



YEAR 2 ROBINS

Class Teachers: Mr Stanton

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs White, Mrs Strudwick, Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Reilly

Friday 8th May 2026

Important diary dates and reminders

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May: Mr S away on the Year 5 residential. Mrs Breslaw will cover Robins for the week.

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half term: A much-needed week off before the final 7 weeks of Year 2!

Monday 1st June – INSET day: A chance for you to enjoy a long weekend with the children while I'm in school writing end of year reports.

Housekeeping:

Swimming hats and goggles: Please have a chat to your child about the need to wear these during our weekly swimming sessions. Most do so, but the past couple of weeks have seen an increase in the number of children who are refusing to wear them or saying that they don't have them, only for us to then find them in their bags. The expectation is that they are worn by all children each week, so if you could follow this up and make sure your Robin is complying, it would be appreciated.

Class Work Update:

Yet another suitably hectic week for the Robins to deal with, but also yet another Friday reached as 5 more school days can be chalked off the countdown to the summer holidays. I have learnt some things over the week; 1) A three-day weekend does not agree with this cohort and as lovely as I'm sure the Bank Holiday was for everyone, it didn't make settling back into class on Tuesday easy at all. 2) Doing a class assembly (more on that in a bit) and having a swimming session on the same day is not advisable. Granted, both were fully enjoyed by the children, but again, trying to get any kind of learning from them in the short classroom time we had, whilst in the state of euphoria they were in, was an exercise which proved fairly fruitless overall. Factor in the final forest school session on Tuesday morning, a third of the class out at a sports tournament on Wednesday morning and you'll understand that trying to deliver the curriculum has been somewhat challenging this week. These and other events and rehearsals which have taken place over the past half term have annihilated the timetable and next week Robins will be doing Lesson 3 in Computing, Lesson 4 in Art, 2 in PSHE and 5 in History, just to give some idea of how crazy it has all become. Still, that's for me to worry about, you just have the joy of reading about it here.

Of course, I shall not be around next week as I'll be away with Year 5, so it will be the capable Mrs Breslaw who has the job of getting everything back in shape for me. Don't worry though – all the planning, work etc has been done by me and she knows exactly what to do, so it'll be a great week for the Year 2s and very easy for me to pick things up again when I'm back in school the following Monday. So, while there has been the odd bit of work completed, it doesn't warrant a mention here, so I'll end with a bit about quite brilliant assembly that Robins delivered yesterday. The children have worked so very hard to put on the performance that they did and I know were so proud of it. They have done brilliantly in learning their lines, speaking with volume and such enormous confidence in front of a couple of hundred people. I was immensely proud as their teacher and I am sure that you were as parents too. You'll remember from previous notes that I'd challenged the class to make their assembly even better than the Nativity. They absolutely did. Thank you for the support you gave in sending in



the amazing costumes and helping them learn their lines. If you have any photos or videos, particularly any that were taken during the assembly, please do email them over to the Robins@ email address and I'll see if I can put some sort of montage together. A great way to end the week and another sizeable thing I can now tick off the yearly 'To Do' list.

Spellings:

I'm going to change the way we do spellings after half term. The Little Wandle bits are going a little too off-piste for my liking, so I want to return the focus to the kind of words children are and will always be, using more in their writing. Like these, which they should learn for next week:

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Home learning:

Maths worksheet

Introducing Unit Fractions. A unit fraction is one in which the top number – the numerator – is 1. A non-unit fraction is one in which the numerator is not 1. Hopefully this is a simple enough concept to grasp, the children seemed to do so in class, so I can't imagine there being too much difficulty in their completion of the worksheet. They just need to complete the examples, as directed on the sheet.

And finally...

That's me signing off for a week. I imagine there'll be a note of some sort next Friday, although probably one which contains considerably less sarcasm and subtle humour than you might have noticed in mine. A quiet weekend ahead for me, while I endeavour to bank as much sleep as possible before next week's barrage of sleepless nights in a Dorset field. Having said that, it's the outstanding 'Village at War' event at Tilford's Rural Life Museum this weekend and that's an annual event I don't like to miss out on, so who knows, I might head along to that. You definitely should too – it's a quite brilliant event. Have a pleasant weekend whatever you get up to and while I may see you briefly on Monday morning before heading off, I'll catch you again properly in a week. **Keep smiling, stay safe.**

Mr S.