

# HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Families,

This week our Winter learning took flight as we explored native British birds, inspired by the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We began by talking together about birds the children already know or have seen. Some confident answers included robins, blackbirds, and pigeons. From there, we looked at common birds found in the UK, learning to notice their colour.

Wrapped up warm, we headed out on an outdoor walk to spot birds in our environment. The children used clipboards and bird-spotting sheets, carefully looking and listening as they explored. To support this, we created a special bird hide outdoors using camouflage netting and a tarpaulin – a perfect quiet space for observation and imagination.

We discussed why winter can be a tricky time for birds and why they may need help finding food. The children shared ideas about what birds eat. They then enjoyed making their own bird feeders, using seed and vegetable suet and shape cutters to mould them – a fantastic hands-on activity that built both understanding and fine motor skills.

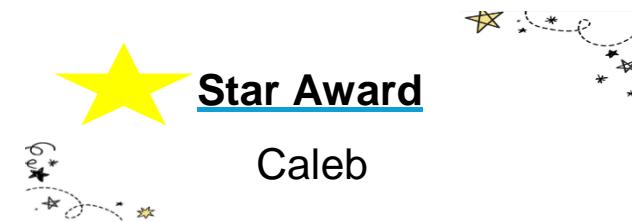
The children were inspired by beautiful bird illustrations from bird artist Matt Sewell. Using watercolours and small brushes, they had a go at creating their own bird artwork, experimenting with colour, detail, and careful brush control.

We were lucky to welcome a dentist into preschool this week, who talked to us all about how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. The children learned about the importance of brushing our teeth, visiting the dentist, and which foods are good or bad for our teeth. This visit inspired lots of thoughtful discussion at lunchtime, as the children excitedly chatted about what was in their lunchboxes and whether different foods were healthy or unhealthy for their teeth – a wonderful example of learning carrying on throughout the day!

Happy weekend! The Pre-School Team ☺

### Things to Remember:

- Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.
- PE session with Mr Ridge every Thursday morning. Please provide appropriate footwear.



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