



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 36

17th July 2026

Dear Parents,

Our New School Houses

Following a whole-school vote on Monday, we are delighted to announce our new school houses, which will be introduced from September.

Our new houses are:

- **Beechenhurst**
- **Clearwell**
- **Puzzlewood**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the vote. It was fantastic to see so many children sharing their views and helping to make this important decision for our school community.

We look forward to seeing our new houses in action from September, with plenty of opportunities for teamwork, friendly competition and celebrating success together!

Mike's Marathon Challenge for Littledean C of E Primary School!

Our Vicar and Chair of Governors, Mike Barnsley, is taking on the incredible challenge of walking a marathon in a single day (14th August) to raise money for our school.

The funds raised will go towards installing classroom doors in the Junior classrooms, a project requested by the children in Maple Class to help create a quieter, more focused learning environment.

If you are able to support Mike's fantastic effort, any donation—big or small—would be hugely appreciated. You can donate using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your support and for helping us make this improvement for our children!

<https://givealittle.co/c/62hvE0bKpWl69ruzvOPfi5>



PE Kit for September

A reminder that, from September, our school PE kit will be:

- A green T-shirt or green polo shirt
- Dark-coloured shorts or dark-coloured jogging bottoms
- Trainers

We kindly ask that all children come to school wearing the correct PE kit on their allocated PE day. Wearing the appropriate kit helps children to participate safely and comfortably in their PE lessons. Thank you for your support in helping children to be ready for learning.



Great British Summer Savings

A message from the Department of Education:

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

A Final Farewell

To our Year 6 children and their families, we wish you every success and happiness as you begin the next exciting chapter at secondary school. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and know you will continue to shine.

We also say a fond farewell to two much-valued members of staff – Mrs Walters and Mrs Zimbalatti, as they move on to new ventures. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school community and wish them every success for the future.

In September, we look forward to welcoming our new children and families as they begin their journey with us. We are excited to have you join our school community.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Message from the Friends'

The Friends would like to thank everyone for their continued support this year.

When we return in September, there will be a meeting - time, date, and location TBA, where the official handover to the new look committee will take place. We'd love to see some new faces come along to this, so keep your eyes peeled for details when we return after summer.

The new committee will look as follows-

Chair: Anthea Searle

Co-Secretaries - Alice Sammons & Jess Ginger

Treasurer: Anna Dilworth

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer and a farewell and good luck to our year 6 leavers and their families.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd September

First Day of Term 1

Tuesday 6th October

Rags2Riches Clothing collection

Tuesday 3rd November

Flu Immunisations

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2026/2027

Term 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3 Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027

INSET Day 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026

INSET Day 2 Friday 23rd October 2026

INSET Day 3 Monday 4th January 2027

INSET Day 4 Monday 22nd February 2027

INSET Day 5 Monday 7th June 2027