



Diary of the Leaden Hall School Great Tit Family, Spring 2010

19.4.10	The Great Tit is in her nest at nights now
20.4.10	Birds have made the nest – egg 1
21.4.10	We think the nest is abandoned – no parents seen
22.4.10	Birds back – egg 2 – parents disappear for the day again.
23.4.10	Egg 3, but it is well hidden. It is a good nest but the birds are not on it except at night.
24.4.10	5 eggs now. Still no sign of the birds except at night. We are worried that the eggs will be cold.
25.4.10	6 eggs.
26.4.10	7 eggs. A bird is sitting on the nest all the time. Sometimes the eggs are covered.
27.4.10	The Daddy bird comes in to feed the Mummy bird on the nest.
28.4.10	Mummy bird hardly ever on her nest.
29.4.10	Mummy bird is sitting on her nest.
8.5.10	9.20am 3 eggs have hatched! Mum and Dad in the bird box.
	4.30 pm Mrs Eager saw Mummy bird eating shell.
	6.45 pm Mrs Witte saw Mummy chewing food and putting it in the babies mouths.
10.5.10	6.40 pm Year 6 boarder sees mummy feeding bagies a worm ..ewww..!
11.5.10	7.45 am Mummy feeding chicks a worm and is sitting on them.
12.5.10	Only 6 babies – no feathers.
13.5.10	Another baby appears to have gone. Only 5 babies left.
14.5.10	One baby is much bigger than the rest. His head reaches up higher so he gets more food.
15.5.10	Some feathers are coming.
16.5.10	Both Mum and Dad feed babies all the time. They are not eating our sunflower seeds in our bird restaurant area near their nest. We wonder why?
17.5.10	Lots more feathers. They are getting white stripes on their wings.
18.5.10	Babies are getting bigger. One is not so big. Their eyes are still closed but one eye of one might be opening.
19.5.10	Still 5 babies. 2 are small, 1 middle and 2 large. The large baby eats most because it is first at the door and gets in the way of the others.
20.5.10	5 babies but one is very small and not trying hard to get food. We think the mum is pecking it too.
22.5.10	Babies are really getting feathers now. Eyes are open.
24.5.10	Biggest baby is always first at the door and grabs food. We think one baby has died.
25.5.10	All babies we can see seem to have their feathers and are calling at the door constantly.

26.5.10	5 birds are left. 3 are flying around but come back to the nest at night.
27.5.10	2 little birds still begging and only one is hovering at the door. 1 is still quite small.
29.5.10	The nest is empty.