



I would like to thank all the parents who spoke to, or contacted, our Chair of Governors this week. Catherine Farmer and I had a very productive meeting looking at the positive comments and areas for improvement identified and shared by our parent community. Among other matters we spoke about different ideas for the beginning of the school day, the ongoing issues with dinners, praise for the settling in for the new Reception children and also, this term's improvements to communication. Catherine Farmer will hold another one of these next term, but please feel free to contact her before then if you have anything you would like to share.

We have two new faces in the school to introduce you to. Last week Rosie Gillard started her placement in Kingfisher Class where she will support the other staff, as she trains as an EYFS practitioner. This week, Emma Wolland joined the staff in Goldfinch Class as she embarked on her PGCE teacher training course and will be with us until just after Christmas. We would like to welcome both of them and hope they enjoy their time working at our school.

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 9th October at St Giles' Church. As in previous years we are having to split this due to the number of children and visitors who will be in attendance. You should have received an email about harvest this week, so please let the office know if you are able to attend. Please also note the list of items that Fair Frome is requesting.

## Mr Turull

### Diary Dates

#### October

Tuesday 8th	Visual screening for year 1 children
Wednesday 9th	Harvest Festival in St Giles' Church KS1 service to begin at 9.30am, KS2 service to begin at 10.10am
Friday 18th	Individual & sibling photographs - ALL children to wear school uniform
Thursday 24th	FOLS Halloween Disco - Please see poster in reception
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b> <b>End of Term 1</b>

#### November

<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
Wednesday 6th	Parents' Evening - more information to follow
Wednesday 13th	Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am
Wednesday 20th	Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

#### December

Thursday 12th	Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th	Whole School pantomime trip
<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>



### News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been reading the book *Superworm* and talking about length and size. We have also been discussing superheroes like the people who help us.



This week we are celebrating the arrival of Autumn. The children demonstrated their art skills by drawing a still life of pumpkins, pine cones, Autumn leaves and conkers.



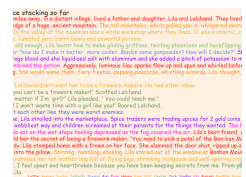
This week in Starlings we have continued to read and re-write 'The true story of the three little pigs'. Unfortunately rain stopped our visit to Wren woods this week but gave the class a chance to plan the dens they are going to make next week in the woods to represent the pigs houses from the story.



Goldfinch class have been using their acting skills to act out and sequence the story of the Corinthian Girl. They enjoyed getting into groups and playing the part of characters from the book. They used the pictures we took to sequence and write the story in their own words. We have some very serious actors in our class!



In Swallows this week, we have ventured back into Ancient China with 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. The children have written some wonderful sentences which I have put together to create a whole class version. Have a look [here](#) at the full version



### Fundraising News

In October, Maisie from Kingfisher class will be cutting and donating her hair to *The Little Princess Trust*. This is a wonderful charity and we congratulate Maisy on acting so honourably for a brilliant cause.

Maisie would be so grateful of any support, in which you can donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mais-maj>



### Notices

- **Oakfield Kitchen** - Some of you will be aware of some issues (not relating to Parent Pay) that we have experienced with Oakfield Kitchen. We can now confirm that as of Monday, we will be returning to use Writhlington Kitchen for our lunch provision. We appreciate your patience whilst we have been dealing with this.
- **Parent Pay** - We ask that you don't book any meals for next term until we have had the go ahead from the catering team.
- **Harvest Festival** - We are now taking donations for Frome Food Bank. Please add any items into the collection crates in reception.
- **Data Collection** - We are still missing some data collection sheets. It would be great if these are returned to ensure we hold all the relevant contact details on file.
- **Parent Permissions** - Please remember to complete your annual consent forms for all children.
- **Rags2Riches** - We have a collection booked for the 12th November. If you are due a wardrobe sort out please consider donating.
- **Tower Room Cafe in Leigh on Mendip Church** - Message from the Church Cafe - "Open every weekday, from Monday 7th to Friday 25th October, between 2pm and 4pm. We will be serving a hot drink and a slice of homemade cake from a selection for £2, and a child's drink and homemade cookie for £1. Come along for a chat with friends before or after school pick-up. There will be activities for children too.



LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL  
Nurturing Curious Minds

**STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?**  
Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and find out why our children love to learn.



**OPEN MORNING**  
13th November 2024  
9.30am - 11am

**OPEN AFTERNOON**  
20th November 2024  
1.30pm - 3pm

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE**

Please call 01373 812592  
Or email - [office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk](mailto:office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk)



Leigh on Mendip School

**TUCK SHOP**

**Hot Dogs**

£4 per child  
£2 per sibling

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
THURS 24TH OCTOBER  
Leigh Memorial Hall  
3:30PM - 5:00PM

Fancy dress optional

R.I.P.

**F.O.L.S**

Please note that parents/guardians **MUST** accompany their children to this event.