



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 7

17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite you to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home which explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shooboxworld.co.uk.



Flu Immunisation - Consent

We sent an email with details of how to consent for your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation. This will take place on Tuesday 4th November – The first day back after half term. We ask that you complete the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

Consent is given using an online form only which must be completed by 3rd November.

Please see following link:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Unique Code: GC115631

New Dinner Menu

Caterlink have introduced a new menu for the Autumn and Winter Term, starting week commencing Monday 3rd November 2025 – the first day back after half term will be Tuesday 4th November. The new Menus have been emailed to you today and they can also be found on our website.

Weekly menus are sent out on Friday. Please remember to return the menu each Monday morning with your meal choices for the week. Payment for meals should be made through www.parentpay.com and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.

Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

The Friends are busy planning for their Christmas Fair “Santa’s Christmas Boots” on Friday 28th November from 3.10. Please see separate attachment for more details on this.



As usual, they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.

We will hold two non – uniform days:

- **Friday 24th October in return for Bottles and Chocolates**
- **Friday 21st November in return for Jingle Jars**

Also we will be asking for any donations of cakes for the Christmas Fair refreshment stall, these can be dropped into school on Friday 28th November.



Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. You may also be fined for taking your child out of school during term time.



Consultation to Join a Trust

You should have received an email earlier this week regarding the governing board of Littledean Church of England School formally seeking views on plans to join the Diocese Gloucester Academies Trust (DGAT), an Academy Trust.

The proposed change means that the school will formally join a larger family of schools and will be under the direct legal governance of DGAT. The change means that Littledean Church of England School will no longer be responsible for its own governance.

Your views are important to us and we ask that you either return the paper copy that was issued to children, or complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/e5TZ7d289t>

Please note that the consultation ends at 12.00 p.m. on Friday 28th November 2025.

You are also invited to the stakeholders meeting on Tuesday 11th November at 5.30 p.m. in the School Hall.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Poppy Appeal. This year we have the following items in our box (suggested donation):



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



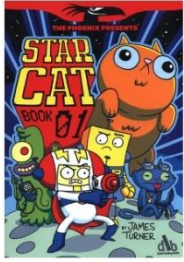
If you would like to donate please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you

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 to see what the children have been up to in class:

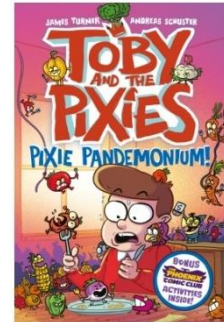
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577814292038>

Maple Class Visit the Cheltenham Children's Literature Festival



Today, Maple Class enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Cheltenham Children's Literature Festival. The children took part in an engaging workshop led by author James Turner, where they learned all about the creative process behind writing and illustrating stories.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page to see photos from this exciting trip!



Holly Berries and Holly Leaves

Holly Berries and Leaves have been having fun learning in our brilliant Forest School space. We have been counting acorns, melting ice, threading leaves and dissecting pumpkins. What a lot of skills to develop in one afternoon!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Forest School this week. It was wonderful to see you all having fun with the children. We really appreciate your support in their learning and hope to see you all again soon.

We have so many photos to share. Please have a look on Class DoJo to see more!



New Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome Lauan Brittain to the Governing Body as our newest Parent Governor. We look forward to the valuable perspective she will contribute in representing the views and interests of parents.

We would also like to remind families that there is still **one Parent Governor vacancy** to be filled. Parent Governors play a vital role in helping shape the strategic direction of the school, ensuring that the voice of our parent community is heard at the highest level of decision-making. It's an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in your child's education and the wider school environment.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or would like to find out more about what the role involves, please contact the school office. We'd love to hear from you!

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 nd October	Forest Youth Association CEV
Monday 6 th October	Friends' Meeting
Tuesday 7 th October	Full Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday 14 th October	Chestnut & Maple Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th October	Holly Berries Parent Consultations
Thursday 16 th October	Grandparent Celebration in Forest School -Holly Berries
Friday 17 th October	Maple Class Cheltenham Literacy Festival
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu Immunisations Reception- Y6
Tuesday 11 th November	Rags2Riches Clothes Collection
Friday 28 th November	Friends' "Santa's Christmas Boots" Event
Monday 15 th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Maple Class' Skillzone
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	Maple Class Activity Day
w/c 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week

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