



The weather has started to look decidedly autumnal, which means we are ready for our annual Harvest Festival to take place on Wednesday next week. As the school has grown over the last few years we now have to split this service with the Kingfishers and Starlings at 9:30am and the Goldfinches and Swallows at 10:10am. The children have been asked to bring in donations of food for the Somer Valley Foodbank, please see [here](#) for the list of items they need most. We look forward to seeing many of you there to listen to some harvest songs and see some of the work our children have been doing.

We will be holding our first parent consultation sessions of the year on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November. These will take place in the afternoon/evening and sign-up sheets will be available in the school office from next Wednesday. We will email you out the exact times for each class on Monday and then if you are unable to come into the school to book, please email us with a day and approximate time and we will book you in and let you know.

We would congratulate Shaun Farrow who has been duly elected as our new parent governor to be part of the joint Leigh on Mendip and Hemington board. Shaun will join Catherine Farmer as the two parent governors on the Governing Body.

Finally, we would like to remind you once again that dogs are not allowed on our school site at any time. If you do have to bring a dog to school with you, please could you either tie it up outside the school grounds or ask someone else to look after it for you while you drop off or collect your child.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips

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The PTA Needs YOU!

Friends of Leigh on Mendip school, is a fantastic PTA - when my son joined the school, I was taken aback by how much they raised and the amazing activities they organised for the school and I wanted to help continue this, then Covid hit and still the PTA carried on and helped the school in different ways, like supporting the children's emotional needs when they came back from lockdowns with funding mindfulness sessions.

We have some vacancies to fill this year as some people are stepping down from their roles, and we can't exist without the Committee of amazing volunteers.....so please help if you can! If you feel you can fill these roles, please do come forward.

Last school year FOLS funded so much for the school and the children will miss all of this if we can't carry on-

We were able to use our funding to enrich the learning and help supply reading books for the children and mindfulness lessons. We helped fund lots of exciting school trips for the children. We helped fund the Nativity play and other plays. We completed a fundraiser to raise money for some much-needed new play equipment and received a grant for musical instruments. The children had parties, the school disco, Halloween party, Easter egg hunt and the end of year party. We also provided some furniture and shelving for the new classrooms. We fully funded the school's Arts week and other workshops for the children. We provide the school with a classroom fund for each class, each term throughout the year, we funded Power Maths and other online resources. We pay for the hire of the village hall all through the year, whether it's needed for cooking lessons or the Nativity play. We pay for the Children's Christmas lunch at school and any end of term treats, including the bouncy castle at the end of last year.

All of this would vanish from our children's school experience if FOLS doesn't exist.



News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been talking about our families and homes, making houses out of shapes.



This week the Kingfishers rehearsed their Harvest performance. Amongst other things we read the book "Ruby's worry", we learned that sharing our worries with each other really helps.



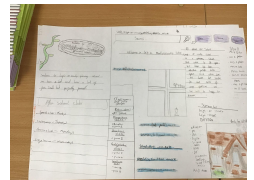
This week in science the children performed their own investigation to test which materials were waterproof and those that were not. We discussed fair testing, observed what happened as the water was poured on the materials and measured any liquid that did seep through.



Goldfinches have been very lucky to have a visitor come to talk all about our RE topic. The children had lots of questions and loved dressing up and playing different roles.



Swallows have been finding out about how search engines work in Computing. We designed a webpage for our school and then considered how well it was optimised by exploring search engine algorithms.



Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Each Week

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class and Forest School for Starling Class <u>after school</u> Dance Club
Tuesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club
Thursday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>pm</u> - Swimming lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> - Sign Language Club
Friday	<u>pm</u> - Forest School for Kingfisher Class

October

Monday 10th	FOLS AGM 7.30pm at school
Wednesday 12th	Harvest Festival at St Giles Church: 9.30am for parents of children in Kingfishers and Starlings, 10.10am for parents of children in Goldfinches and Swallows
Friday 14th	Nigel Coles in school taking Individual photographs of all children in school
Friday 21st	INSET Day before the half term holiday