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We would like to welcome everyone back after the break and hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We would also like to offer a special welcome to Buddy, who has joined us in Goldfinches and has already made some friends in the class.

We are looking at making some slight changes to the beginning of the school day to ensure that children are all in class, ready to learn at 8:45am. Until these have been confirmed, please can we remind you that although the gates open for Robins at 8:30am, classroom doors don't open until 8.35am for the rest of the school.

Please see below two photos which show the new PE uniform, which is now on the website and available to buy. We will be phasing this in over the year, so children can either wear the new uniform or continue to wear plain white t-shirts this year before we move to purple from next academic year. As always, plain purple t-shirts can be bought at a cheaper price if preferred, while the hoodies are optional, as children can continue to wear school jumpers if they prefer.

Finally, our teachers are looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening on Monday and a reminder that clubs will not be taking place on this day. If you haven't managed to book an appointment, please contact the school office and we will arrange it for you.

Mr Turull





GOLDDFINCH CLASS ARE OFFICIALLY GUINNESS WORLD RECORD TITLE HOLDERS

This is after successfully completing the take ten to read challenge through the National Literacy Trust. Our amazing pupils joined a massive global movement of 153,862 participants across 92 countries and territories, logging on alongside more than 3,000 schools, libraries, businesses and community groups. Together, the world-record breakers spent hundreds of thousands of minutes reading in all different formats, from books and comics to audiobooks, sharing stories and celebrating literacy across the globe. By taking just 10 minutes to dive into a story, Goldfinch Class didn't just boost their own wellbeing, they helped make history! A massive congratulations to our officially amazing, world-class readers.

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Diary Dates

November

4th - 9th	**School Book Fair**
8th	Village Remembrance Day
9th	Parents Evening
10th	MSN Girls Football ESFA Qualifier
11th	School Photos
13th	Children in Need Day - Children to wear spots or Pjs
13th	Pyjama Party Disco - FOLS
16th	Odd Socks Day
17th	MSN Schools Football ESFA Qualifier
18th	Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
23rd	MSN Y4 & 5 Cross Country - Downside
25th	**Inset Day**
26th	Zoo Lab Workshop
26th	Girls Football Match Vs Kilmersdon

December

1st	MSN Swimming Gala
5th	Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
10th	Starling Class Christmas Production
11th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
16th	Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church
16th	Christmas Dinner Day
17th	Kingfishers Christmas Production
17th	FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th	**End of Term Two**

January

4th	**Inset Day**
5th	**Start of Term Three**
7th	Goldfinch Class Swimming Lessons
13th	Rags 2 Riches Collection

This Week's Stars

Howie **Maisie**

Flo H **Billy**

Notices

Clubs

There will be no clubs on Monday 9th due to parents evening.

Book Fair

A huge thank you for your support with our book fair. This raises money to purchase all of the books which are then rewarded back to the children through their reading reward scheme.
It will be opening for the final time on Monday 9th November, closing at 6pm. We hope this will allow you to visit during the parent consultations.

Christmas Artwork

Please complete your Christmas Artwork orders by 12th November. Thank you.

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.

School Photos

We will be having individual and sibling photos during school on Wednesday 11th November.

- Pre-school siblings & babies: The school hall will be open from 8:30 am for photos with non-school-aged children and babies.
- School pupils: All school-aged siblings and individual photos will be taken during the normal school day.

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.

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News from the Classrooms

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



Robins

Bonfire night has been the topic in preschool this week. We have enjoyed cooking on the campfire and have made some beautiful firework pictures. We have also been learning new words like whoosh, bang, fizz, crackle.





Kingfishers

This week, we began a new topic focused on castles, knights and dragons. We explored the story of "Zog and the Flying Doctors," and the children enjoyed pretending to be doctors. In Science, we experimented and analysed different materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, glass and fabric. We used our five senses to describe these materials and learned new vocabulary.





Starlings

Starling class have learnt about Remembrance Day today and why it is important. We learnt about why we wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance but we also learnt about other coloured poppies and what they symbolise. We made the most fantastic wreaths with all of the different poppies included. Read more about it here.





Goldfinches

This week we brought our Narnia topic to a delicious finish by making Turkish Delight, using the very ingredients and methods we had written out in class. It was wonderful to see the children's instructional writing come to life, acting as head chefs to accurately measure out the cornflour and follow their own step-by-step guides to create the perfect sweet treat.





Swallows

This week in Maths we have been working on multiplying a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number. This is one of the hardest things to do in Maths this year, and so we have been using two different coloured pencil crayons to help us organise our different multiplication calculations. Although this is tricky, we have worked really hard to understand this complex process and we have seen some fabulous progress.



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