



## Events

We have reached the halfway point in the school year and finished the term with a whole host of trips and events. Below you can read about the Goldfinch day out in Bath, the Starlings trip to the Earth Science Centre and the exploits of three of our articulate Swallow children as they participated in the Trust's annual Speak Out competition.

### Mrs Wolland

After several months at the school, we would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Mrs Wolland following her PGCE placement in Goldfinch Class. The children have all really enjoyed being taught by her and she has been a key member of the staff team this year. We would like to wish Mrs Wolland all the very best as she heads off to her final placement before qualifying as a teacher in the summer.

We wish you all an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on February 24th.

### Mr Turull

#### Trip to the Roman Baths

Jess - "My favourite part was seeing part of the underfloor in the hot room with the big fire heating the floor from underneath."

Viv - "We went to the Roman Baths and I liked seeing where they bathed and I also liked the Gorgon head. We learnt that if you stare into its eyes you turn to stone!"

Amelia - "I really liked seeing the Roman Baths because it was dug up 2000 years ago and it is still very hot."

William - "At the Roman Baths, we found out people cursed each other."



#### Trip to the Earth Science Centre

Starling Class had a wonderful visit to the Somerset Earth Science Centre and Whatley Quarry this week. It was a very busy day as the children were fortunate to have 3 workshops; rock testing, fossil identification and the visit to see the quarry at work and meet some of the staff. Here are a few thoughts from the day:

Rupert: "I really liked finding out more about the fossils."

Immy: "I liked the quarry because I saw a dumper truck tipping the rocks. It was enormous!"

William: "I loved seeing how all the different machinery was used at the quarry."





### Speak Out

On Tuesday 11th February, a team of three Swallow Class pupils represented the school by competing in the 'Speak Out!' public speaking competition. This is a highly contested event held across thirteen primary schools in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust.

The girls chose to debate the current topic - "Does social media do more harm than good?" They were able to confidently portray strong arguments for both 'for' and 'against' discussions. As a school, we are incredibly proud of the children for taking part and representing our school at such a prestigious event. Well done girls!



#### Top Doodlers

#### Doodle Maths

**Kingfishers** - Evie, Caden  
**Starlings** - Xanthe, Phoenix  
**Goldfinches** - Caitlin  
**Swallows** - Evie

Winning Class - Kingfisher Class

#### Doodle Tables

**Starlings** - Emily  
**Goldfinches** - Kye  
**Swallows** - Flo

### Diary Dates

#### February

**Monday 24th**  
Thursday 27th

**Start of Term 4**  
Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports

#### March

Thursday 6th  
Monday 10th  
Thursday 13th  
Friday 14th  
Wednesday 19th  
Monday 24th  
Wednesday 26th  
Wednesday 26th  
Thursday 27th

World Book Day  
Fizz Pop Science Workshop  
Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports  
Science Afternoon with parents/carers  
Starling Class Golf Festival at Selwood School  
Robins - Drop in to meet with new Preschool leader, Amy Bollin - 2.30-3.30pm  
Reception and Year 6 - Weight & Height Checks with the School Nurse  
Parents consultations  
Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip to Strode Theatre

#### April

Thursday 3rd  
Friday 4th  
Friday 4th  
Tuesday 22nd  
Monday 28th

Starling Classes final swimming lesson  
FOLS Easter Egg Hunt - See poster in reception  
**End of Term 4**  
**Start of Term 5**  
Whole Class & Year 6 School Photos

### FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for this month:

1st Place (£30) - Number 3 - Emma Leat  
2nd Place (£20) - Number 20 - Jennie Sage  
3rd Place (£10) - Number 97 - Jackie Chubb

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

#### Stars of the Week

**Kingfishers** - Amelia  
**Starlings** - Freddy  
**Goldfinches** - Chipso  
**Swallows** - Evie

### Notices

- **Parking** - Parents are reminded that we should park mindfully in the village. Cars are welcome to park in the memorial hall car park during drop off/pick up time.
- **PGL Residential** - A reminder that the final payment for the PGL residential trip is due on the 31st March. You are able to pay part payments on Parent Pay to help spread the cost.
- **Clubs** - Clubs will start back on the 24th February. All clubs remain the same, apart from Singing club which has come to an end.



### News from the Classrooms



Love is in the air this week in Robins! We have been making cards, biscuits, paintings and even some love potions in the tuff tray - we've had a messy but lovely time. On Tuesday some of the children also really enjoyed joining with Goldfinches to decorate biscuits! We think we might be just about ready for a half-term break!



In this last week of term all the children reflected on the obstacles faced this term but also on their achievements, everyone feels very proud of becoming more resilient.

In Maths the reception class learned about "Length and Height" and the year 1's "Mass and Volume".

We also completed our art unit by painting plates inspired by Clariss Cliff.



Starling Class have loved their art unit on 3D sculpture- clay. As promised here is a photo of their finished product. We chose to link this unit with our history unit on Ancient Egypt so the children chose to design and make some pyramids, sphinx and caskets for their mummies. Today we are going to paint them and once they are dry they will be able to bring them home.



Goldfinch class ended their Roman topic this term with a brilliant trip to the Roman Baths in Bath. We saw the remaining roman structures in the Great Bath and the underground heating system which would have warmed the hot rooms as well as all the artefacts archaeologists have recovered from the site.

When we returned to school, we were able to try different foods which they would have made in Rome. This included a drink made of honey, water and sage which gladiators drank for energy, and sourdough bread with olive oil.



This week in Swallows we've been investigating friction. We tested different surfaces using our shoes and a newton metre to see which one had the most friction and which one had the least.

