



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 3

19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

School Photographs – Thursday 18th September

The photographer took some beautiful photographs of the children yesterday, these were sent home with the children today.

Please place your orders online by Thursday 3rd October so that they can be delivered towards the end of October.



School Trips

You should have received letters this week with details of our upcoming visits. We have sent these out with advance notice. Parents are welcome to spread the cost of any upcoming school trips by making small, regular payments through ParentPay. This flexible option allows you to pay over time, making it easier to manage costs.

If you have any problems with making payments then please contact the school office.



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Waterproof Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat each day, as they will be spending time outside in all weather.

Thank you for helping us keep them warm and dry!



Absences from School

A reminder that school starts at 8.40 a.m. Gates are locked at 8.45 a.m. If children arrive after this they must report to the main reception doors for entry into school and will be marked as late on the register.

If your child is going to be absent then please contact the school office by 9.15am to advise why they will not be attending.

School ends at 3.10 p.m. or 4.10 p.m. when attending after school clubs. If you are going to be late or if someone different is due to collect your child, please let us know. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Why should I apply? - For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals? Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Infant free school meals in England -Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in: reception class, year 1, year 2. We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications so as to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding.

For further information and to apply please visit

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

News from Maple Class

This week, Maple Class got off to a fantastic start with their new computing unit on *Vector Drawing*. The children began by experimenting with six specific shapes to create their own imaginative pictures. After that, they were introduced to Google Drawings and were very excited to produce their very first vector drawings!



In Art, the class has been learning all about one-point perspective and vanishing points. They really impressed us with their careful and creative work, producing some wonderful perspective drawings.



Don't forget to take a look at our Facebook page, where you can find lots more photographs of Maple Class in action!

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:

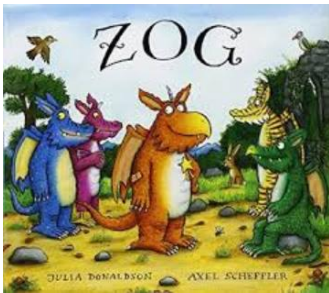
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577814292038>



Holly Berries Class

Holly Berries have made a great start to the Autumn term and have settled well into the new classroom and routines.

This half term our featured author will be Michael Rosen and we will be sharing both his books and performance poetry with the children.



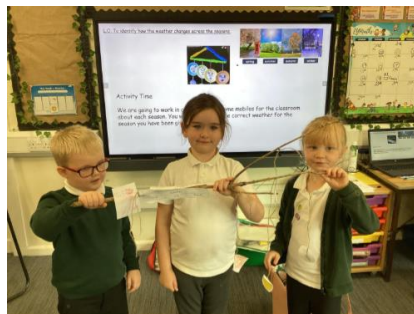
In English we are using the book Zog by Julia Donaldson as our inspiration for writing. So far, the children have written descriptions of Zog. To help your child become more familiar with the story you might like to watch it with them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bwdw8y/zog>

In Maths, Year 1 are learning to count, read and write numbers within 10. Year 2 have been looking at place value within 100 and consolidating their knowledge of the value of each digit in 2-digit numbers. The school has subscribed to Numbots and this is a useful online game that your child could play at home to improve their basic number skills. The log in details will be in your child's reading record. This is the link to the login page <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/56838>



Our Science topic for this half term is seasons and the weather. We found out about the 4 seasons and what the weather was like in each one. We worked in groups to produce mobiles for each season.



Reminder – please send in your child's reading bag, book and record into school every day. Thank you

Holly Leaves

Holly leaves and Holly Berries have really enjoyed our forest schools session now the weather has turned wet! We had great fun jumping in the mud pit and even got Mrs Worgan to jump in.



Now Autumn is very nearly here and the weather is turning colder we would really love to continue to have our hot chocolate and biscuit at the end of the session so would really appreciate any donations. Thank you.

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 th October	Full Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday 14 th October	Chestnut & Maple Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th October	Holly Berries Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th October	Maple Class Cheltenham Literacy Festival
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