



Welcome to Goldfinch Class





What our week looks like:

Teachers: Mrs Litt - Monday and Tuesday (alternate Wednesdays)

Mrs Bingham - Thursday and Friday (alternate Wednesdays)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Green - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Miss Nichols - Thursdays

Mrs Walton - Fridays

PPA Cover: 1 hour on a Tuesday afternoon with Sports Coach - Mr Lyness

School Day Timings

Classroom doors open at **8.40am** for an **8.45am** start.

End of the school day is **3.15pm**.

PE Day: Tuesday and Wednesday. **PE Kit:** White t-shirt, black shorts and daps/trainers.

Children are expected to change into their PE kits for PE lessons.

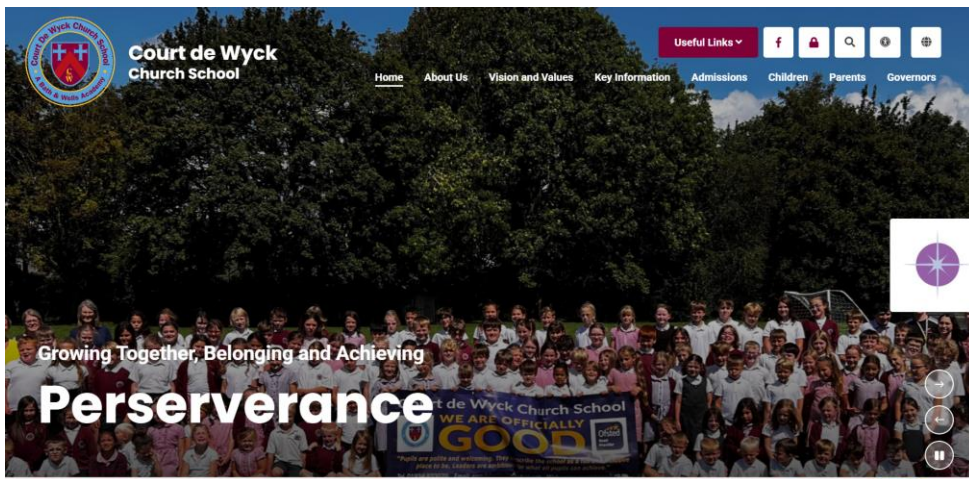


Useful information:

It has been lovely getting to know Goldfinch class throughout these first few days back, they have all had a very positive start to the new school year.

We have a wonderful new school website and we are in the process of getting all of our class information on there.

If you haven't had a look at our new website please do to become familiar with the new layout. We will be adding information and photos of what we have been doing throughout the year for you to see on our class page.



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What to bring to school every day:

- Named water bottle
- School bag and reading folder - which contains reading book and reading record.
- Named coat
- Fruit - School fruit is provided daily for Year 1 and 2 children. We never know what this fruit may be, so you may want to provide a healthy snack for break time to ensure your child has something they like. This can be a piece of fruit or a fruit or cereal bar (NO chocolate bars or crisps).
- Please note that we are also a nut free school.
- Please do not bring toys to school.
- **Milk** - You have the option to pay for milk for your children to have every day by ordering directly from the milk company. Please see the school office if you require information about this.



Topic themes:

Theme overview - this will soon be on our class page on the school website.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be following the Key Stage One National Curriculum in all subjects - History, Geography, Science, Design and Technology, Music, Art, RSHE and PE.

For our first learning theme for Terms 1 and 2 we will be looking at "What makes our local area special?" with a focus on Clevedon Pier.

We will try and do Show and Tell on Fridays.

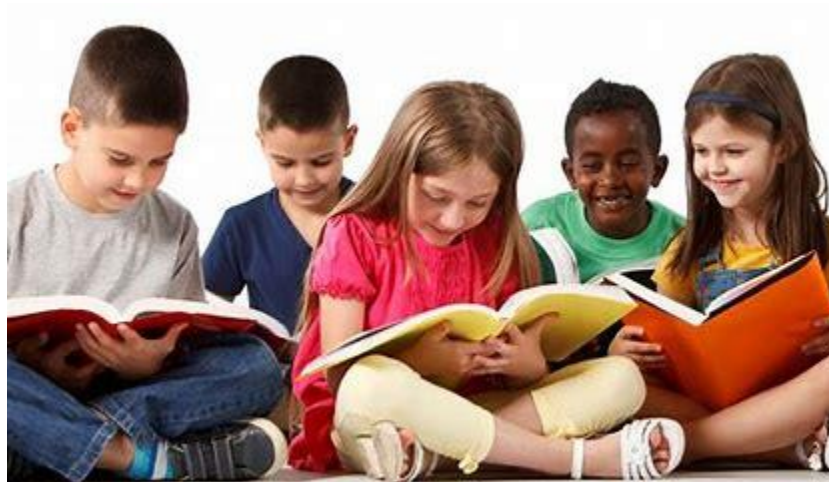


Reading:

It is really important that you try to read with your child at home as much as possible.

Please try and hear your child read every day and record in their reading record when you have read with them.

For our whole school reading challenge, we count all the reads that your child does with an adult in school and at home. Reads will be counted at the end of each week and they gain different certificates for the number of reads they achieve throughout the school year.





Spellings/homework:

Spelling lists will be given out at the beginning of each term and labelled with the date. The children will practise these spellings in school, but these will also need practising at home.

If spelling sheets get lost, please ask for another one. Spellings can be also found on our *Goldfinch Class* page.

There will then be a spelling test every Friday morning.

The spelling will be marked with the children so they will be aware of their scores.

We may also give out more practical topic related homework projects throughout the year.



Attendance:

Attendance is monitored closely so please avoid taking holidays during term time, it would result in your child missing whole chunks of work.

Please ensure the office is informed if your child is going to be absent for any reason.



Forest School:

Year 1 children will be taking part in a forest school club which will be taking place during a Tuesday lunch time.

The children will get changed, eat their lunch and then meet Becky our forest school leader. The session is led by her.

The children will be split into two groups. The first group will start forest school this term. When the first group have finished, the second group will start so that everyone gets a chance to do it.

A message will be sent home to let you know if your child is in the first group.

Your child will need appropriate outdoor clothes - they can get muddy and they use the fire pit. They will need wellies or appropriate footwear every Tuesday. We are happy for the children to leave their forest school bag in school. Forest school takes place in all weathers, so please think about sending in waterproofs if wet weather is forecast.



Communication:

We greet the children at the door every morning when the classroom door is opened.

Our first parents evening will be taking place in October.

Information can be found on the school website and in our school newsletters.

If for some reason you can't catch us at the door messages can be left for us at the school office and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can.



Behaviour and Rewards

Our behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

We have high expectations of all the children in *Goldfinch Class*.

We reward children for good behaviour through:

- Raffle tickets
- Hot chocolate Friday with Mrs Baker-Brown
- Certificates in Reading and Math challenges, Crew, Bee Proud, Writer of the week and achieving the Head Teacher's Award.



Thank you for coming today:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We are available for any quick messages before school and normally free to have longer discussions after school.

We are here to help as much as we can.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to working with you.

The Goldfinch Team