



Welcome back to the final term of this school year. I'm sure we've said this in previous years but we can't believe how quick the school year has gone and we are now counting down the last few weeks to the summer holidays with so much still to fit in.

The week after next is our annual Arts Week. This continues to be one of the showcase events of the calendar and this year is no exception. Our staff have put together a fantastic timetable of events for the week including dance workshops, circus skills, drumming, crafts and yoga as well as more activities in each class.

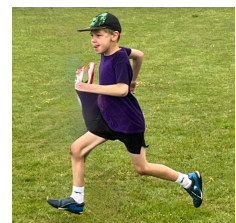
For parents of children in the current Year 4 cohort, we will be in touch by the end of next week regarding which class your child will be in next academic year. There will then be an opportunity for you to come in and talk about the arrangements on Wednesday 18th June after school drop off. We will have refreshments available in the hall and Mrs Smith, Mrs Ball and myself will all be in attendance, as will Catherine Farmer, our Chair of Governors. If you have any questions ahead of this time, or you are unable to join us, then please email the leadership team on the addresses below.

We have now hosted two Stay and Play sessions in Robins and are looking at organising more in the next few weeks. If you know of any parents with young children who are considering which preschool to send their child to, then please ask them to contact us so we can show them around or direct them to the next session.

Mr Turull

Frome Olympics

Starling Class joined other schools from the Frome area at Selwood school to take part in the Frome Olympics. The events that they performed in were the hurdles, sprint, long distance run, relay, javelin, archery, shot put and standing long jump. The children represented our school with great pride and enjoyed taking part in all the events. It was quite tricky to take photos as there were about 120 children there and we needed to be careful! Here are some snapshots that were managed.



Helpers Needed!

We need to reach out to our school community to ask if there are any volunteers who may be able to help us whitewash the external wall of our Robins Preschool. This would help us prepare to start on a new mural design for the wall with the help of the children. If you are able to help us at all then please get in touch.

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Diary Dates

June

Monday 9th	Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class
Tuesday 10th	Sports Day on Rec. field. All parents welcome to come along. 9.30 - 11.30am
Tuesday 10th	Welcome afternoon for new reception children - 3.30pm
Wednesday 11th	Goldfinch Class at the Frome Olympics
Monday 16th - 20th	School Arts Week - Children to wear PE Kits all week
	Monday - Yoga Workshop
	Tuesday - Izzy Dance Workshop
	Thursday - Djembe Drumming Workshop
	Friday - Circus Skills Workshop & Craft Workshop
Wednesday 18th	Informal coffee morning to discuss classes for next year (see above)
Thursday 19th	Family picnic for new reception children - 12 - 1pm
Monday 23rd	Swallow class Lifeskills workshop in Bristol
Tuesday 24th	Sports Day - provisional date in case of bad weather
Monday 30th	Swallow Class Trip - Bristol Zoo Project

July

Thursday 3rd	School shuffle up day
Wednesday 9th	Robins Preschool Graduation for leavers - parents welcome 2.40 - 3pm
Friday 11th	Goldfinch Class trip - Mendip Activity Centre
Thursday 17th	Goldfinch & Swallow class Summer Production - A Hint of Snow
	Anticipated show times 1pm and 4.30pm. All children in Goldfinch and Swallow class will need a packed lunch on this day.
Friday 18th	Summer celebration assembly - Time TBC

Notices

- **Sports Day** - Sports Day is planned to take place on Tuesday 10th on the Rec field. Parents are welcome to join from 9.30 - 11.30 am. We ask that the children wear a coloured t-shirt to represent their house - Water (blue), Fire (red), Air (white), Earth (green)
- **Rugby Workshop** - Children in Swallow and Goldfinch class will have their last Rugby session on Monday 9th June. They will need to wear PE kits on this day.
- **Frome Olympics** - Goldfinch class will attend the Frome Olympics on the 11th June. Please provide your consent via Parent Pay.
- **Arts Week** - We are very much looking forward to Arts Week, 16th - 20th June. The children have a variety of exciting activities planned. To make this easier for all, we ask that the children wear their PE kits every day of the week.

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Mollie
Starlings - Flo
Goldfinches - Evan
Swallows - Flo

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oriana & Dylan
Starlings - Sienna & Flo
Goldfinches - Caitlin
Swallows - Sophia

Top Doodlers - Swallows

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Flo
Goldfinches - Kye
Swallows - Isabella

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News from the Classrooms

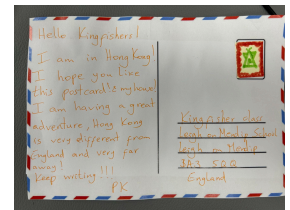


This term in Robins we are learning about the Summer. We have been enjoying our Travel Agents role play area. We have had fun booking our holiday and discussing different forms of travel. We have been making crabs and seagulls for our summer display board.



We have received a postcard from Professor Klunk! He is on holiday in Hong Kong, so we decided to learn all about Hong Kong and Lamma Island. See an example [here](#).

During our English lessons, we learned about the life of bees. The year 1's practised retrieving information from a small text. What a challenge!



This term we are looking at scientific enquiry and we started this week by setting up an experiment to see how effective a solar oven might be!!! We posed our question, made a prediction and designed our oven. Next week we will set up the experiment, record our findings and write a conclusion.



Goldfinch class had a great time learning all about Costa Rica this week and they ended the week by making a traditional Costa Rican dish called 'Gallo Pinto'. They all had a chance to chop up onions and peppers and then fry them off with some kidney beans and rice (along with a few other ingredients.) They children loved the experience and were all excited to try what they made!



In Swallows, we've been finishing off our science topic of *changes of properties*. We looked at chemical reactions between acids and alkalis by testing different liquids with bicarbonate of soda. We saw how the vinegar reacted with the bicarbonate and created CO₂.



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