



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 30

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents,

## Spelling Bee

Five children from our school went to St White's school this week to compete against 12 other school in the Forest of Dean Spelling Bee. The standard across all year groups was exceptionally high, and we were incredibly proud of the way our children supported one another and represented our school so brilliantly. A huge well done to Ada who won the Year 1/2 competition with her ability to spell the word astronaut. We are so proud of our super spellers!!



## Rags2Riches Collection

Thank you for your donations for the Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday. We raised £25.73 in total for the school. If you missed this one, the next collection date will be confirmed shortly.

## Swimming Lessons

We appreciate the disappointment caused by the children missing their swimming sessions. We have explored the possibility of arranging additional sessions to make up for the lessons missed; however, we have been unable to secure suitable days and times when both the pool and a coach are available. We are hopeful that arrangements will return to normal after half term and will keep families updated.



## **School Photographer – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

The School Photographer will be in school on the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. She will take class group photographs and individual photographs for our year 6 children.

If your child attends pre-school and you would like them to be included in the class group photograph, please be at school for 9.00 a.m. We will take Holly Leaves group first so that you aren't waiting around too long.

Any queries please speak with your class teacher.



## Half Term

We wish all families a restful week off enjoying the sunshine. A reminder that it is inset day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.40am ready for the last term of the academic year!



## Holly Leaves

This week in Holly leaves we have been busy learning about the life cycles of humans, the ages and stages of development and the characteristics of humans in different stages of life. The children have been using small world play to embed their learning and reflect on their own families and the people that live with them.



As part of our topic work, we collected some tadpoles from the school pond to help expand our knowledge on the life cycle of a frog. The children are thrilled to announce that 'Freddy the frog' has grown legs and they are really looking forward to releasing him back into the pond to develop even further



The children (and staff) in Holly Leaves have had very green fingers this term; we have been busy planting lots of different herbs, vegetables and flowers. Our beanstalks are growing rapidly, as well as our strawberries, Rosemary, Sunflowers and chives!



### **Spare clothes;**

Unfortunately, our supply of spare clothes is running low - a friendly reminder to return any spare clothes you may have so that our children can benefit from them. Furthermore, if you have any children's clothes aged 4 years and above, we would be grateful for all donations; especially socks!

As we approach the end of the year, we will be making use of the sunshine by playing with water and other messy play, therefore it would be really helpful if all children in Pre-school and reception could have a spare set of clothes in their bag (to include pants, socks, bottoms and a top) to ensure they have something to change into if any mishaps should occur.

As always, children should come to school prepared for the warm weather with a drinks bottle, sunhat and sun cream.



## Maple Class

Maple Class have officially launched into rehearsals for the KS2 Summer production of Gigglebox – the classroom has already been filled with laughter, singing and plenty of dramatic flair!



## Diary Dates

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and Year 6 Leavers photos
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform – Jazzy Jars
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception first induction (classroom)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends' Summer Fun Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception second induction (forest school)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception third induction (classroom)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports day (timings TBC)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Pre-school Stay and Play
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service at St Ethelberts

## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

**Term 5** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Term 6** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**INSET Day 4** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**INSET Day 5** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### 2026/2027

**Term 1** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

**Term 2** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**Term 3** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**INSET Day 1** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**INSET Day 2** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

**INSET Day 3** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**INSET Day 4** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

**INSET Day 5** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027