YEAR 2 ROBINS

Class Teacher: Mr Stanton
Learning Support Assistants: Mrs White and Mrs Thomas
Friday 16th October 2026

Important diary dates and reminders:

Tuesday 3rd November: Flu Sprays
Thursday 5th November: Diwali Dance Workshop (Children need to be in PE kit for this, as well as their two usual PE days.
Friday 6th November: Individual and Sibling photographs
Thursday 12th November: Fort Nelson trip
*****ADVANCE NOTICE***: Robins' class assembly will be on Thursday 11th March 2027, 08:50am.**

Housekeeping:

Nativity: Today, those Robins who need to, have brought home their Nativity lines to learn, ready for when our rehearsals start after the half term break. Please ensure that they practice and practice and practice them – the sooner they know them by heart, the quicker and easier it will be to bring the play together, so any help you can give them will be enormously beneficial. Any time that the children can read through their line(s) is invaluable – just before they get into bed, during the car journey home from the supermarket, in the mirror etc. Not all children have brought lines home – those who haven't, don't need to. I didn't have enough time to think about costumes, but the words took priority. We'll get costume letters out as soon as we can when we return to school.
Uniform: Please can all children return to school after the break wearing full winter uniform.
Christmas Card Design: We have been invited by Gregory Stafford, MP for Farnham and Bordon, to take part in his annual *Christmas Card Competition.* Pupils are encouraged to create a festive design to be featured on his official Christmas card; recipients of this card include Headteachers in the constituency, senior national political leaders, prominent members of our local community and His Majesty King Charles III. The winning design will feature on the front cover of the card, with those in second, third and fourth place featuring elsewhere on the card. If your child is interested in entering the competition, please hand their design into the school office by **Monday 2nd November.** On the reverse of the design please include: child's name, age and school. If one of our pupils wins the competition, Gregory Stafford will visit our school in early December to congratulate the winner and present them with a special Christmas gift from the House of Commons. We look forward to receiving your entries!

Class Work Update:

What with losing a week of the timetable due to the longer break, the past five days have been a little fraught as we try to squeeze the extra work in and ensure that we get done everything we need to. Pleasingly, as I finish this note, albeit later than intended, I think we can look back on a job well done since Monday and celebrate all that we have achieved. The English work around the book 'look Up' reached its conclusion, with the children writing diary entries, imagining that they were Mae Jemison on her space voyage. Maths took a bit of a battering in terms of sessions being moved around, or postponed until next half term, but the children completed some decent individual whiteboard work, looking at adding by making 10, adding three 1-digit numbers and so on. Their addition and subtraction unit runs for another two weeks after the break.

In the other subjects, various End of Unit assessments and written pieces were completed, while in Art, the children used iPads to take photographs of each other posing to show different emotions and feelings. They did this really well actually and fully embraced their first use of the devices. Losing an afternoon to parents' evening always presents further challenge, but we managed to get everything ticked off by close of play Friday and bring the first half term to a productive and positive close. Time to rest before we do it all again in a couple of weeks.

Spellings:

No spellings to learn over the half term. The first set will come home on the first Friday back, to be tested the following week.

Home Learning:

Nothing specific from me, but there are two pieces of whole-school home learning which we would like all children to have a go at. These relate to Black History and Remembrance. I have spoken through both with the Robins and talked about some of the activities they can choose from, so hopefully they know enough about what to do. The 'instructions' for both are stuck into the home learning books already, but can also be found in PDF form along with this note on the class page.

We made it. The first seven weeks of Year 2 are complete – one half term down, five to go. Not that we are counting down – we're having an absolute blast so far this year – it's just constantly alarming how quickly the weeks are passing by. I'm sure the same will be true of the second half term, but for now, it's the next two weeks which must take the focus of us all. I know there are all kinds of activities, trips and holidays planned for the Robins and I have no doubt they will enjoy everything they do. Thank you for your continued support across this half term – it's been a pleasure working with you all thus far. Have a wonderful half term and I shall see you in November. **Keep smiling, stay safe, Mr S.**