



We enjoyed two lovely harvest festivals at St Giles' Church this week, welcoming many of you who joined us in hearing about harvest from all of the children, with fantastic singing as well. We're sure you were still humming away to the Harvest Samba late into the evening! Thank you to everyone who sent in donations; these have been collected by the Somer Valley Foodbank and will be distributed to those who are in most need of them as we move into the winter months.

Yesterday we held a meeting with Ian Groves to look at breakfast club and after school provision now that we have been back in school for a term. Breakfast club numbers are relatively low (often only 3 or 4 children) but we will keep this going as we know how important it is to those families who need it. We would hope that over time there may be a few more children joining, especially as this now a fixed provision. After school club with Ian's team has proved to be very successful on some days (up to 15 or 16), but not so much on others and as such we are having to make a few changes. We are finding that numbers are not yet near what we were hoping for based on the initial questionnaires that were sent out. If this is for any particular reason, then please let us know, as we really want to keep the club going as much as possible. The Friday sessions have not proved at all popular and therefore Ian will not be able to continue with these in Term 2. The rest of the clubs will carry on to the same times as this term, but with a few changes. Firstly each evening will be themed so that children can enjoy a wide range of activities.

**Monday - Archery Club (late pick up available)**

Learn to become the next Robin Hood or Rapunzel with our amazing archery equipment designed by Archery GB. The children will have the opportunity to learn new skills using real bows and rubber arrowheads.

**Tuesday - Arts and Crafts (late pick up available)**

The children will enjoy drawing, creating and making amazing projects throughout the term.

**Wednesday - Christmas Club (late pick up available)**

Everything Christmas! The children will play Christmas themed games, crafts, baking and much more!

**Thursday - Lego, Knex and board games club (late pick up available)**

As well as making models with Lego and Knex, the children will also be given the opportunity to play board games with their friends.

Please book your children for a full term (6 or 7 weeks depending on the day) Prices will be cheaper if you book your child in for a whole term, rather than one-off sessions. This is because the one-off bookings often lead to only one or two children attending the final 45 minutes. One-off sessions are still available at a cost of £6.00 for those who need it. We hope these changes will both enhance the provision at the club and encourage more children to join. Ian was also keen to confirm that Childcare vouchers are accepted, as well as tax free childcare.

We will be holding our first parents' evenings of the term on the first week back in Term 2. These will take place on the Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30pm on both evenings. Sign up sheets will be on display in the school office from Monday morning. There will also be Robins Preschool parents' meetings each day of that week from 3:00pm until 3:30pm. If you are unable to attend on these dates



and times, please let us know and we will try and schedule a meeting at a different time for you. It is really important to attend if possible, so that we can discuss your child's learning and celebrate all the good things they have been achieving in school.

After the FOLS AGM this week, we have added Natalie Light's chairperson's report on the final page of the newsletter as she comes to the end of her tenure. We will keep you informed of future meetings and hope that we can continue to encourage new members to support the committee.

Rupert from Starlings class is taking part in the Bath Family Fun Run this weekend in aid of Diabetes UK. We wish Rupert and his family lots of luck and good weather for the event. If you would like to give to this very worthy cause please visit the just giving page in the following link.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/amy-thompson-1695069115054?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Famy-thompson-1695069115054&utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_campaign=pfp-whatsapp](https://www.justgiving.com/page/amy-thompson-1695069115054?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Famy-thompson-1695069115054&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp)

Finally, please remember that individual photos are being taken in school next Friday, so please send your children into school looking smart! If they would usually wear PE/forest school kit on a Friday then please send them in their usual school uniform with their other clothes to change into later in the day.

**Mrs Phillips**

**Mr Turull**

### News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been learning about farms and harvest. We have our own farm shop selling lovely real vegetables and have enjoyed making a farm mural using vegetables instead of paintbrushes!



This week the Kingfishers showed great progress reading and writing cvc words. In maths we learned to subitise to 3 and practised 1 more and 1 less through games. In science we learned how our body changes from childhood to old age and in Art we did observational drawings of a pumpkin and a branch of leaves with berries. We also had an amazing time in the harvest festival singing and performing our poem.



For European languages day in Starling class we looked at what countries make up Europe and how they say hello in their own language. We then looked more into German and learnt some German colour names and numbers.



In maths Goldfinches have been learning skills in addition and subtraction. The children love using manipulatives to help with their learning, especially when they are edible!



Swallows have been working hard on all sorts - from melting points in Science to writing stories for a competition in English as well as revealing our wax resist artwork.





### Diary Dates

#### October

Friday 20th	Individual/sibling photographs
Friday 20th	<b>End of Term 1</b>
Monday 30th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31st	<b>Start of Term 2</b> and Parents' Evening - more information to follow

### FOLS

#### **FOLS Cake Sale Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

FOLS are collecting pre-loved fancy dress costumes and school uniform. With Halloween coming up it would be great to have costumes that no longer fit that would love a new home.

#### Friends Of Leigh School - Chairperson's Report by Natalie Light

Can I please start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has spent the last year helping to fundraise for FOLS, every idea, donation, running of events, admin in the background and attendance of meetings, any support-big or small, has been hugely beneficial and very gratefully received.

It is not easy to juggle work, home lives and individual responsibilities, alongside supporting the school and children, so thank you. This thanks is also extended to the school team who have done a fantastic job of teaching and caring for our children.

I would like to give a special thanks for the commitment, support, and hard work from those in the key roles on the committee, our treasurer, Jen, Secretary, Chantelle and vice chair, Sophie. I could not have done this without you!

As you know, I am resigning from the position of Chair, but I look back on the past year with pride and satisfaction, as a team we have absolutely smashed our fundraising targets and hopefully had some fun along the way.

The treasurer's report will show in detail the huge sum of money that we managed to raise last year, and we should all be immensely proud of our team achievements.

This has been done through both fundraising and grant applications. The money raised has enabled us to both enrich the day-to-day school life for all of the children, provide additional trips, and experiences for them and also to support the school as a whole, with some of their requests for equipment and a storage shed.

We have been able to create a wildlife pond area for the children to enjoy and explore, as well as new playground markings, reading and friendship benches. We funded a Coronation tea party and memorable gift for each child, to mark the royal celebrations. There was an exciting visit from Zoolab and an entire week of art related visitors and activities that FOLS funded, as well as regular violin lessons for some of the year groups. Various school trips have been subsidised and transport costs covered, such as a Christmas Panto, Puxton Park, Wells Cathedral and Year 5&6 residential. It has been fantastic to see how much the children have benefitted from all the hard work and donations this year.

Looking forward, we have a fantastic new team of key members and will hopefully be able to welcome some new parents to the team too. I am sure that they will all have an excellent year to come.

Thank you all once again,

Natalie