

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have settled back into school life beautifully.

Term Dates

Term one: Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October
Term two: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December
Term three: Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
Term four: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March
Term five: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May
Term six: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days

School will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 22nd February
- Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 28th May

Event Reminders

September

- 30th – Young Voices deadline for online sign-up
- 30th @ 14:30 – Harvest Festival (parents welcome)

October

- 1st – Census day / Ladybirds and Robins Food Bank trip
- 15th – Open morning (09:30-11:30)
- 19th – School photos
- 23rd – End of Term One
- 26th-30th – Half term (Camp with 'Mr A' Mon-Wed)

November

- 4th-6th – Stroud Book Festival
- 13th – Flu immunisations
- 12th – Open morning (09:30-11:30)

December

- 16th – Rocksteady concert (2.30pm)

Weekly Reminders

- Mucky Mondays – Ladybirds and Robins
- Forest School - Wednesdays (see below)
- Rocksteady - Wednesdays

Forest School

Term one: Dragonfly	Term two: Kingfisher
Term three: Otter	Term four: Dragonfly
Term five: Kingfisher	Term six: Otter

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks was 93.2%, which is below the National Average.

Individual class totals are:

Robins 93.2%
Dragonfly 93.9%
Kingfisher 92.5%
Otter 93.3%

Class Updates

Ladybirds enjoyed making and sharing their new story stacks with each other. The children had great fun making a hedgehog house with wicker and filling it with leaves, loved exploring moon sand and its properties and making different obstacle courses using planks and tyres. The children were also introduced to our 'kind hands reset area'.

Robins have been working hard in their phonics lessons, forming and recognising new letters. They have been counting and recognising numbers to 5 in maths and learning how important it is to count carefully. They have also been exploring their learning environment including practising cutting skills.

Dragonfly class had great fun painting with blackberry juice in Outdoor Learning. In Maths, they have been ordering numbers and estimating on a number line. They have written fantastic sentences about planet earth in Writing and in Geography, made a map to follow and describe a route, using a key to find the treasure!

Kingfisher have been completing practical experiments about forces in Science and continuing their learning about volcanoes in Geography.

Otters investigated renewable and non-renewable energy production sites in the UK and USA in preparation for writing non-chronological reports in English. In Maths, they have been learning about decimals and in PSHE, about healthy relationships at home, at school and in the outside world.

ParentPay

There is currently £2,500 in unpaid debts on ParentPay. If these balances (excluding PGL 2027) are not cleared by the end of October, the money will be taken out of the already incredibly limited school budget.

Preschool Request

Mrs B has asked if anyone has a Tonie or Yoto they no longer use at home, please can it be donated to Preschool.

Have a lovely weekend 😊