



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 1

4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new and returning families at Littledean C of E Primary School. We hope you and your children have enjoyed your first week back and that they are beginning to feel settled and happy in their new classes.

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! Our newsletters are published every Friday during term time and are a great way of keeping you up to date with all the exciting things happening in school.

Each week, we will share news and highlights from our classes, celebrate whole-school activities and achievements, and let you know about upcoming visits, events and important dates. There may also be the occasional little reminder... or even the odd nag! 😊

Our newsletters are usually emailed to parents and carers each Friday. This first edition is being sent home in paper form, as well as being emailed to the address we currently have on record for you.

If you do not receive the newsletter by email, please check your spam or junk folder first. If it is not there, it may be that we do not have your current email address.

If you need to update your contact details, please pop into the school office and let us know. Keeping your contact details up to date helps us to make sure you receive all of our important school communications.

We look forward to sharing lots of school news and exciting moments with you throughout the year. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Staff news

A very warm welcome to our **new members of staff: Ms Warry, Miss Mason and Mr Scott.**

We are delighted to have them join the Littledean team and look forward to all they will bring to our school community. We hope they have a wonderful start to their time with us!

Christian Value – Term 1

Our Christian Value for life this term is

Respect



School Office / School Contact Details

The school office will be staffed each day by either **Mrs Worgan, Business Manager**, or **Mrs Clarkson, Admin Support**, from **8.40am until 3.10pm**. Our lunch break is from **12.30pm–1.00pm**.

Please be patient if you are waiting for the gates to be opened or trying to contact us, as not all of our work takes place within the school office.

If you need to contact the school, please telephone **01594 822171** and leave a message on our answerphone if there is no answer. This is checked regularly and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

For messages relating to something happening in the next few days, you can also email us at admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk. Please bear in mind that emails may not be checked until later in the day, so this is not the best way to contact us about something urgent.

Please do not email us to report your child's absence. The best way to let us know is to leave a message on the school answerphone. This ensures that we receive the information promptly and can record the absence.



Contact Details – Can we get hold of you in an Emergency?



As most of our communications are now through email or postings on the school website it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are not sure please check with the school office or send an email to admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk with your new details. Thank you.

PE and Forest School Days

We are looking forward to getting outside and active this term! Please see below for our **PE and Forest School days**:

Forest School – Tuesday

Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Forest School clothing: Please make sure your child comes to school in old, comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for Forest School. Children should be prepared to get **muddy, wet and messy**, whatever the weather! A waterproof coat and wellies or other suitable outdoor footwear are essential. Please also ensure that children have **spare clothes** in school in case they get particularly muddy or wet.

PE – Wednesday

Year 1 and Year 2

PE – Friday

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Pre-School and Reception children will take part in physical activities throughout the week, both in their outdoor area and in the school hall. They should wear clothing that they are comfortable moving around in each day. Normal school uniform is absolutely fine for this.

PE Kit Update

We have some exciting changes to our **school houses** this year! Our new houses are:

 **Beechenhurst**

 **Clearwell**

 **Puzzlewood**

With our new school houses comes a change to our PE kit. We will no longer have PE kits in different house colours. Instead, all children should wear:

- **Green T-shirt or polo shirt**
- **Black shorts or joggers**
- **Trainers**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on their allocated PE day. There is no need to purchase a house-coloured PE top this year.

We will be sending out more information about your child's new school house next week, so watch this space! We are very excited about our new houses and all the opportunities they will bring for teamwork, friendship and a little bit of friendly competition!

Thank you for your support!

Mike Barnsley's Sponsored Marathon Walk

You may remember a notice in the final newsletter last term about Mike Barnsley, our Chair of Governors, undertaking a sponsored marathon walk to raise money towards putting doors on Maple and Chestnut classrooms, as requested by the children from Maple Class. Well, despite heat wave weather in the days leading up to the walk, Mike completed his walk on Friday 14 August.

Mike was accompanied by Seb (from Church) and Richard (from the Open the Book team) for the full walk, and Linda (from the Open the Book team) for part of the walk.

The full walk included two similar circuits, of slightly different lengths, starting and finishing in Linear Park car park and visiting Mallards Pike, Cannop Ponds, and Steam Mills fishing lake along the way, following the route of the Colliers Trail cycle path for some of the route.

The total distance walked was **26.22** miles, with a total elapsed time of just under 10 hours including about 9 hours 8 minutes walking (at an average pace of about 21 minutes per mile).

Mike has raised over **£1,300.00** so far! This is absolutely amazing and greatly appreciated by the school.

(If anyone else wants to give, donations can still be made via Mike's 'give a little' page at <https://givealittle.co/c/62hvE0bKpWl69ruzvOPfi5>, or via cash or cheque directly to school. Please don't feel under any pressure to give!)



Our Facebook Page

Don't forget to follow our Littledean C of E Primary School Facebook page!

Our Facebook page is a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in school. We regularly share news, photographs, celebrations, reminders and updates about the wonderful things our children get up to throughout the school year.

It's also a lovely way for our new families to get a feel for life at Littledean and see some of the exciting activities and events taking place in our school community.

Give us a follow and stay connected! Search "Littledean C of E Primary School and Pre-school"



Healthy Snacks

Fuel your body, help you learn!



At snack time, choose **healthy** options like these:



Fruit



Veg sticks



Crackers



Yogurt



Dried fruit



Rice cakes



Cheese



Plain popcorn

Good to remember!

- ✓ Healthy snacks help you concentrate.
- ✓ They give you energy to play and learn.
- ✓ They help your body grow strong and healthy.

Choose **healthy**, feel great!

Water is the best drink!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th October
 Friday 9th October
 Tuesday 3rd November
 Monday 14th December
 Wednesday 16th December

Rags2Riches clothing collection
 Wellbeing champions visit to Viney Hill
 Flu Immunisations
 Whole School Pantomime Trip
 Christmas Jumper Day