



The children have started to use our new lodge for interventions and it was also in use all day on Thursday when several of our staff undertook paediatric first aid training. This will be a fantastic asset for our children over the years ahead with much planned in there, including small group sessions, music lessons and one-to-one interventions. Meanwhile we would like to say a huge thanks to the quarry who donated a significant amount of gravel to go alongside Starling class, topping up what we already had there.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our Harvest Festivals on Wednesday 8th October at St Giles' Church, with the first service for Robins, Kingfisher and Starling Classes beginning around 9:00am and the second service for Goldfinch and Swallow classes at 10:00am. The school office will be sending out emails next week and we would kindly ask that you reply to let us know if you are able to attend due to numbers. We will also share with you the list of items that Fair Frome is requesting.

We have arranged our first 'Meet the Governor' sessions on Wednesday 1st October when our Chair of Governors - Catherine Farmer - will be available on the playground at morning drop off. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to speak to her about any issues or questions they may have relating to the school or the Governors, as well as share any positive thoughts about what is going on at school. If this time does not work for you, you should find a member of staff on the gate each morning welcoming the children in, so you can of course always speak to them or email Catherine at catherine.farmer@msnpartnership.com



Mr Turull

Notices

- **Safeguarding** - Please see link to a free online safety training : <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- **School Uniform** - Please ensure that should your child wish to wear hair bands, they are school appropriate. We have seen a rise in bobbly ears and ask that these are kept for 'crazy hair day'. Thank you.
Please can we also remind parents that there should be no bracelets or necklaces worn in school.

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Diary Dates

September

Wednesday 24th Writhlington School Open Evening 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday 25th Somervale School Open Evening 5:00pm-7:30pm

October

Monday 6th Great Athletes Event (info to follow)
Wednesday 8th Harvest Festival in St Giles Church, Leigh on Mendip
Robins, Kingfisher & Starlings - 9am - 10am
Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am - 11am

Wednesday 22nd Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 24th Inset Day

End of Term One

November

Monday 3rd Start of Term Two
Monday 3rd Rags 2 Riches Collection
Monday 10th Individual & Sibling Photos
Thursday 13th Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 19th Open Afternoon - 1.30 - 3pm
Wednesday 26th Parents Consultations - 1.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 27th School Book Fair Starts

December

Monday 1st School Book Fair Ends
Saturday 6th Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th Whole School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 18th Kingfisher & Starling Class Nativity
Friday 19th End of Term Two

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Edith & Oriana
Starlings - Maisie & Sienna
Goldfinches - Adele & Jess
Swallows - Caitlin & Jaxson

Top Doodlers - Goldfinches

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Adele & Jess
Swallows - Kye & Flo

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Reggie
Starlings - Toby
Goldfinches - Lettie
Swallows - Flo W

School Open Days

This year, we will be opening up the school on two different occasions to welcome prospective parents to the school -

Wednesday 22nd October from 9.30 - 11.30am and

Wednesday 19th November from 1.30 - 3pm.

Our team of staff will be here to answer any questions, while some of our fantastic children will give tours around the school to all the visitors who come along.

We will advertise this around the area, but if you do know of any parents who have children due to start school in the Reception cohort of September 2025, then please do let them know.



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STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and find out why our children love to learn.



OPEN MORNING

22nd October 2025
9.30am - 11.30am

OPEN AFTERNOON

19th November 2025
1.30pm - 3pm

TO BOOK
YOUR
PLACE

Please call 01373 812592
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News from the Classrooms



In Robins this week we are continuing the topic all about ourselves. We have been talking about our families and the children made a family portrait. We also decorated biscuits to make faces.



We have shared many giggles with the book *"There's a Snake in my school"* and imagined many different endings. In some, the snake becomes the headteacher! The reception children have learnt the new digraphs i,n,m, and d. The year 1's reviewed all the digraphs learned so far. We also examined how trees change their appearance throughout the Seasons and created beautiful paintings based on this topic



In Starlings class we looked at various bridge constructions and discussed what made the structure strong. We then experimented with our own shapes and tested them to see how much weight they would hold. Do you know what the best shape to use is, when constructing bridges?



This week in History, Goldfinch children used various materials to create a Mayan mask. We have been learning about what the ancient maya used them for and what they were made from. Traditionally they were colourful and made from wood and used at many events. The death mask was made from jade and would protect the Mayan people in the afterlife.



We had a great time in Maths this week with the Year 6s practising their rounding of numbers by solving a hexagonal rounding puzzle. We have also finished writing our first major piece of work in English – a short Diary Entry written from the point of view of a young girl whose father has had to leave their danger-stricken country. We had some great emotional and personal pieces of work. Fab work, Swallows!



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