



School Trips

In the diary dates below you will see we have many trips planned between now and the end of April, with more to come during the summer months. These all relate to different aspects of our curriculum that the classes are focusing on. We have always seen educational visits as vital to the learning experience we offer our children. We appreciate that trips do come at a cost to parents but we are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA who raises funds to reduce these.

Behaviour

When we show visitors around the school, one of the most positive comments we always receive is regarding how well-behaved our children are. Over the course of this year we have had prospective parents, Trust leaders, staff from other schools and members of the local community visit the school and all of them have told us how well they think our children are behaving and learning. We are also always very proud of the way our children conduct themselves outside of school, when we are on trips or sports fixtures.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the questionnaire so far. We have had 38 responses already from across all classes including Robins, with many positive comments as well as areas for improvement suggested. We will keep this open for another two weeks, so please do complete a form if you have five or ten minutes to spare. We will then send out information about the findings and what our next steps will be.

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Diary Dates

February

Friday 13th Bring Anything but a Book Bag - FOLS Fundraising Event
Friday 13th
Monday 23rd
Monday 23rd Starling Class Trip - Sevington Victorian School
Tuesday 24th Swallow Class Trip - The Holburne Museum
Friday 27th Kingfisher Class Trip - We The Curious

March

Tuesday 3rd Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament - Norton Hill School - 4pm - 6pm
Thursday 5th World Book Day
Thursday 19th Year 6 Cross Country Event - Somervale School - 4.15 - 5.30pm
Monday 23rd Dance Umbrella Performance - Bath Forum
Wednesday 25th Parent Consultations
Friday 27th Rags 2 Riches Collection

April

Wednesday 1st FOLS Easter Bingo
Thursday 2nd Goldfinch Class Final Swimming Lesson
Thursday 2nd FOLS Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 2nd
Monday 20th
Wednesday 22nd Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip - Field to Food
Thursday 23rd Starling Class to Begin Weekly Swimming Lessons
Thursday 30th Kingfisher and Starling Class Trip - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Willow & Amara
Starlings - Mireya & Jaime
Goldfinches - Phoenix & Amelia
Swallows - William & Aurora

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Daisy F
Goldfinches - Darcey T & Viv
Swallows - Caitlin & Aurora

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Rafferty
Starlings - Bertie
Goldfinches - Amelia
Swallows - Jack

Notices

Parent Questionnaire - Thank you for those who have already submitted a parent questionnaire. If you are yet to do so, please consider completing one for each of your children. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Trips & Events - There are lots of trips and events happening for all years across school at the moment. Please keep an eye on your Arbor account for upcoming trip consents and payments.

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 have been talking about the jungle and jungle animals this week. We have also been learning about the importance of the rainforest. We had fun exploring the tuff tray with snakes in slimy jelly and chia seed swamp.



We kicked off a fun new topic this week. We're looking at how people played in the past and discovering how toys have changed (or stayed the same) over the years. Our wonderful guest speaker, *Sue Rodford*, shared her childhood experiences with the children and together we made our own spinning tops. Our art sessions have been full of texture lately! We're continuing to experiment with weaving, blending everything from soft wool to strips of paper and rags.



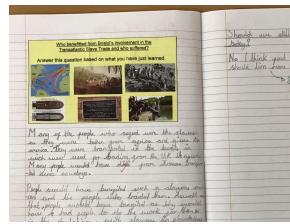
It's that time of year again to get your loose change out (if you have any!) as in Starling class Year 2 are learning about money. Although many of us use very few coins and notes these days, it is a very important skill for the children to understand; the actual value of money. So raid those piggy banks and purses and add up the notes and coins- how much money do you have in them?!



In Science lessons, we have been learning about air resistance. The children made predictions about what would happen if we changed one variable, such as the size of the parachute or the length of the string. They then designed and made their own parachutes and tested them carefully. The children discovered that larger parachutes and longer strings generally fell more slowly, helping them to see how air resistance works in real life. Everyone enjoyed experimenting, observing results and thinking like real scientists!



In History this week, we have been learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its effect on our local city, Bristol, within our overall topic of The Georgians. We learned how the slave trade ran between Britain, Africa and the Americas, and we learned of the terrible hardship that these slaves endured. The children in Swallows wrote some excellent responses to the questions around the slave trade, and we ended up looking at how slavery was brought to an end in Britain and abroad.



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