



# October Newsletter

**October 2025**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter. It has been a very busy few weeks with trips and visitors. We have had a maths problem solving day, skipping workshops and a trip to Redwood Outdoor centre for the School Council members.

We have been working hard to learn new skills and develop our knowledge. All classes have settled well as children have got used to their new teachers and classroom routines. We welcomed parents into school for the first Parents' Evening of the academic year. One week until half-term and there is still lots left to achieve! We are looking forward to the FOSS film night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Harvest Festival on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2:30 p.m.

## Harvest Festival

Please join us in St. John's Church at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for our Harvest Festival. Each class will be performing in the service, so it would be great to see family and friends from our whole school community joining together. Please collect your child(ren) from the church at the end of the service.



## Movie Night

Don't forget that we have a movie night planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> October from 6 p.m to 8:00 p.m to help raise funds for FOSS. Everyone is welcome. Tickets available via parent pay or on the door. £3 each to include drinks and snacks.

## Librarians

We were absolutely amazed at the amount of letters we had from children wanting to be a school librarian. The letters were of a fantastic quality - well done everyone. We now have a large team of students dedicated to making the library the best it can be and they are really enthusiastic about continuing to raise the profile of reading in our school.



## Good bye to Coach Dan

Coach Dan is leaving us at half-term, as he embarks on a new and exciting journey to pursue a career in the army. Dan is going to be extremely missed by the staff, children and parents and we wish him so much love and success. His commitment to PE over the last seven years at Slimbridge has been incredible; he has led with passion and dedication and inspired so many of our children to take part in sporting activities and develop their skills in fitness. We are deeply grateful to everything Dan has done for our school, and we know that he will continue to succeed in everything he approaches. Thank you Dan for being a key part of our Slimbridge family - we hope you come back to visit us when you eventually have some time off!

## Redwood Visit

The school council visited Redwood Forest School as part of our collaboration with a local cluster of schools. Our children took part in team building activities, pond dipping, problem solving challenges and woodland hunts. They had an amazing time and met lots of new friends from other local schools. We were impressed with their ability to get along with others and chat to people who they had never met before - some great skills to learn.



## Skipping Day

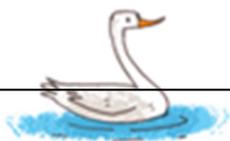
Dan the Skipping Man and his assistant Toby, visited Slimbridge on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to teach the children some new skipping skills. We were so impressed by how quickly the children developed their talent at skipping and we can't wait to see them continuing to practice at play-times. They worked well as a team and showed our values of Generosity, Resilience, Empathy, Achievement and Teamwork.



## Maths Puzzles

Mr Ede visited the school on 1<sup>st</sup> October and the 9<sup>th</sup> October to develop the children's maths problem solving skills.

The children enjoyed trying to solve the maths puzzles and were excited to work out the tricky answers. Our children showed great perseverance and great mathematical ability and also had lots of fun! We have some fantastic mathematicians at Slimbridge!



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## Dates

Date	Who?	Event
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Girls' Football Team	Girls' Football Tournament
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	FOSS Movie Night in school hall. 6:00-8:00p.m
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Netball Club	Netball Tournament at Rednock
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 9:30 a.m.	New to reception Parents	Tour of school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2:30p.m	Whole School	Harvest Festival at St. John's Church
27 <sup>th</sup> October - 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Whole School	October Half-Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whole School	Children return to school after half-term
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	New to reception Parents	Tour of school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Children-in-Need: Dressing up Pudsey style
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Whole School	FOSS Dance Night 6-8p.m
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	Clay Workshops
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2/3	Y1/2/3 Nativity
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Reception Class Nativity