



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 1

5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We wish you all a very warm welcome to Littledean C of E Primary School. We hope you have enjoyed your first week at school.

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. Our newsletters are published each Friday during school term and we share news and events from the classes, and whole school activities with you. We will also advise you about upcoming visits and events and occasionally there will be the odd nag!

Newsletters are usually emailed to our parents, this one is in paper form and will be sent to your email address that the school holds for you. If you have not received an email please check spam/junk folder, if its not there we probably don't have your correct email address. Please pop into the school office and let them know the correct details.

Staff news

Unfortunately, Mrs Cox, Holly Berries Class Teacher, has made the difficult decision not to return to teaching this year, for the time being she is staying at home enjoying looking after her child.

We were extremely lucky that Mrs Allen was available and happy to return to us. Mrs Allen will be teaching in Holly Berries Class on a Monday and Tuesday, also Wednesday afternoon for PE sessions.

This term we also welcome Ms Hammond, teaching assistant in Chestnut Class and Mrs Saull, teaching assistant in Maple Class.

Christian Value – Term 1

Our Christian Value for life this term is

Friendship



School Office / School Contact Details

The school office will be manned each day by either Mrs Worgan, Business Manager or Mrs Clarkson, Admin Support, from 8.40 a.m. to 3.10 p.m. a lunch break will be taken from 12.30 p.m.– 1.00 p.m.

Not all of our work is office based so please be patient if ringing or waiting for the gates to be opened.

If you need to contact the school please telephone 01594 822171 and leave a message on the answerphone. This is checked regularly and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

If it's a message for something that is happening in a few days time you can email the school on admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk but please remember emails may not be checked until later in the day.

Please do not email about absences, a message on the answerphone is the best way to keep us informed.



Littledean School Social Media

Our new facebook page is now live. Search for 'Littledean C of E Primary School and Preschool' or follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577814292038>



Wrap around care – Breakfast and After School Club

Prostars are excited to announce that Littledean has been accepted as a Wrap Around venue - this process is in depth and is taking slightly longer than expected but we want to reassure families that this provision will be coming to Littledean in the very near future.

Prostars are in regular communications with the schools to provide updates and once the final details have been accepted then Prostars will confirm a start date.



Contact Details – Can we get hold of you in an Emergency?



As most of our communications are now through email or postings on the school website it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are not sure please check with the school office or send an email to admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk with your new details. Thank you.

PE Days and Forest School

Maple Class

Monday

Chestnut Class

Tuesday

Holly Berries Class (R, Y1, Y2)

Wednesday

Please come to school dressed in your PE kit or Forest Schools Kit



School PE Kit:

Black shorts, t-shirt in the colour of their house, trainers, tracksuit top/bottom in cold weather.

PE day is not a non-uniform day. Thank you.



Forest School Kit:

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Class - Thursday

Long sleeved tops, long trousers, wellington boots, waterproof coat and trousers if you have them. Also a spare pair of socks is always useful. Remember we will be outside in all weathers and likely to get dirty.

Tesco Grant

Over the summer holidays, we received the news that we came 2nd in Tesco's Stronger Starts bid. This will mean the school receives a £500 grant which will enable us to buy additional resources to support our teaching of the curriculum. Thank you for all of your support with this.



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

Term 1	Monday 1 st September 2025 – Friday 24 th October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025 – Friday 19 th December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 th January 2026 – Friday 13 th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 th February 2026 – Friday 27 th March 2026
Term 5	Monday 13 th April 2026 – Friday 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 st June 2026 – Monday 20 th July 2026

INSET Day	1	Monday 1 st September 2025
INSET Day	2	Monday 3 rd November 2025

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

Monday 1 st September	INSET Day 1 – staff only to attend
Tuesday 2 nd September	First day of term 1
Monday 8 th September	Maple After School Sport Club starts
Tuesday 9 th September	Chestnut After School Sport club starts
Friday 12 th September	Smash Hit Music session 1
Thursday 18 th September	Individual and Family Group photographs
Thursday 18 th September	Full Governing Board meeting

w/c 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATS week