



Robins Preschool

Since Christmas, Mrs Bollin has returned to lead the preschool. She is on site three days a week and working alongside the other practitioners to provide the best education for our youngest children. Our preschool has been an integral part of the school for many years and we have gradually put in place more opportunities for them to join up with the rest of the school for events and daily activities.

This morning we had a visit from an experienced Early Years member of our Trust school improvement team who was really impressed with the provision in there; credit to all of the staff for their hard work. We are going to be circulating a flyer advertising Robins, so if you know anyone with young children please feel free to share it.



Parent Questionnaire

Today we will be sending out our annual parent questionnaire for you to complete. This is always really useful for us to be informed of the views of the parent community so that we can look at how things in school can be improved. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the online questionnaire in the next three weeks. If anyone would prefer a paper copy, then please let the office know and we will print one off for you. Once we have had all the responses we will then send out information with results and comments.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Turull

Funky Hair Day in aid of the Little Princess Trust

One of our Goldfinch students, Caitlin, is bravely cutting 12inches/30cm of her hair on Saturday 1st February in order to donate her lovely locks to make wigs for poorly children.

Caitlin will be holding a 'funky hair day' on **Friday 31st January**. Children are able to come to school with crazy hair and Caitlin will be collecting donations (big or small) at the school gate on Friday morning.

[You are also able to donate on her just giving page here.](#)





Diary Dates

January

Thursday 30th
Friday 31st

Kingfisher Class Super Heroes Session with IG Sports
Crazy Hair Day - Fundraising for The Little Princess Trust

February

Friday 7th
Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th
Friday 14th
Friday 14th
Monday 24th
Thursday 27th

Wear Red for Heart Month - £1 donation to Heart Heroes
Goldfinch Class Trip to The Roman Baths
Starling Class Trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre
FOLS Break the Rules Day - more details to follow
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
Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Tuesday 22nd

Starling Classes final swimming lesson
FOLS Easter Egg Hunt - more details to follow
End of Term 4
Start of Term 5

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Kylo
Starlings - Sofia
Goldfinches - Flo
Swallows - Ava

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oscar, Poppy
Starlings - Xanthe & Adele
Goldfinches - Caitlin
Swallows - Evie & Liucijia

Winning Class - Kingfisher Class

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Emily
Goldfinches - Flo
Swallows - Liucijia

Notices

- **Crazy Hair Day** - Don't forget your crazy hair on Friday 31st January. Please see above for more information.
- **Goldfinch Class** - Trip to Roman Baths - Payment and consent have now been uploaded to Parent Pay. Please provide these as soon as possible.
- **Head Lice** - We have had cases of head lice reported. Please can everyone check your children's hair and treat as necessary.
- **Kingfisher Class** - A reminder that all Kingfisher children will need to wear PE kit on Thursday 30th January as they will be taking part in a 'Superheroes' Session with IG Sports
- **Robins Class** - There are still a number of children without completed funding declaration forms. Please return these along with the payment choice letter asap.
- **Starling Class** - Trip to Somerset Science Earth Centre has now been uploaded to Parent Pay. Please provide consent and payment online. Any lunch meals for this date will have been cancelled. School packed lunches can be ordered or provided from home.
- **Swimming Lessons** - Due to space restrictions, please can we ask that all children only bring a small drawstring swimming bag.



News from the Classrooms



This week, we have been carrying on the theme of Winter. We have been reading the story *One Snowy Night*. We have been re-enacting the story in the role play area being Percy and all the animals.

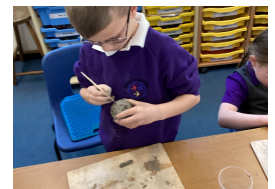


This week we learned about toys from the past and explored which materials they were made of. The year one children completed their maths unit "Addition and subtraction to 20", the reception children learned how to compare capacity and mass.

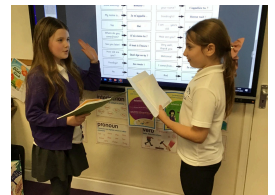
We also had lots of fun playing outdoors on Friday afternoon.



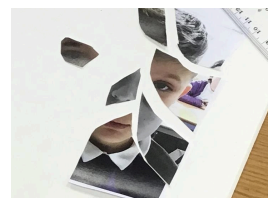
Starling Class have been really enjoying their unit on clay. They have learnt the skills of pinching to make a pot and how they can use 'slip' to join pieces together. We are really looking forward to our finished project but I am not going to give anything away - I will put some photos on here for you all to see!



This week, Goldfinch class have been learning to greet each other in French. They translated greetings from English to French, then with a partner created a script to read aloud to the class. We have practiced pronunciation and speaking clearly.



In Swallows this week, we have been experimenting with multimedia to create self portraits. We use both coloured and black & white photos as well as oil pastels, watercolour and sketching pencils.



Swallows Class Virtual Author Event

On Wednesday, Swallows had a virtual author event with Waterstones and Jordan Lees, author of *The Whisperwicks*.

The children were thrilled when they answered one of our questions.

Henry asked, "How did you come up with the idea of shapeshifting puppets?"

Jordan's response was that he loved the idea of daemons from *His Dark Materials* by Phillip Pullman and was excited by the idea of something that could shapeshift so included it in his story.

Virtual School Visit with Jordan Lees

Wednesday 22 January
10.30AM



CHILDREN'S
Book
of the
Month

WATERSTONES ONLINE EVENTS

CHARLOTTE