



## Welcome

I want to start this week's newsletter with two welcomes, both in Starling Class. The first of those is to Quincy who has joined us in Year 2 this week after moving from a school in Frome. The second is to Miss Ross, who is our new PGCE student in Starling Class. Miss Ross will be completing her teacher training over the next five months with us. I know our pupils and staff will make both of them feel a real part of our Leigh on Mendip community.

## Play Equipment

We are excited to let you know that after meeting with different companies, we have agreed a design for new play equipment on the lower field where our current equipment has been condemned. Today the company that we have chosen came to do a site visit and they are hoping to start work soon after the half-term break. This may cause a little disruption on the playground near the gate while they move equipment in and out, so we will keep you informed should we need to change any of the access to the school. We are all looking forward to the installation and will share the plans with the children next week so that they know what they will soon be able to play on. I would like to say a huge thank you from all of us to our Trust who are funding the project.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and all the classes will be participating in different activities designed to promote well-being. As part of this we are going to have a 'Slippers in School Day' on Wednesday, where pupils are invited to bring their favourite pair of slippers to wear inside the school if they would like to. Slipper alternatives (such as thick fluffy socks) are also allowed!

## Mr Turull

**BRING ANYTHING, BUT A BOOKBAG DAY!**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**YOUR BOOKS ARE TIRED  
TIRED OF BEING CARRIED  
IN THE SAME  
PURPLE  
BOOK BAG  
EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.**

**SO WE HAVE  
SWITCHED IT UP!**

Calling all creative book bag carriers!  
Instead of bringing your reading books in your usual book bag, we want you to bring them in something different... something funny... something crazy!  
Think big and silly! You could use a wheelbarrow, a pram, a plant pot, a bucket – anything you like!  
The funnier and more creative, the better... the list is endless!

**THINK OUTSIDE OF THE 'BAG'**

**MAKE US SMILE  
BE CREATIVE**

No books were harmed during this Fun Day!

**MUSEUM OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 11-3.30**

**MOONS HILL QUARRY - STOKE ST MICHAEL - BA3 5JU**

- EXPLORE OUR FOSSILS, ROCKS & MINERALS
- MARY ANNING EXHIBITION
- ASK AN EXPERT
- GEO ARTS & CRAFTS
- GEO TIME TRAIL
- FOSSILS, MINERALS, TEA & CAKES
- EVERYONE WELCOME!

General Earth Science Centre

MARY ANNING ROCKS

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# Leigh on Mendip School

## Nurturing Curious Minds

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### Diary Dates

#### February

Wednesday 11th Slippers in School Day - Children's Mental Health Week  
Friday 13th Bring Anything but a Book Bag - FOLS Fundraising Event (see poster)  
**Friday 13th End of Term 3**  
**Monday 23rd Start of Term 4**  
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  
Friday 6th World Book Day  
Wednesday 18th Tag Rugby Festival - Year 3/4 and 5/6  
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 End of Term 4**  
**Monday 20th Start of Term 5**  
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 & Oriana

**Starlings** - Mireya & Toby

**Goldfinches** - Sofia & Amelia

**Swallows** - Austin & Aurora

**Top Doodlers** - Starlings

#### Doodle Tables

**Starlings** - Daisy F

**Goldfinches** - Darcey T & Viv

**Swallows** - Caitlin & Aurora

#### Stars of the Week

**Kingfishers** - Sunny

**Starlings** - Harrison

**Goldfinches** - Emily

**Swallows** - Ava S

### Notices

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

**Sevington Victorian School** - A reminder that Starling Class will be going on their school trip on the first Monday after half term. Please therefore provide your consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account. Children will need lunch and costumes for the event.

**The Holburne Museum** - Swallow Class will be going on their school trip on Tuesday 24th February. Please provide consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account.

**We The Curious** - Kingfisher Class will be going on their school trip on Friday 27th February. Please provide consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account.

**Term Time Leave** - We ask that all requests for term time absences are made at least three weeks prior to the absence date. Thank you.

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### News from the Classrooms



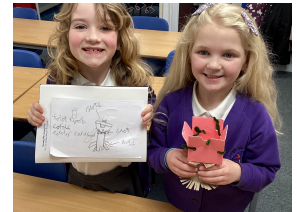
In Robins this week we have been talking about dinosaurs and learning new vocabulary such as fossils, skeletons, spikes and bones. We had great fun with play dough and dried pasta creating our own dinosaurs exploring materials with different properties.



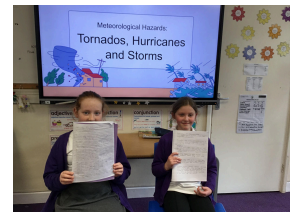
It's been a busy week for the Kingfishers! We put the finishing touches on our textile art, mastering weaving, knotting, and threading. Our math lessons took us into the world of measurement as we investigated length and height. We also spent some lovely time sharing our feelings, inspired by our book of the week, The Colour Monster.



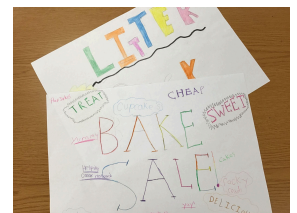
We are extremely proud of the children in Starling class this week as they have used some amazing skills that they have learnt over the last few weeks to complete their structures. The children have had fantastic ideas and really worked well as a team to design and create these structures. Well done Starlings.



This week in English, the children began their non-fiction writing on the topic of severe weather. They researched tornadoes and discovered lots of fascinating facts about how they form, where they are most common and the damage they can cause. Using this research, the children wrote clear, well-structured paragraphs to present their information in an informative way.



In Swallows this week, the class have been looking at creating fundraising activities for various existing charities as part of their work on their current unit of 'Dreams & Goals'. Miss Burroughs encouraged them to design posters for their fundraising ideas and next lesson she and the class will be exploring in more depth how these charities operate, how they get their donations and what they are doing to help those who need it.



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