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The children enjoyed a fun-filled morning up at the recreation field for our annual Sports Day on Tuesday. They took part in a carousel of activities and the winners of the day were... Earth. Well done to all of the children for taking part.

We would like to confirm the staffing arrangements for next year following interviews this week. Kingfishers (Reception/Year 1) will be taught by Mrs Branco and Mrs Brooks; Starlings (Year 2/Year 3) will be taught by Mrs Ball and Mrs Ralph; Goldfinches (Year 4 and some of Year 5) will be taught by Mrs Smith and Mrs Gomes and Swallows (Year 6 and some Year 5) will be taught by our new teacher, Mr Schofield. Mr Schofield visited this week and along with many other candidates taught a lesson, led an assembly and had an interview with the senior leadership team. He was impressive in all of the activities and the children really enjoyed working with him. Mr Schofield will visit again soon to meet his new class.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Isaac, who has taught Swallow Class this year. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and teaching of our Year 5 and 6 children, as well as her dedication to the school. She has been a fantastic member of our team and will be missed by pupils, parents and staff. We wish her every success as she moves on.

We are also saying goodbye today to Miss Smith and Miss Wareham. Many thanks to both of them for all they have done at our school. You will still get to see Miss Smith when she is picking up her daughter, while we wish Miss Wareham good luck with her future teaching career.

Finally, I want to finish this week's newsletter with some good news regarding Jack in Year 5. As many of you will know he has been undergoing extensive cancer treatment for the last two years. We are pleased to announce that today he received his last treatment. Jack has been so brave and courageous during this time and a real inspiration to us all here at Leigh. Swallow class celebrated with Jack this afternoon by having a party.

Mr Turull



Sports Day

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Diary Dates

<u>June</u>		
Monday 30th	Swallow Class Trip - Bristol Zoo Project	
July		
Thursday 3rd	School shuffle up day	
Wednesday 9th	Robins Preschool Graduation for leavers - parents welcome 2.40pm - 3pm	
Thursday 10th	Kingfisher and Starling Dance Workshop	
Friday 11th	Goldfinch Class trip - Mendip Activity Centre	
Monday 14th	Violin Performance for Starling Class parents - 14th July at 2.45pm	
Thursday 17th	Goldfinch & Swallow class Summer Production - A Hint of Snow	
	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 - 9.15am	

<u>Notices</u>

- Clubs There will be no school run clubs in the last week of term.
- Bristol Zoo Project Children in Swallow Class will be visiting the Bristol Zoo Project on Monday. Please ensure that they bring a packed lunch. They will also need a sunhat and suncream applied. Thank you.
- Summer Fayre If your child would like to be part of a singing group at the Leigh on Mendip Summer Fayre, please complete and return the previously sent Google Form. Currently we do not have enough numbers to run.
- Starling Violin Performance Starling class parents are invited to watch a Violin performance on Monday 14th July at 2.45pm.
- Sound of Musicals Dance Workshop Emails have been sent regarding the Kingfisher and Starling Class Dance Workshop. Please provide consent for this via Parent Pay. Parents are invited to come and watch their performance at 2.40pm on Thursday 10th July at the Memorial Hall.
- A Hint of Snow White Preparations for the Goldfinch and Swallow class production are well underway. Tickets are now available from the school office. Please note, that due to space limitations in the Memorial Hall, there is a limit of two tickets per child at each performance. Tickets will be collected on the door to ensure capacity. Thank you.

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Mollie & Paige Starlings - Sienna & Darcey T Goldfinches - Caitlin Swallows - Sophia

Top Doodlers - Swallows

Doodle Tables Starlings - Adele Goldfinches - Kye Swallows - Sophia

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Poppy Starlings - Daisy Goldfinches - Alfie Swallows - Isabella

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This week in Robins the children enjoyed a morning on the field taking part in Sports day. The children did really well taking part in some fun games before finishing with a running race. Well done Robins!

This week the Kingfishers explored the fantastic story "Angelica Sprocket's *Pockets"* by Quentin Blake. As always, the children's writing is outstandingly creative. See a wonderful example from one of our budding Authors here. In PSED, we also learned the difference between boys' and girls' bodies and the correct names for our private parts.

On Monday, the children in Starlings began our new geography unit on Rivers. To start this we learnt the main stages- evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. The children made their own version of this using a zip lock bag in which they drew the stages and coloured liquid so they could see the changes.

This week, Goldfinch Class had a great time exploring the pond area and got the chance to go pond dipping. They found lots of interesting species including Newts and Pond Skaters. Whilst half the class were exploring the pond wildlife, the other half of the class had a go exploring insects and their habitats. They also built some fantastic bug hotels with natural resources that they found on the field.

Swallows had a fabulous time at the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. They learnt so much about personal safety: how to stay safe at the beach, how to check they have the right amount of change in a shop, how to call the emergency services and what to say (there were some recognisable voices on the other end of the line) and so many other useful skills.

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