Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 9

6th November 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope all our families had a lovely half term break and look forward to an exciting term 2.

Our Christian Value this term is **Truthfulness**



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again, we are supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. Please see the below picture and items we have available in our donation box – the prices are only the suggested amounts but any donation amount is gratefully received.



Zip Pull - 50p
Reflector Poppy – 50p
Snap Band - £1
Traditional Poppy – 50p
Poppy Sticker – 50p
Poppy Pencil – 50p

If you would like to donate and choose an item from the box please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you for your support.

Warm Clothing in School

As the weather starts to get colder and wetter, we ask that all children bring a warm, waterproof coat to school every day**.** We aim to get outside for break times and lunchtime wherever possible, even when the weather is a little cold or wet, so it is important that children are dressed appropriately.

Most of our PE sessions will also take place outdoors, so we recommend that children wear tracksuit bottoms and bring gloves and a hat to keep warm during their sessions.

For children taking part in Forest School, please remember to pack a spare pair of socks**.** If your child enjoys getting particularly muddy during their sessions, a spare pair of trousers to change into afterwards would also be helpful!

Although we do have a small supply of spare clothing for our infant children, we would be very grateful for any donations of pants, socks, trousers and tops to help us when little accidents happen.

If your child comes home wearing any of our spare clothing, please could you ensure it is washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



PE Day Change – Junior Classes

Please note that next week, our Junior children in Years 3–6, who usually have PE on a Friday, will have their PE session on **Tuesday instead**.

This is due to our Children in Need activities taking place on Friday.

Please ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for PE on Tuesday.

Thank you for your understanding!



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We will be supporting **BBC Children in Need** on Friday 13th November and raising money for this wonderful cause.

All children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Donations are to be paid through ParentPay under the payment item named "Children In Need" so that it can then be directly sent to the charity.

We look forward to seeing everyone getting involved and helping us raise money for such a fantastic charity!

Thank you for your support.



A Few Reminders..

A gentle reminder that children should bring a **healthy snack** for break time each day. Please avoid sending crisps and instead choose healthy options such as fruit, vegetables or other nutritious snacks to help keep children energised throughout the school day.



We would also like to remind parents that **jewellery should not be worn in school**. This includes necklaces, earrings and bracelets. This is in line with our school policy and is important for children's safety during the school day, particularly during PE and outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Wrap-Around Care at Littledean School!

Pro-Stars will be offering after-school provision running daily from 3.15 – 5.30pm at Littledean School for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 from January 2027.

The exact start date will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, Pro-Stars would appreciate it if any parents who may be interested in using this provision could complete the survey below. This will help them assess demand and plan accordingly.

Please complete the survey by Monday 9th November.

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Year 5 and 6 TTRockStars Battle of the Bands – Results!

Throughout October, the Year 5 and Year 6 children have been battling it out in a tense TTRockStars competition to see which year group could answer the most times tables questions correctly. All children took part, either in school, at home or both!

And the results are in...

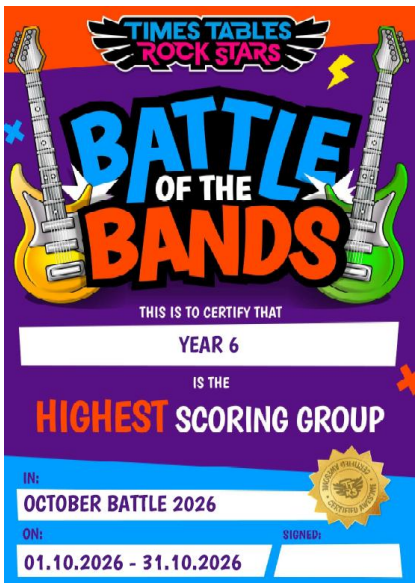
Year 6 are our winners! With an impressive average score of 1,016, they have taken the crown!

Year 5 put up a valiant fight, achieving an average score of 516. Well done for giving Year 6 a run for their money!

A special mention must go to our individual top three in each year group:

- Year 6: 1st – Liliana, 2nd – George, 3rd – Esmee.
- Year 5: 1st – Alisha, 2nd – Nolan, 3rd – Ivy.

A huge well done to our winners and, of course, to all the children who took part and took the time to practise and improve their times tables skills. Keep rocking those times tables!



TTRockStars Battle – Year 3 v Year 4!

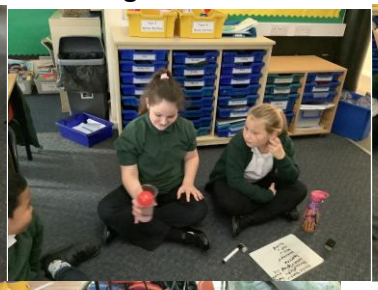
On Monday, a new TTRockStars Battle of the Bands will be launched, this time with **Year 3 taking on Year 4!**
The battle will run from **9th–26th November**, with the eagerly awaited results announced during worship on Friday 27th November.
This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their quick recall of times tables facts in a fun and competitive way. The children have been asking for a battle for a while, so it's time to put those times tables skills to the test!

Come on Year 3 and Year 4 – let's rock!



Science in Year 3 and 4

This term, we have started a new topic in Science and on Monday we started exploring Forces. To begin with, we had a go at describing the actions that Miss Warry was doing to change the shape of some play dough. She was twisting, squeezing, squishing, stretching and bending it in all sorts of ways! After that, we worked in pairs to explore the different ways we could make a ball move WITHOUT touching the ball! Some of us blew on the ball, some of us tied string to the ball to drag it, some of us used water to swirl the ball around in a cup. Once we had come up with lots of very imaginative ways of moving the ball, we discussed what kind of forces our actions were. We were really good at deciding which forces were push, pull and twist forces. We now understand that a force is needed to move, stop or change the shape of an object and it is safe to say that we are very excited to continue exploring forces throughout the rest of the term!



The Friends of Littledean
C of E Primary School

Light Party at the end of term

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the school Light Party at the end of term. An amazing way to end the term. We all had amazing fun, was wonderful watching the children having a blast.



Colouring Competition – Half Term Fun

17 children entered this Autumn Terms colouring competition.

Well done everyone. Thank you so much Mrs Webb for judging as I would have struggled with the fantastic entries we had. Congratulations to all our winners.

Blessings
The Friends of Littledean



Diary Dates

Monday 9th November	Parent Consultations Y3 and Y4
Tuesday 10th November	Parent Consultations Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultations R, Y1 and Y2
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – Non Uniform
Tuesday 17th November	Open Morning
Wednesday 18th November	Open Morning
Friday 11th December	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 14th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2026 / 2027 – Please see website for full details

Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET Day	**3**	Monday 4th January 2027
INSET Day	**4**	Monday 22nd February 2027
INSET Day	**5**	Monday 7th June 2027