



It is incredible to think that when Leigh on Mendip School joined the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership seven years ago, we had just over 40 pupils on roll. We now have nearly 100 children between Reception and Year 6, as well as the children in Robins preschool.

With much larger cohorts at the top end of the school, we have been looking at providing more sporting opportunities with other schools and have joined the Midsomer Norton Small Schools' football league this year. We have also become an associate member of the Bath and North East Somerset School Sports Partnership, which means we will have access to many other events during the year - we will keep you posted!

At the beginning of this week we welcomed two new faces to our school as Miss Burroughs and Miss Crew both joined our team. They have both settled in really well and have been getting to know all of our children.

We are in the process of clearing out many of our sheds and this means that from the middle of next week, there will be a skip on site. We will cone this area off so that our children are safe, but depending on where the company place it, we may have to use the main gate rather than the one on to the playground for drop off and collecting.

With harvest coming up in a couple of weeks time, we have added a list to the newsletter of the items that Fair Frome is requesting this year. As in previous years, please can the children bring any items that you are able to donate on the morning of the Harvest services and we will take them up to St Giles' Church with us.

Mr Turull

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 2026, then please do let them know.

LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL
Nurturing Curious Minds

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
Or email - office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk

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Diary Dates

October

Wednesday 1st Meet the Governor - Catherine Farmer will be available on the playground at morning drop off
Monday 6th Great Athletes Event - Children to wear PE Kit.
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

Notices

- **Great Athletes** - We are excited to welcome GB Paralympic Swimmer and Triathlete David Hill to our school. On Monday, the children enjoyed an assembly where they learnt about the upcoming event planned for Monday 6th October. **Children will require PE kit on this day.** The children will take part in a fun fitness circuit followed by an inspirational talk by our visiting Athlete. Children are able to gain sponsorship for the event which will be used towards new sports equipment for the school. Please return your sponsorship forms to the school office by 10th October.
- **Harvest Festival** - Details for our Harvest Festival have been circulated this week. The event will be held on Wednesday 8th September and we ask that you let the office know if you would like to attend. We will be taking donations for Fair Frome Food Bank where you can place your items into the crates outside of the school office. Please see the poster for items in demand. Thank you
- **Recorder Club** - Mrs Ball is pleased to announce that recorder club will begin next week. An email has been sent to those children who were booked into this club.
- **Cool Milk** - If your child is over 5 and would like to have milk at school, please see the poster below with details of how to sign up.



Fair Frome
Real People, Real Projects, Real Difference

Harvest Festival most needed items

Tinned Soup
Cup a Soup
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned custard
Tinned vegetables
Tinned potatoes
Sauces for rice e.g. sweet and sour sauce
Pasta snacks
Jam
Tinned cold meat

Thank you for helping us to help our community

Fair Frome, Unit 7, Longacre, Frome, BA11 4BG
Email: info@fairfrome.org / Mobile: 07714687129 / Landline: 01373 485578
Charity no: 1155485

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Oriana
Starlings - Ruby
Goldfinches - Benji
Swallows - Flo L

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Edith & Oscar
Starlings - Amelia & Sienna
Goldfinches - Flo & Jess
Swallows - Caitlin & Flo

Top Doodlers - Goldfinches

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Adele & Jess
Swallows - Isabella

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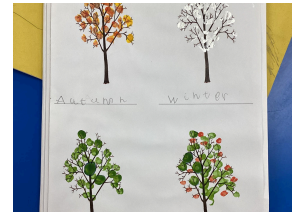
News from the Classrooms



In Robins this week we have started talking about Autumn, about how trees change this time of year and hibernating animals. We have made stencil pictures of autumn animals. You can see our creations in our preschool window.



This week in our Science topic "*the four seasons*", we learned the months of the year, weather and daylight hours for each season. We also discussed our school rules, rights and responsibilities and why we need them to feel happy and safe.



At Wren Woods this week, Starling Class used the skills that they have been learning in art to create some observational drawings of things in nature. We were really impressed with how closely they looked at shapes, patterns & lines and how carefully they shaded their work to match their object.



This week Goldfinch class had an exciting surprise! Our cupboard door was covered in red paper and behind the door was a special book called '*Journey*'. We discovered that the book has no words and we've been looking at the illustrations to help us tell the story. Maybe this door will lead to a magic place - who knows, we don't know how it got there!



In Swallows this week, we are working on a setting description from our focus book, '*The Arrival*' by Shaun Tan. Here a couple of pupils have demonstrated the perfect way to complete their planning sheet, use it to support their writing, and then check their work against the Success Criteria I have given them. Brilliantly-creative and thorough work, and an excellent example of where we are heading with our writing this year!



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Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☐ : 0800 321 3248
☐ : www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

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