



What a difference a little elbow grease makes! We want to send out a huge, heartfelt thank you to **Mrs Payne and Mr Turull** who last Wednesday donned their workwear to spend many hours tidying up our outside areas. The school grounds are looking much cleaner and the fresh environment is already having a positive impact on the students. We have some exciting future plans for some of these areas.

You may have seen that unfortunately yesterday our **trim trail** was condemned. It is 20 years old and now deemed unsafe to use, so please can we ensure that the children are not using this after school. At some point this will be removed and hopefully replaced.

Although we have had a recent shift in the weather, we continue to hold outdoor playtimes whenever possible, as fresh air is vital for well-being. Students must be appropriately dressed to participate comfortably. Please can you ensure that your child always has **a coat in school**.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the invitation to join us for our annual **Harvest Service**. This is a wonderful occasion for our school community to give thanks for the food we have and to think of those less fortunate. The service will take place at St Giles Church, Leigh on Mendip, with Robins, Kingfishers and Starlings at 9 to 10am and Goldfinches and Swallows at 10 to 11am.

To truly embed a lifelong love of reading and see the maximum academic benefit, we strongly encourage all children to read at home **at least 5 times every week**. This doesn't have to mean sitting down with their school book for a full hour! Even 10-15 minutes of reading a comic, a recipe, a magazine, or a book of their choice makes a huge difference. For Key Stage 1 children, please ensure you sign their reading record/diary each time, for the older children they can write in their own daily comments but we do ask that a parent checks and signs it weekly. By now your child could have received their first 25 read certificate in celebration assembly and chosen a book as a reward. We want to give a massive congratulations to the many children who have already reached their **25 Reads** milestone!

We love to celebrate your children and make them feel special on their birthday! As a small birthday treat, children are invited to come to school wearing their **own clothes** on their actual birthday. If your child's birthday falls on a day when their class has PE, they can wear their own clothes on the **day before** or the **day after** their birthday to ensure they have the correct kit for their PE lesson. If your child's birthday falls over a weekend can we ask that they wear their own clothes on the **Friday before** their birthday. We want to make sure no one misses out, so children who had their birthday over the **Summer Holidays** or at the very **start of this term** (before today) can wear their own clothes next Friday 10th.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ball and Mrs Smith

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School Open Days

The application process for Reception Class 2026 is now live. If you have a child starting school or know any parents who have children due to start or looking for an in-year school transfer, please come along to one of our upcoming open days.

- Wednesday 22nd October from 9.30 - 11.30am
- Wednesday 19th November from 1.30 - 3pm.

These are drop in sessions where you can see the school in action and ask any questions that you may have..



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

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

Thursday 23rd FOLS Halloween Disco

Thursday 23rd No clubs on this day!

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

Wednesday 12th MSN Year 4 & 5 Cross Country Event - 2.30-3.45pm at Downside School

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

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oliver & Oscar

Starlings - Amelia & Sienna

Goldfinches - Finn & Jess

Swallows - Tilly & Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Adele & Jess

Swallows - Kye, Isabella & Flo

Notices

- **Great Athletes** - We are excited to welcome GB Paralympic Swimmer and Triathlete David Hill to our school on 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** - We will be taking donations for Fair Frome Food Bank. If you are able to donate, Please place your items into the crates outside of the school office. Thank you.
- **Arbor Parent App** - There have been some questions regarding the Arbor Parent Portal. This can be accessed via your web browser or downloaded as an App. If you have any questions surrounding this please do ask in the office. I will always do my best to help!

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Stars of the Week
Kingfishers - Mollie
Starlings - Evelyn
Goldfinches - Phoenix
Swallows - Isabella



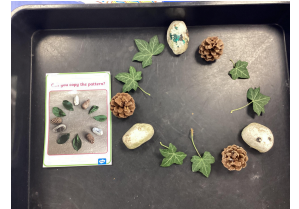
News from the Classrooms



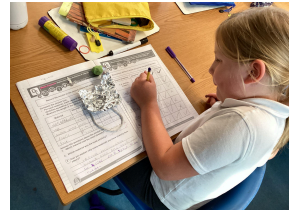
We are continuing our topic of Autumn this week. We are reading the book *Don't Hog the Hedge* and learning about hibernation and sharing. We have also been enjoying our mud kitchen outside in the sunshine making foam and sand cocktails.



This week, the Kingfishers worked very hard in phonics and maths. The reception class learned new sounds (ck, e,u,r) and explored how to make ABAB patterns. The year ones are also learning new alternative sounds like (ai-ay, ow-ou, oi-oy, ee-ea). We also learned that different people, cultures and religions believe in the story of creation and others have different beliefs.



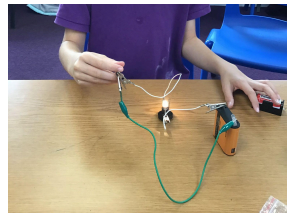
Starling Class are loving their experiments at the moment in science. This week, we were testing the strength of a variety of materials and recording our results. We then discussed the suitability of materials for different purposes.



This week in PSHE, Goldfinch class have been learning all about rewards and consequences. They enjoyed discussing the different rewards people receive and why they may get those rewards. They also discussed the purpose of rules and the consequences people may face if rules are broken.



This week in Science, the Year 6s have been using electrical components to make circuits. They have used batteries, wires, bulbs, motors, buzzers and switches to construct working circuits, have error-checked them to make sure they work, and then carried out their own investigation into what affects the output of a circuit. Fab work!



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We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App



We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

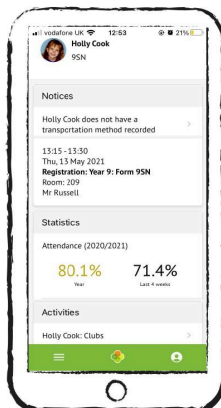
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILD/REN (AS IT DOES GET QUITE CRAZY!)

ENTRY
£4 PER CHILD
£2 PER SIBLING

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
3:15PM-4:30PM
LEIGH ON MENDIP
MEMORIAL HALL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:
BONE CHILLIN' MILKSHAKES
SPOOKTASTIC TUCK SHOP
BEASTLY BAKES PLUS MORE!

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