



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 25

4th April 2025

Dear Parents,

Tesco Grant – Voting Started on Tuesday 1st April

TESCO
**Stronger
Starts.**



Please support us by voting for us in store with your blue token and encouraging friends and family to do the same.

Littledean School have successfully been shortlisted for a Tesco grant award of up to £1,500 to help us to buy additional resources to support teaching across the curriculum!

Voting details:

When: 1st April – 30th June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

Social Media Survey

Thank you to all of you who responded to our Social Media survey. Overwhelmingly the responses showed that families would prefer us to use Facebook to update them on events and activities taking place in school.

We will be working on creating a new account in the coming days and will let you know when this is up and running.



Sponsored Bunny Bounce – Wednesday 2nd April 2025

We had a fantastic morning bouncing on the bouncy castle on Wednesday morning.

Our bounciest bunnies were:

Maple Class - Tayton with 97 bounces

Chestnut Class – George and Jacob with 110 bounces

Holly Berries Class - Leo C and Lilly with 92 bounces

Holly Leaves Class – Lando with 93 bounces

Our congratulations goes them and everyone that took part.

We would like to thank Andy and Sophie for loaning us the bouncy castle.

So far our sponsor tally is reading £335.80, this is amazing, thank you.

We ask that all sponsor money is collected and paid into our online payment system www.parentpay.com by Thursday 10th April, we can then plan how we will spend this before the end of the summer term.





Friends – Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Recently the Friends issued raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 18th April at 12.00.

If you require more tickets, please contact Amy Evans or the school office. All tickets, sold or unsold, counterfoils and money should be returned to school by Thursday 10th April, our last day of term.



After School Sports Clubs

Our After School Sports Clubs will continue to run after the Easter Holidays. They will be hosted by Mr Edwards from Pro Stars, we will continue to offer activities such as lacross, mini golf, archery, fencing, curling, hockey. The children will need to wear their PE kits and as the weather gets warmer and sunnier we suggest they bring a hat and sun screen.

If your child already attends they will be able to continue for next term, if they do not already attend and would like to please ask the office for a permission letter.

The clubs will run on the following dates:

Maple Class – Mondays

28th April
12th May
19th May
2nd June
9th June
16th June
23rd June
30th June

Chestnut Class – Tuesdays

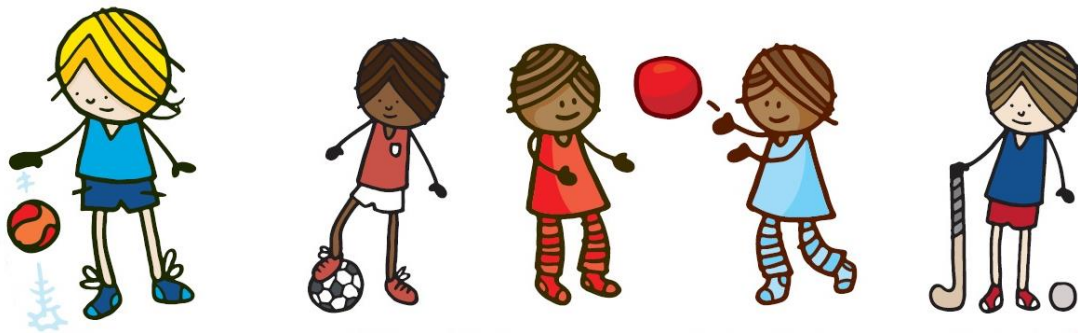
29th April
6th May
13th May
20th May
3rd June
10th June
17th June
24th June
1st July

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes

Our Reception children are invited to join our after school sports club each Wednesday if they wish to. Clubs start at 3.10 p.m. and end at 4.10 p.m. Please collect your child from your normal door.

Holly Class – Wednesdays

30th April
7th May
14th May
21st May
4th June
11th June
18th June
25th June
1st July



NSPCC Guide

NSPCC have a useful guide to help parents decide if their child is ready to stay at home alone. It has helpful questions for parents and children and is full of safety tips!

[Home or out alone guide](#)

Please click the link or open letter 121 on our website for the 16 page information pack



Easter Activities

The children will be visiting St Ethelbert's Church on Tuesday 8th April for Experience Easter sessions with Mike Barnsley and members of the Open the Book Team.

On Thursday 10th April, our last day of term:

- The Pre-School will close at 1.00 p.m., please arrange to collect your child at this time, you are welcome to join us in the Church.
- We will hold our Easter Service at St Ethelbert's Church starting at 1.30 p.m. We would like to invite all our families to join us.
- The School will close for the Easter holidays at 2.15 p.m. Please collect your child from their normal doors.

Hot school meals will be available, the children in the infants and pre-school will eat at a slightly earlier time.



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day 4 11th April 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 2025

2025 / 2026 – **INSET days to be confirmed**

Term 1 Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3 Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance_at_school/169684

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th April

Wednesday 9th April

Thursday 10th April

Friday 18th April

Wednesday 30th April

Friday 2nd May

Friday 2nd May

Wednesday 7th May

Wednesday 7th May

W/c 12th May

Tuesday 20th May

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 21st May

Thursday 22nd May

Experience Easter at St Ethelbert's Church

Maple Class Geography Fieldwork trip

Easter Service at St Ethelbert's.

Friends Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Governors Learning Walk - Writing

80th Anniversary VE Day

First Session for Smash Hits Music

Holly Leaves visit to St Ethelbert's Church

Chestnut Class Swimming session 1

Year 6 SATs week

Governors Learning Walk - Computing

Chestnut Class Swimming session 2

Full Governing Board Meeting

Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge