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Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 10

21st November 2025

Dear Parents,

Open Day – 4th December 2025

Information packs will be sent out shortly by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2026. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2026)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes. We are holding an open day on Wednesday 4th December 9.30-11.30am. All are welcome to join us!

If you have any questions or can't attend the open day but would like to arrange a visit on another day/time then please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.



Pantomime – Monday 15th December 2025

A reminder that the whole school will be attending the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Monday 15th December to see the Pantomime Jack and The Bean Stalk.

We ask for a donation of £13.55 to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and transport to and from Tewkesbury, please pay through our online payment system at www.parentpay.com.



Packed lunches will be required on the day, these can be ordered through caterlink on the usual menu.

Sportily Event “Carols Around the Campfire”

Sportily are hosting a Christmas event on **Tuesday 16th December, 4:00–5:30pm**, at **Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre (GL15 4NA)** called “Carols Around the Campfire” It will feature a performance from our children that attend Dance Club. Please see more information below from Sportily:

“Enjoy wonderful performances from:

🎵 **Littledean Church of England Primary School**

🎵 **St John’s C of E Academy**

Warm up around the campfire with **hot chocolate, cakes, and toasted marshmallows** — the *perfect* way to step into Christmas!

FREE & OPEN TO ALL!

Please sign up here so we know you're coming:

🔗 <https://bookwhen.com/sportilyforestdean/e/ev-su7sm-20251216160000>

We can’t wait to celebrate with you! ✨”



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

You should have received an email with details of our Christmas lunch taking place on **Wednesday 17th December**. Please can you return your child’s meal choice to us before Monday 24th November as meals need to be pre-ordered this year.

We will also be asking children to come into school wearing their Christmas Jumpers on this day.



Consultation to Join a Trust

You should have received an email 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.

Food Bank Donations

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be collecting donations for The Forest Food Bank.

Examples of items to donate include:

- Tinned foods (beans, soup, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- Pasta, rice, and noodles
- Cereal and porridge oats
- Tea, coffee, and long-life milk
- Biscuits and snack bars
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)
- Household items (toilet rolls, washing-up liquid, cleaning products)



All donations are greatly appreciated and will help support local families in need.

Maple Class

Maple Class enjoyed a special visit from the Spanish teacher at Forest High School on Wednesday afternoon. After listening to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* read in Spanish, the children worked together to sequence the story and even retell it—all in Spanish! They were fantastic!

Thank you SGS Forest High School. We really enjoyed the afternoon.



Holly Leaves

Holly Leaves have participated in Road Safety Week this week. We have been learning about how we safely cross the road by holding a grown-up's hand, finding a zebra crossing or a pelican crossing, and how we **stop, look, listen and think!**



Holly Leaves used the play cars and small world people to roleplay crossing the road safely and went out to the front playground to find out if we can see or hear cars first its important to listen as we found out you can hear cars before you see them. We sorted red and green loose parts on traffic lights red means do not cross and green means you can go if it is safe.



Holly Leaves children learnt that it is the Law to sit in a car seat while travelling in a car if you are shorter than 135cm. We measured our heights and found out everybody needs to use a car seat.



To keep everyone safe on our roads we need to make sure our vehicles are safe. Here is a factsheet from Brake.org.uk which is a helpful tool to make sure we check our vehicles regularly.

https://www.brake.org.uk/files/downloads/Road-Safety-Week/RSW2025/RSW-2025_Vehicle-checks-factsheet_FINAL.pdf?v=1759930492

The Friends Christmas Fair

The reminder that the Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 28th November at 3.10pm**. Please remember to return any raffle tickets, sold or unsold. There are lots of amazing prizes in this year's raffle which have kindly been donated by local business's, friends of the school and the local community.



The Doodle Bug – 24th November

Ian Brealey from The Doodle Bug is visiting the school on Monday 24th November to lead workshops with each of the classes. The focus will be maths, art and developing a growth mindset. The day will end with a celebration assembly which parents are invited to attend. The assembly will take place at **2.40 on Monday 24th November**.

<https://thedoodlebug.net/pages/maths-art-workshops>

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26 th November	Full Governors Meeting
Monday 24 th November	The Doodle Bug Visit
Friday 28 th November	Friends' "Santa's Christmas Boots" Event
Thursday 4 th December	Open day
Monday 15 th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December	St Ethelberts Christmas Service 1pm
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
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