



Leigh on Mendip School

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October 2nd
2026

BANES Cross Country Event

On Wednesday our group of year 5 & 6 runners represented the school at the BANES Cross Country event at Odd Down Sports Ground in Bath. Our young athletes showed remarkable determination as they competed in fiercely contested races. Facing tough competition, they all gave it their all. Thank you to the parents who came along to support, and well done to all our fantastic runners for such a brilliant performance!

Harvest Festival

The children have been busy preparing for the Harvest Festival on Monday 12th October. Robins, Kingfisher & Starling Classes will take part in their service at 9.15am, followed by Goldfinch & Swallow Classes at 10am. Parents are welcome to join us at St Giles' Church, although a limit of one seat per family is in place due to limited capacity in the church. Please consider donating long-life items to Fair Frome, our local food bank. A list of the most needed items can be found here. Please bring your donations to the office by Tuesday 13th October.

Meet a Governor

We have arranged our first 'Meet the Governor' sessions on Wednesday 7th 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.

Mr Turull



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Savoury Crackers
- Jam
- Tinned/cartons of custard
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Small bags of sugar



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Diary Dates

October

7th	Meet a Governor - 8.45am
9th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
12th	Harvest Festival Robins, Kingfishers & Starlings - 9.15am Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am
12th	Small Schools Netball Tournament
22nd	Inset Day
23rd	Inset Day

End of Term One

November

2nd	Start of Term Two
4 th - 9th	School Book Fair
8th	Village Remembrance Day
9th	Parents Evening
11th	School Photos
13th	<u>Children in Need Day</u> - Children to wear spots or Pjs
18th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
25th	Inset Day

December

5th	Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
10th	Starling Class Christmas Production
11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Carols - Time TBC
17th	FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th	End of Term Two



Spotlight on...

Reading

This term, we are focusing on a love of reading. We are making changes to our classrooms to encourage reading for pleasure. Please support us with this at home by recording daily reads in your child's reading diary.



Notices

Open Mornings

This year, we will be opening up the school on two different occasions to welcome prospective parents to the school - Friday 9th October from 9.30 - 11.30am and Wednesday 18th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.

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 2027, then please do let them know.

Wellies

Please can children ensure that they have wellies in school for forest school. Thank you.

Smart Watches

Please can we ask that children do not bring smart watches to school. Analogue watches only.

Football Cards

Please remind your children that football cards are not allowed in school.

Term Dates 2027 - 2028

The finalised term dates are now live on the website. Please refer to these when booking holidays.



This Week's Stars



Daisy F

Indigo

Poppy

Lettie

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News from the Classrooms



Tip: Click the class bird to visit the class page!



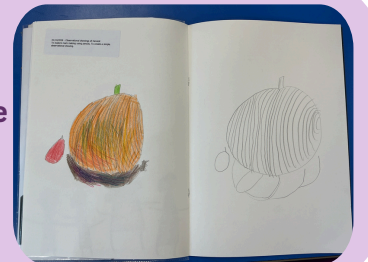
Robins

In Robins we have started talking about harvest and Autumn. Looking at how the farmers prepare for harvest. We have had fun in our tuff tray cutting corn to feed our animals



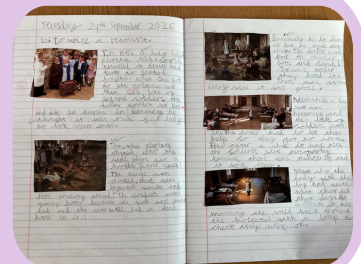
Kingfishers

This week, the children immersed themselves in the classic story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and feeling inspired the children produced some amazing creative writing. In art, the children created fantastic observational drawings of an autumnal scene, focusing carefully on the details, colours and shapes of the season.



Starlings

Last week, we learnt about the incredible Florence Nightingale and her team of nurses, who cared for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. This week in English, we have been busy writing our own historical recounts. We have worked incredibly hard to use a wide range of exciting vocabulary, making sure our writing is interesting and engaging for the reader.



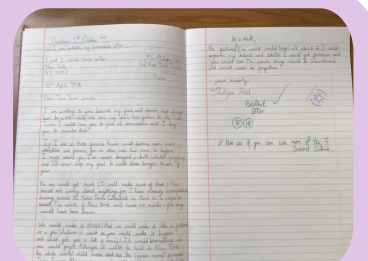
Goldfinches

This week goldfinch class became ancient artists as they designed their own stunning Greek pottery. Using charcoal and sugar paper the children carefully recreated traditional Ancient Greek patterns to bring there classical vases to life.



Swallows

This week, we have been putting the finishing touches to a persuasive letter we are writing to the NYPD or the owners of the Twin Towers, asking for permission to wire-walk across these famous buildings, just as Philippe Petit did in 1974. We have been using lots of powers of persuasion: emotional language, hyperbole to exaggerate, modal verbs and causal conjunctions to start our sentences.





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Leigh on Mendip SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Join us for a guided tour of our village primary school & preschool
to find out why our children love to learn.

For all Reception 2027 Admissions and in-year moves

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Friday 9th October 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th November 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592 or email office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk
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