



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 21

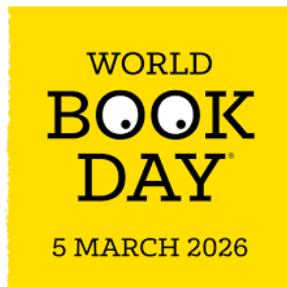
27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

This year for World Book Day we ask that children come to school in whatever they feel comfortable in, whether it be PJ's, loungewear or anything snuggly!

Parents are invited to join us from 9.00 to read with their child. Coffee and iced buns will be at 9.30.



Christian Value – Term 4

Our Christian Value for life this term is

Forgiveness



Maple Class Visit – 23rd April 2026

Just a reminder that Maple Class will be visiting Viney Hill for an activity day on Thursday 23rd April. They will need to wear clothing that they don't mind getting wet or dirty and packed lunches are required.

We ask for an advance contribution of £29.15 towards the cost of the trip to be paid via ParentPay. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Tesco Token Grant

Thank you to everyone who supported us last academic year with our Tesco blue tokens. We came 2nd overall and this week have had boxes and boxes of deliveries full of equipment to use in the cooking units of our DT lessons. We can't wait to get started honing our culinary skills and preparing some delicious dishes!



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.

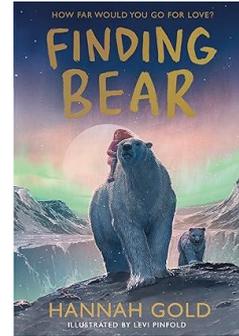
Infant free school meals in England -Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in: reception class, year 1, year 2. We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications so as to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding.

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/>

Chestnut Class

We are finishing reading the book 'Finding Bear' by our focus author Hannah Gold. We only have a few chapters left and then will be voting for our next class book. The children are very keen for ANOTHER Hannah Gold book!



Our English lessons this term are based on our previous class book 'The Last Bear'. We have just finished writing a formal letter with suggestions for changes which could be made to be more environmentally friendly. The children chose if they wanted to think about what we could do as a school, changes which could be made within the Forest of Dean or environmental changes which the country could make.

In maths we are finishing off our focus on fractions which we started before half term. We will then begin work on decimal numbers. As well as this, we are still working on learning all of our times tables to 12x12.

We are also learning about these topics:

DT	Electrical Systems: Electric Poster
Art	Sculpture and 3D: Abstract shape and space
Music	Lean on Me
PSHCE	Emotional Regulation
Science	Materials: States of Matter
History	Why did the Romans settle in Britain?
Computing	Programming – Repetition in shapes
Spanish	Pets and colours then Classroom Objects
RE	What do Muslims believe about God and how do they respond?



On Monday 23rd March, Chestnut Class are taking part in a Roman workshop as part of their topic 'Why did the Romans' settle in Britain?'. We are very grateful to the Friends committee who have covered the cost of this workshop so there is no cost to parents.

For our unit of work on Sculpture and 3D – Abstract Shapes, **each child will need a cardboard cereal box** to transform into a piece of art. Please could you send in a box in for your child and any spares that you might have. Thank you

Data Collection sheets

Earlier this week we sent out data collection sheets to be checked, signed and returned. If you haven't already, please return these to us as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct and up to date information for all pupils.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

Term 4 Monday 23th February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Term 5 Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6 Monday 1st June 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026

2026/2027

Term 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

INSET Day 4 Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day 5 Monday 20th July 2026

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Thursday 5th March

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March

Thursday 23rd April 2026

w/c 11th May 2026

Full Governors meeting

World Book Day – “Book and a Bun”

Preschool Stay and Play

Maple & Chestnut Class Parent Consultations

Holly Berries Class Parent Consultations

Maple Class Activity Day

Year 6 SATS week