



Harvest

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festivals on Wednesday this week at St Giles' Church. A great effort from all the children who enjoyed singing harvest songs and sharing poems and pictures. We would like to thank Father Graham for leading the service. He let us know that there will be a new vicar starting in the parish shortly who may well be here in time to join us for Christmas carols in a couple of months from now. Thank you also for your kind donations of produce, which Mrs Layland has taken to the Fair Frome food bank.

New Governors

Following our Local Governing Body meeting last week, we now have two vacancies on our Local Governing Body. One of these is for a new parent Governor to represent Leigh on Mendip. Just to remind you, we are a joint committee with Hemington Primary School which has many benefits, including sharing expertise and good practice across the two schools. If you feel that you would be able to attend up to six meetings a year, as well as come into school for visits and to meet with staff, then please contact the school office for more information and a Governor application form.

Upcoming Events

If you have a look at the diary dates on the next page, you will see there is a lot going on both before and after the half-term break. We will be sending out details shortly regarding parents' consultation sessions and how to book these. If your child is going to be taking part in some of the sports events, please look out for notifications through Arbor.

Mr Turull



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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



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.

Diary Dates

October

Thursday 16th Football Match against St Benedict's School
Wednesday 22nd Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am
Thursday 23rd FOLS Halloween Disco
Thursday 23rd No afterschool 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 6th Football - Mendip U11 ESFA Qualifiers TBC
Monday 10th Individual & Sibling Photos
Monday 10th Girls Football - Mendip U11 ESFA Qualifiers TBC
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**

Notices

- **Great Athletes** - A huge thank you for your sponsorship towards our Great Athletes event. We are told that the rewards will be sent to school soon and they will then be circulated.
- **Christmas Artwork** - This week your children should have brought home their Christmas Artwork. Please complete the order form and return to the school office by **Wednesday 15th October**. Your items will then be added to Parent Pay for payment.
- **Social Media** - We love sharing insights of our school and preschool with our wider community. Please follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram to see photos and highlights from our classrooms and events. Feel free to share our posts with friends and family which helps us spread the word about the great things happening at our school!
 Facebook & Instagram: @leighonmendip_school
- **Lost Property** - We have quite a few unnamed jumpers/cardigans in our lost property cupboard. We have moved this to reception so it is easier for parents to check during drop off/pick up times. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Ezra
Starlings - Adalie
Goldfinches - Oliver
Swallows - Dexter

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oska & Eliza
Starlings - Annie & Nancy
Goldfinches - William & Jess
Swallows - Caitlin & Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Benji & Jess
Swallows - Kye & Flo

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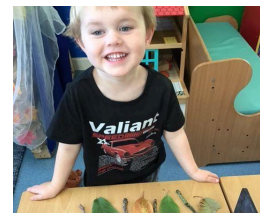
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News from the Classrooms



In Robins this week we are learning about shapes and colours and repeating patterns using autumn natural materials and shaped bricks. We have also been practicing our fine motor and scissor skills.



We had a lot of fun performing for our families at the Harvest Festival. The children memorised the verses of a poem and recited them with confidence. We also sang the Harvest Rock and Roll song, which was very joyful. Professor Klunk wrote to us saying he is very proud of our writing, and we continue to feed all our stories to the big dream story machine. He is very impressed with the Reception class handwriting.



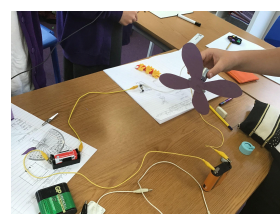
Some Starlings performed a new skill this week, sewing!!! The children used this skill to make their Christmas Card design. Once we had the correct tools, the children loved this activity. Mrs Ralph and I were so impressed by their patience and ability to create their masterpieces. We hope you like them.



Goldfinches have had a great term learning yoga. They have learned many new poses and have put together different routines. They have also been learning calming poses and techniques. We have some very flexible children!



This week, Swallows demonstrated how well they can work as a class by reciting a poem during the Harvest Festival. In English, the class has been working hard on independently planning, drafting and publishing a setting description. In Science, the Year 6s were using their knowledge of electrical circuits to solve a real-world problem: that of making a fan! We had some detaching propeller near-misses, but they worked well at trying to use the circuits to vary the speed of their fan.



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**THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
3:15PM-4:30PM
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MEMORIAL HALL**

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