



Year 6 SATs Week

I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying well done to our three Year 6 girls for their hard work in the assessments they have taken. It is never easy to sit exams at this age but all three embraced the week and put in their full effort into the English and mathematics papers.

Class Structures next year

We have spent much time looking at pupil numbers for next year and exploring the many options for how the classes will be split from September. We will have just under 100 pupils from Reception to Year 6 and the task is to find the best way to fit them into four classes. This discussion has taken place initially within our senior leadership team and then has also been discussed at Local Governing Body meetings.

As a result of this we have come up with the following structure:

Kingfishers:	Reception and Year 1 (approx. 21)
Starlings:	Year 2 and Year 3 (approx. 26)
Goldfinches:	Year 4 and Year 5 (approx. 24)
Swallows:	Year 5 and Year 6 (approx. 24)

As you can see this means that we will have to split the children in the current Year 4 class between Goldfinches and Swallows next year. They are the largest cohort of children we have had in our school and we have managed to keep them together for their first five years, but to avoid class sizes of over 30, they will be split next year. The following year (when they reach Year 6) they will come back together as one class.

The rationale behind which children will go into which class will be based on a number of things including age, friendships and how well the teachers think they will work collaboratively. The children in Year 5 will also be brought back together for some subjects, such as maths and science, where they will be taught as a cohort. The staff will meet at the beginning of Term 6 to make these decisions and we will then share who will be in each class with parents. We will also offer the opportunity for parents of children in those year groups to speak with us and ask any further questions, a date for which will be set after the half term break.

Mr Turull

Wake The Tiger

Yesterday, Kingfishers and Starlings had a wonderful time at the 'amazement park' Wake The Tiger. There were so many amazing illusions to look at and secret cupboards and passages to explore. I'm sure many of you have heard lots of wonderful things from our pupils, if you haven't please do ask them!



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Diary Dates

May

Monday 19th Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class
Tuesday 20th Year 3 Maths Event - 4 - 4.45pm at Somervale Secondary School
Tuesday 20th Robins Preschool - Stay & Play Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am.
Wednesday 21st - 23rd Swallows Class Residential trip
Friday 23rd **End of Term 5**

June

Monday 2nd **Start of Term 6**
Tuesday 3rd Robins Preschool - Stay & Play Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am
Wednesday 4th Starling Class at the Frome Olympics
Thursday 5th School road safety talk
Monday 9th Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class
Tuesday 10th Sport Day
Tuesday 10th Welcome afternoon for new reception children
Wednesday 11th Goldfinch Class at the Frome Olympics
Monday 16th - 20th School Arts Week
Monday 16th Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class
Thursday 19th School shuffle up day
Thursday 19th Family picnic for new reception children
Monday 23rd Swallow class lifeskills trip
Tuesday 24th Sports Day - provisional date in case of bad weather

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Paige
Starlings - Sienna & Flo
Goldfinches - Caitlin
Swallows - Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Flo
Goldfinches - Ivy
Swallows - Isabella

A special mention to Sienna, Flo & Sophia who have been top Doodlers every week this term. Starling class have also come out on top every week. All children involved will receive a special treat next term! Great work Doodlers!

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Annie
Starlings - Imogen
Goldfinches - Billy
Swallows - Arya

Notices

- **Clubs** - Clubs will remain the same until the end of the school year. Please let us know if your child no longer wants to be part of a club.
- **Lunches** - Please ensure that your lunch orders are placed by midnight on Thursday for the following week.
- **School Photos** - All children should now have brought home their whole class school photos. All orders should be made by 3rd June.
- **Rugby Workshop** - Children in Swallow and Goldfinch class will have a Rugby workshop on the following Mondays and will need their PE kit - 19th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June
- **Nits** - Please can parents check heads and treat for nits if necessary.
- **St Giles Church** - There will be a manned Spring Spectacular event every Thursday - 2.30 to 4.30pm in St Giles church. Drink and Cake only £2, or £1 for children.

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for this month:

1st Place (£30) - Number 18 - Lizzie Yates

2nd Place (£20) - Number 31 - Liz Walker

3rd Place (£10) - Number 69 - Jemma Whitburn-Welch

If you would like to be included in the next 100 club draw, please contact the school office or a member of FOLS.

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News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been learning about how our food is produced, where the ingredients come from and how it develops into food.



What an exciting week we had! We discovered how people communicated through time, we looked at Iron Age Cave Paintings and Hieroglyphs and made some of our own, we also talked about a time without mobile phones and internet!!!!

On Thursday we visited Professor Klunk's world at Wake the Tiger and we think the day was a great success!



Last week, in art the children completed a quarter of their 'map journey'. To do this they learnt how to make felt. This was a long but fun process of thinning out strands of wool, rubbing in soap and warm water to create the layers and patterns. Don't they look great? We will update you on the finished piece.



Goldfinch class had an exciting time taking part in their very own 'Mini Olympics'! From sprint races to a fun obstacle course, the children showed fantastic energy, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The school field buzzed with excitement as the children competed in teams, cheered each other on and celebrated everyone's efforts. Certificates were handed out in a joyful closing ceremony, with proud smiles all around.



This week in Swallows, we have been creating loops in music. We went onto Chrome Music Lab, set out how many bars we wanted, how many beats per minute and the tempo and then we created a piece of music that could be looped (repeated again and again). There were some fantastic pieces of music.



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Stay & Play Open Morning



ROBINS PRESCHOOL

at Leigh on Mendip School

Join us for a stay & play open morning and find out about our wonderful preschool.

DROP IN - 9.30 - 11.30AM

TUESDAY 20TH MAY &

TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

**Spaces
Available**
for children aged
2-4 years old



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