



Term 1 Update

What a wonderful first term we've had at Leigh on Mendip School! The children all settled back into school life with enthusiasm and focus after the summer holidays and we are all proud of how well every single child has done since then, embracing new learning challenges across all subjects. From fantastic progress in reading and maths to inspiring creativity in art and design, they have all shown great dedication and hard work. Please have a look at the photo montage below to see many of this term's highlights. The teachers will catch up with you about all the learning at the parent consultation sessions in November; information about these will come out when we return.

As always, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, and we look forward to another successful and exciting term ahead in the run-up to Christmas! I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

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Notices

- **Christmas Artwork** - Thank you for returning your artwork orders so promptly. Payments have all been uploaded to your ParentPay account.
- **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

- **Rags 2 Riches** - If you are having a sort out in half term, please consider donating your unwanted clothes/shoes to our Rags 2 Riches collection. Your black bag(s) can be dropped off in the school hall on Thursday 23rd October or at drop off on Monday 3rd November.
- **Swallow Class Parents** - As we look towards term two, please provide consent and payment on Parent Pay for Swallow Class children to continue with their weekly swimming lessons.
- **Football Matches** - If you have recently received information about upcoming football fixtures, please supply your consent on Arbor as soon as you can. Thank you.
- **Y4/Y5 Cross Country Meet** - Following the previous email, please let me know if your child would like to take part.

Diary Dates

November

Monday 3rd

Monday 3rd
Monday 6th
Monday 10th
Monday 10th
Monday 10th
Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th
Wednesday 19th
Wednesday 26th
Thursday 27th

December

Monday 1st
Saturday 6th
Friday 12th
Wednesday 17th
Wednesday 17th
Thursday 18th
Friday 19th

Start of Term Two

Rags 2 Riches Collection
Football - Mendip U11 ESFA Qualifiers TBC
Individual & Sibling Photos
Girls Football - Mendip U11 ESFA Qualifiers TBC
Booking for Parent Consultations open on Arbor
MSN Year 4 & 5 Cross Country Event - 2.30-3.45pm at Downside School
Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Open Afternoon - 1.30 - 3pm
Parents Consultations - 1.30pm - 6pm
School Book Fair Starts

School Book Fair Ends

Christmas Fayre
Whole School Pantomime Trip
School Christmas Dinner Day
Goldfinch & Swallow Class Carol Service 11am & 2pm
Kingfisher & Starling Class Nativity
End of Term Two

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for September:

1st Place (£30) - Number 100 - Natalie Light

2nd Place (£20) - Number 77 - Chris & Anna Higgins

3rd Place (£10) - Number 3 - Emma Leat

If you would like to be included in the 100 club draw, please contact a member of FOLS.

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Tao
Starlings - Amelia
Goldfinches - Jess
Swallows - Wilf

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oliver & Oscar
Starlings - Violet & Freddy
Goldfinches - William & Jess
Swallows - Austin & Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Darecy T & Jess
Swallows - Kye & Isabella

School Lunches

All school lunches should be booked by **30th October** for our first week back. Please be aware that if your child orders from the dietary requirements menu, some changes have been made and any pre orders will have been cancelled. Please ensure you rebook these through the system. Thank you.

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News from the Classrooms



We have been having lots of spooky fun this week in Robins in our witches den casting lots of spells in our cauldron. We have also been looking for spiders, rats and skulls in our tuff tray.



This frightfully fun week, our little witches and wizards brewed bubbling potions in the role play area! We conjured up spooky ingredient lists and even wrote a mysterious recipe for how to make a teacher disappear—poof!



In Starling class, we have been looking at algorithms and how important it is to be clear and precise when writing them so that they are easy for others to follow. To begin with, we made a model and wrote an algorithm for it, then evaluated our process. We adapted these skills to create an algorithm for a route through a maze and then a route around a map of our school. We also looked at debugging through looking at an algorithm on the computer that did not work and discussed how we could fix it.



Goldfinch Class have had such a great first term filled with lots of learning, fun and giggles! They have all put so much effort into their learning and have been a pleasure to teach. We are so excited for next term which is already looking jam packed with lots of activities to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. We hope you all have a lovely break and manage to re-charge.



In Swallows, we did some fantastic artwork last Friday, but we missed the deadline for the newsletter, and so I'm including it for this week. The class were creating Street Art designs for a mural that could be scaled up and created in a public space. Some of the designs and slogans have been brilliant - well done!



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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.



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

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