



Welcome Back

It has definitely been a very wintry start back to school this week; we hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. We would like to thank all the staff for making their way into school on Tuesday this week, with some of their journeys made more difficult by the snow and ice, with a special mention to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Gardner-Holmes who have been busy every morning gritting the pathways and playground. We would also like to thank parents and carers for battling the roads on their way to school, as it was not an easy drive for many. We will always endeavour to keep the school open where possible, but should we have to close, will let parents/carers know through our email system, Seesaw and the school website. Meanwhile please continue to take care when accessing the site and surrounding area as it is currently very slippery.

Homework

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers of homework expectations. Your child should be aiming to read at least 5 times a week, older children can write this in their reading record themselves and parents can sign this off each week. Spellings are also set weekly for children to practise and teachers set their own spelling test day. For maths, children should be encouraged to visit Numbots/Times Table Rockstars and Doodlemaths/Doodletables throughout the week. The best way to approach this is little and often so 5-10 minutes a day on one of the programmes is enough. From time to time additional curriculum homework may be set by individual class teachers. Please support your child to complete the above each week to consolidate the learning that takes place in the classroom.

Doodlemaths

Mrs Ball has relaunched Doodlemaths through an assembly this week and all children should have their logins. If your child has no longer got their login, please speak to their class teacher or Mrs Ball and we will reproduce it. Certificates will be given out in Celebration Assembly from next week for the child in each class that is the 'Top Doodler' and the overall class winner. We will also publish this in the newsletter. Mrs Ball is currently in discussions with a Doodle consultant to hold a parent workshop on how you can support your child at home so please look out for a Google form that she will send out in the near future.

Mr Turull

Goldfinch Class

Goldfinch Class have enjoyed another session of Street Dance this week with IG Sports. They have been able to learn a routine in preparation for a summer performance. Why not ask them to show you some moves!





Diary Dates

January

Wednesday 15th
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Thursday 30th

Applications close for September 2025 admissions
Swimming Gala at Frome Leisure Centre
Kingfisher Class Super Heroes Session with IG Sports

February

Friday 7th
Friday 14th
Monday 24th
Thursday 27th

Wear Red for Heart Month - £1 donation to Heart Heroes
End of Term 3
Start of Term 4
Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports

March

Thursday 6th
Thursday 13th
Wednesday 19th

World Book Day
Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports
Starling Class Golf Festival at Selwood School

April

Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Tuesday 22nd

Starling Classes final swimming lesson
End of Term 4
Start of Term 5

Notices

- **Reception Intake** - Applications for the new Reception intake for September 2025 closes on January 15th. Please ensure any applications are made before this date.
- **Recorder Club** - Recorder club has been moved to a Friday Lunchtime. Please can all children ensure they bring their recorder and book on this day.



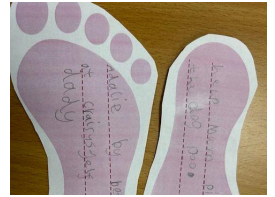
News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been talking about winter and exploring the arctic in the tuff tray and enjoying the snowy weather outside.



It is so uplifting to see how excited the children were to return to school and start learning again. We continued to learn new phonemes and new words. In our story of the week "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers we learn words such as "harbour" and "telescope". We also reflected upon the meaning of friendship and discussed our New Year resolutions! Forest School was also a lot of fun!



This week our Year 2s have been looking at a money unit in maths. We have been looking at pounds and pence in both notes and coins. Why not have a go at home! I know it is tricky these days as we don't use coins as much but understanding the value of money is so important.



We had a visitor this week. Mrs Smith was not too happy that her English planning had been taken over by someone or something that enjoys eating books. The children have been excited to find out what is going on. I think we have some disruption to look forward to in the coming weeks!



This week, Swallows have been delving into their new Geography topic - Misty Mountains. They used maps to locate famous mountains and mountain ranges such as Kilimanjaro, The Urals and Everest and the Himalayas. They then placed them on their own maps using a coloured key.

