



It has been great to see spring arrive this week, with wonderful sunshine and some much needed warmth. This means we are able to use the field again and can plan much more outdoor learning in the weeks ahead. Robins preschool had a visit from two baby lambs this afternoon!

We had two brilliant trips for our children this week. On Tuesday morning the Goldfinch class set off to Bristol where they boarded SS Great Britain. They had a tour of the ship, found out many interesting facts and had a workshop all about the life of Brunel. Later the same day, Miss Dillon took almost half of her class to the Cheese and Grain where they performed on stage at the Year of the Klezmer Concert, playing their violins along with children from other local schools. Photos of both of these trips are on the next page and will be added to our school website.

A reminder that parents' evenings will be taking place next week, on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. Sign up sheets are still available in the foyer outside the school office. We have changed the arrangements slightly, so that work for children in Kingfishers and Swallows will be in the Swallows classroom, while work for Starlings and Goldfinches will be in the Goldfinches classroom. You will be able to have a look at that before or after the consultation, which for all classes will take place in the school hall.

We had a visit from our Education Welfare Officer this week who oversees attendance in the school. Figures have dropped due to Covid with many children having been off once or even twice with this. There were two main messages that we need to pass on to parents regarding attendance, Firstly, that all absences need to be called or emailed in by 9am in the morning. This should happen every day a child is absent, unless of course you already know they won't be in the subsequent day/days (e.g. sickness with a 48-hour absence). Secondly, we need to let you know that children should not be leaving school early unless this is for a one-off appointment, such as visiting the doctor. Where an agreement has previously been made, this will no longer be authorised after the Easter break.

Ian Groves has been running our breakfast club for two weeks now and although the children attending are enjoying it, not many families are currently using the facility. If this is something you may want longer term, we would ask you to consider trying it this term as if numbers do not increase to around 6 or 7 a day, he may not be able to continue with it.

Finally, our fantastic FOLS are busy organising Easter events for the last day of term including Easter Crown workshops and an Easter Egg Hunt. Something for all the children to look forward to before the holidays.



**Photos from this week**



**Diary Dates for the Spring Term**

**EACH WEEK**

- Monday PM - Violin lesson for Swallow Class.  
After school Drama Club (yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Art Club (Ryr and yr1)
- Tuesday AM - PE for children in Robins and Swallows with Mr Groves  
PM - PE for children in Kingfishers and Goldfinches with Mr Groves  
After school Sports Club with Mr Groves
- Wednesday After school - Sunflower Club
- Thursday PM - Swimming for Goldfinch Class and Group B from Starling Class  
After school - Yoga Club

**March**

- Tue 29th Parent Consultations with Class teachers (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
- Weds 30th Kingfisher Class and Starling Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre  
Parent Consultations with Class teachers (3:30pm - 6:00pm)
- Thurs 31st Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS

**April**

- Fri 1st Swallow Class cooking session at the Memorial Hall
- Wed 6th Life Education workshops in school all day
- Fri 8th FOLS Easter Crown workshops and after school FOLS Easter Egg Hunt