and feelings. In our class, everyone worked really hard on their 'Mackesy-type' artwork, with Ollie and Alfie producing two excellent pieces of work as you can see below. Brilliant!





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SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Join us for a guided tour of our village primary school & preschool to find out why our children love to learn.

For all Reception 2027 Admissions and in-year moves

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 9th October 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th November 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592 or email office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk
www.leighonmendipschool.co.uk



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Curious
Minds

COULD YOU BE A

SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We are looking for governors to support Hemington & Leigh on Mendip Primary Schools



WHAT DOES A GOVERNOR DO?

Governors act as "critical friends" to school leaders — helping shape the school's vision and ensuring a high-quality education for all pupils.

WHY BECOME A GOVERNOR?

Gain insight into how schools work, build valuable skills (strategic thinking, teamwork, data analysis), and make a real difference in your community.

WHAT ARE THE TIME COMMITMENTS?

Governors meet 6 times a year, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

We also ask governors to meet with the subject leaders 2-3 times a year. Here you will discuss progress, highlight areas for development and collaboratively produce a short report. This can be done in school, or via a video meeting after school.

WHO CAN BE A GOVERNOR?

Parent Governors: parents of pupils in school.
Community Governors: Could include parents, grandparents or an interested member of the community.

DO I NEED TRAINING?

Governors do need to do some online safeguarding training each year. This takes about 15 hours. Other training is available however enthusiasm and curiosity are the key qualifications!

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you.
Please contact Catherine Farmer (Chair of Governors - catherine.farmer@msnpartnership.com) or Katie Payne (Clerk to Governors - kpayne@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk)



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS 2026



Norton Hill School

Thursday 17th September
4:45pm - 7:30pm

Tours throughout the evening, presentations at 5:00pm and 6:15pm
(Daily school tours from mid September (bookable via our website from 1.9.26))



Somervale School

Thursday 24th September
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Presentation and tours available
Bookable via our website from September



Writhlington School

Wednesday 23rd September
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Headteacher keynote speech and tours
Daily school tours from late September



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