



Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 5

October 9th
2026

Open Morning

We held the first of two Open Mornings today where we welcomed many visitors to our school. They were particularly impressed by how well all of our children work and behave, as well as hearing about all the opportunities that are on offer at our school. A special mention to the Year 6 guides who showed the prospective parents around, giving them a wealth of information about Leigh on Mendip. Our second Open Morning is on Wednesday 18th November; please share this date with anyone you know who may be looking for a school for their child.

Harvest Festival

A reminder that we have our two Harvest services on Monday morning at St Giles' Church. Kingfishers/Starlings will be at 9:15am and Goldfinches/Swallows will be at 10:00am. If you have any donations of food, please bring them in on Monday and the children can take them up to the church.

Mr Turull

Goldfinch World Record Attempt

As part of our school's ongoing mission to promote a love of reading, Goldfinch Class proudly took part in an exciting global Guinness World Record attempt organised by the National Literacy Trust. The children joined thousands of readers worldwide in an effort to set a new record for the most people reading together online over a 12-hour period. During the special event, the class was thrilled to listen to the acclaimed author and screenwriter, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who shared fascinating insights into the brilliant books he has written and the famous films he has produced. Now, following an anxious few weeks wait to see if we officially achieved the record, we are waiting on the edge of our seats for the final verification from Guinness! It was an incredibly inspiring day, and Goldfinch Class loved being part of global reading history.

Mrs Gomes





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Diary Dates

October

12th	Harvest Festival Robins, Kingfishers & Starlings - 9.15am Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am
12th	Small Schools Netball Tournament
21st	Halloween non uniform day - FOLS
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



Notices

Open Mornings

Our next open day will be Wednesday 18th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.

If you, or someone you know may be looking for a preschool or school place, please share the word.

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.

Swallow Class Swimming

As we head towards the end of Term 1, please ensure to confirm via Arbor that your child will continue swimming in term 2.

Term Dates 2027 - 2028

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

PGL Residential

We have now booked our PGL residential trip for next year's Year 6. If your child would like to go on the trip, please complete the Google Form and pay the initial deposit via Arbor by 9th November 2026.



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.

Useful
Contacts

Office - office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk

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News from the Classrooms



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



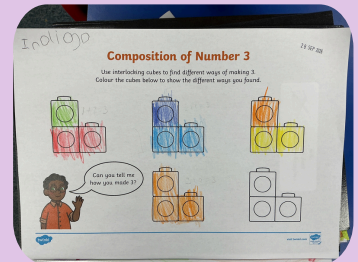
Robins

We are continuing the theme of Autumn/harvest in Robins. We had fun collecting leaves to make an autumn crown, we have also created our own pictures using real corn for Harvest Festival.



Kingfishers

It's been a busy and exciting week of learning! In maths, the Year 1 Kingfishers explored fact families, while Reception dove into the world of patterns. In history, the children discovered how timelines work by creating and sharing their own life stories.



Starlings

In Starling Class, we have been exploring an African story called *Lila and the Secret of Rain*. We have been immersing ourselves in the story and discovering its themes, characters and story language. Alongside our literacy, we have been exploring African art, focusing on the use of figures, shapes, colours and patterns. We created the most amazing and vibrant African figures!



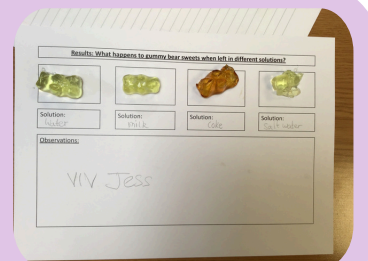
Goldfinches

This week goldfinch class have been busy bringing their Ancient Greek vase designs to life using clay. They used a range of methods and tools to create wonderful masterpieces. They carved traditional patterns into the clay and will be ready for painting next week.



Swallows

Swallows class have been investigating osmosis this week in Science, dropping gummy bears in various solutions and observing them after a period of time. The gummy bears immersed in coke turned brown and grew huge, whilst the ones dropped in salt water either stayed the same size or shrunk. This was helping us understand how different liquids affect a solid.





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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

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www.leighonmendipschool.co.uk



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*Nurturing
Curious
Minds*

f.o.l.s NON-UNIFORM & HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

Please note: no weapons or masks!
Face paint IS allowed!

Wednesday 21st October



Dress
Up.



Have
fun.



Make a
difference.



£1
Donation

Every donation helps support our school
charity.



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