



Welcome back to the second half of our school year. It has been a particularly wet start to term so thank you for making it to school through the many floods surrounding the village!

Our parents' evening sign-up sheets are available just inside the front door of the school, if you haven't had the opportunity to add your name yet. These are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week (with Robins preschool sessions Monday - Thursday). These sessions will give you the opportunity to catch up on your child's progress for the first half of the year and give you the chance to share any concerns with your child's teacher.

The teachers have been busy planning activities for World Book Day, which for us will be taking place on Friday 1st March. The children can all dress up as characters from their favourite books and will be taking part in sessions all day with each teacher rotating around to each class. We have also invited some visitors to the school who will be telling stories to the classes.

The Friday after (March 8th) will see us kicking off Science Week with an extravaganza of scientific workshops led by Fizz Pop Science. The following week, each class will take part in a scientific investigation every day culminating in a carousel of experiments where parents will be invited in to observe the great learning taking place. Please come and join your children on Friday 15th March between 1.15pm - 2.30pm as they work in their Houses on various experiments.

The children in Year 4 had the first of three Street Dance lessons this week. There will be sessions for the next two weeks before they get the opportunity to go to the Merlin Theatre after the Easter holidays to perform along with other schools in the area.

We have welcomed two new PGCE students to our school this week, both of whom are on their final placements before they qualify as teachers. Miss Honor Willis will be teaching in Starling Class and Miss Bethany White will be in Goldfinch Class. They have both settled in really well this week, getting to know the children in their classes and I am sure they will be a great asset for the next few months.

Unfortunately, Mrs Phillips isn't very well at the moment and so you may have noticed that she hasn't been in school this week. We are not expecting her to return for a few more weeks, so if you do have any queries, please either speak to your child's teacher or the school office in the first instance. I will be at Leigh most days as well, so you can come and see me, or email me at dturull@msnpartnership.com with any questions. In the meantime we all wish Mrs Phillips a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in school soon.

We are sadly saying goodbye to two members of staff in the next few weeks as both Sarah Middle in Robins preschool and Hannah Turner in the office will be moving on. They have both been at the school for well over ten years and will be missed by children, staff and parents. We would like to say a really big thank you for everything they have done in the school and preschool and wish them both the very best. An advert will be going out shortly for someone to work in the preschool, so if you do know of anyone please signpost them to it.



Weekly Diary for Term 4

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> Craft Club with Mrs Layland and Mrs Newbury
Tuesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>Lunchtime</u> - Recorder Club with Mrs Ball (KS1) <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves <u>Lunchtime</u> - Eco Club with Mrs Smith <u>after school</u> - Drop in sessions in all classes <u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club organised by Mr Groves
Thursday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves <u>pm</u> - Swimming lesson for Swallow Class and PE for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> - Football Club with Mr and Mrs Ball <u>after school</u> - Dance Club with Mrs Smith
Friday	<u>pm</u> - Forest School for Kingfisher Class and PE for Starling Class

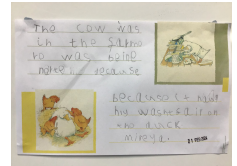
News from the Classrooms



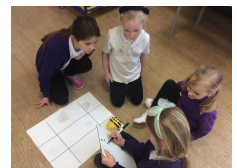
This week in Robins we've been learning about farms, we've got our own farm shop to play in and we've been reading *Farmer Duck*.



In our first week back we introduced our topic "farming" discovering the differences between farming in the past and the current day. The book of the week was *Farmer Duck* and the children did some amazing writing about this book. In maths, we started practising number bonds to 10, whilst in science we talked about staying safe whilst dealing with electricity.



Today in Starling class we were artists and computer programmers. We created a map, wrote an algorithm on our wipe board, programmed this into the BeeBot and then tested them. We had a great time!!!



We have started our new unit on fractions in Goldfinches and the children have blown us away with their enthusiasm. They have enjoyed ordering fractions and understand that the greater the denominator the smaller the fraction.



Swallows have had a busy week of learning and a lovely start to the term. In Geography, children enjoyed using map skills to locate the different rainforests as well as exploring which animals and plants live within the various forest layers, whilst in DT they showed great skill in evaluating wearable technology in DT.





Diary Dates

February

Mon 26th - Thurs 29th
Wednesday 28th
Thurs 29th

Parents' evening for Robins parents 3-3.30pm
Parents' evening rest of school 3.30pm - 6pm
IG Sports Street Dance (session 2 of 3) for Year 4
Parents' evening rest of school 3.30pm - 6pm **No After School Clubs**

March

Friday 1st
Wednesday 6th
Friday 8th
Monday 11th - Fri 15th
Friday 15th
Wednesday 13th
Thursday 14th
Tuesday 19th
Thursday 21st
Monday 25th
Thursday 28th

World Book Day Dress Up Day
IG Sports Street Dance (session 3 of 3) for Year 4
Fizz Pop Science visitor to launch Science Week in school
British Science Week supported by FOLS
Science Open Afternoon 1.15pm - 2.30pm
Year of Recorder Concert at Cheese and Grain for Year 3. Rehearsal 4pm
Performance 5.30 - 6.30pm
Year 2 Archery with Ian Groves (session 1 of 3)
Dental Survey of 5 year olds in school
Year 2 Archery with Ian Groves (session 2 of 3)
OperaPlus workshop for Key Stage 2
OperaPlus Concert at Cheese and Grain for KS2
Year 2 Archery with Ian Groves (session 3 of 3)
FOLS Easter Egg Hunt after school

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**CHRISTMAS
PRESENT
AMNESTY**

(Yes, yes, we get it, no one wants to talk about Christmas when we've not even entered spring!)

**FOLS WOULD LOVE YOUR NEW,
UNWANTED, UNOPENED,
UNUSED AND IN DATE
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IN
DECEMBER 2024**

(And we promise not to tell anyone you have given them to us!)

Please place your unwanted presents in the box, which will be placed in reception this week. Thank you!

 Leigh on Mendip School

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**QUIZ
NIGHT**

30TH MARCH 2024

Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

7pm for a 7.30 start.
Estimated finish time 9:30pm.

£30 per team (up to 6 people per team)
includes cheese and biscuits.


Please contact Natalie Light to book your table(s)
Natalief_carter@hotmail.co.uk 07872647417.

Teams must enter before 18th March for a table.

Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks will be available
to purchase at the bar.

Non refundable unless the organiser has to
cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

Raising funds for our school

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