



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 35

4th July 2025

Dear Parents,

Maple and Chestnut Class – PE Day Swap

Due to Chestnut Class visit on Tuesday we will swap PE days for this week only

Monday 7th July – Chestnut Class PE session

Tuesday 8th July – Maple Class PE session

Many thanks

Communication with Staff

We understand that sometimes it's tempting to reach out to staff via social media or personal contact details, especially in our close-knit community. However, we ask that you please refrain from doing so, even for seemingly minor queries.

If you need to speak with a teacher or member of school staff, please use their official school email address or contact the school office directly, and your message will be directed appropriately.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in supporting our commitment to professional communication and the well-being of our staff and pupils.

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection Thursday 3rd July



Thank you for your kind donations. We collected 15 bags and raised £17.17 for our school funds.

Our next collection will be on 11th November 2025

Maple and Chestnut Class – Hubble Bubble Performance



Maple Class have been working incredibly hard in preparation for this year's KS2 Summer Play, Hubble Bubble Pirate Trouble. With lively singing (including some brave soloists!), energetic dancing, and fantastic acting, the children are bringing this pirate adventure to life in spectacular style.

They are joined by Chestnut Class, who are providing enthusiastic singing and brilliant narration to help tell the story. Together, the two classes have created a truly special performance.

The children are very excited to perform in front of an audience next week, and if you've managed to get hold of tickets – you're in for a real treat! This is a production not to be missed.

Maple class children have a list of their outfits.

Chestnut class children will need:

- Singers and Narrators: pirate (stripy top) or t-shirt and shorts in any colour
- Child 1 & 2: any clothes of their choice
- Nurse: Plain top and leggings/trousers

Please do not feel you have to buy anything especially such as a stripy top, just use what they have already at home.

Could all outfits be in school ASAP ready for our performances next week please.

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:

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



Chestnut Class visit to Dean Heritage Centre

Chestnut Class are going to Dean Heritage Centre on Tuesday 8th July. Our history topic this term is 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?'. In the morning, we will be learning more about Anglo-Saxon life including what they ate and drank, their clothing and how they kept healthy and clean. We will then go on to become Anglo-Saxon warriors preparing shields for battle! After lunch, we will undertake warrior training and go on a boar hunt.

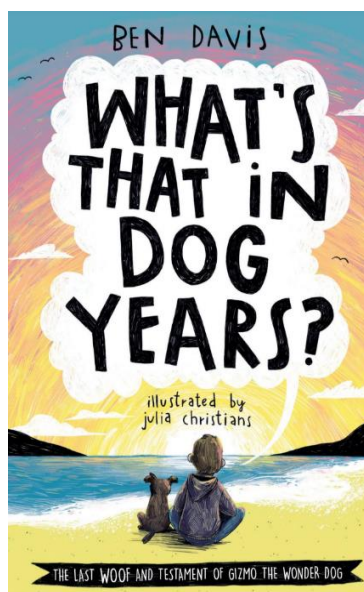
Reminders:

- Packed lunch (unless you have pre-ordered a packed lunch from Caterlink)
- Own clothes which you don't mind getting muddy with sensible footwear e.g. trainers
- The forecast is looking good so suncream and a sun hat.
- Snack for breaktime
- Drinks bottle

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs have now ended for this year. We hope that you have enjoyed all the sporting activities we have been able to offer. We will restart our club in September.

Maple Class Get Stuck into Their Class Reader



Maple Class are thoroughly enjoying their current class reader, What's That in Dog Years? by Ben Davis. The story has them laughing one moment and reaching for the tissues the next – it's both heartwarming and hilarious!

The children are really engaging with the characters and themes, and it's been a wonderful book to spark discussion and empathy in the classroom.

School Uniform – September 2025

Our School Uniform consists of:

- Bottle Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- White or Bottle Green Polo Shirt
- Black or Grey Trouser, or Skirt (shorts in the summer)
- Black or Grey Socks or Tights
- Dark Flat Shoes – not open toed,
- White or Green Gingham dress



We would also recommend a book bag

Our PE kit consists of:

- Black Shorts
- T-Shirt in house colours – Red, Yellow, Green, Blue
- Trainers
- A plain coloured tracksuit for colder days is optional



Uniform with our school logo can be purchased from:

Macron Store Gloucester – Telephone 0345 2059121

<https://macronstoregloucester.com/school-shop/j-m/littledean-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Please place orders before 1st August to guarantee delivery by 1st September.

Uniform without our logo are available in most supermarkets.

Please remember to send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing. Warm waterproof coats for the winter months and hats with sun-cream for the summer months.

Also so that we can return lost or misplaced items of clothing, please label everything with your child's name.

Mrs Webb also has a large selection of second-hand uniform. Please email her at swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like to purchase second-hand uniform.

All donations of uniform that is no longer required are also gratefully received.

Pre-School – Stay and Play Session

If you are interested in your child attending our pre-school and they are aged three or four please join us for our next induction / stay and play session on Thursday 10th July from 10.00 to 11.30. If you are not able to make this time/date please have a chat with Mrs Powell.



Advance Notice – Last Day of Term – Friday 18th July 2025

The children will need to bring in a packed lunch as hot meals are not available. A packed lunch can be ordered from Caterlink on the weekly menu

12.30 p.m. School closes for Pre-School children. Parents and children are welcome to join us at St. Ethelbert's Church.

We start our Leavers Service at St Ethelbert's Church at 1.00 p.m. we hope you are able to join us.

We return to school from Church and children will be ready to leave at 2.00 p.m. Please collect children from their normal doors.

Parent Governor Election

Unfortunately, we have not received any nominations for our parent governor vacancy.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. The Governing Board play a vital role in ensuring that every child receives the best possible education whilst at our school. If you want to help shape the future of our school, please consider this opportunity.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Mrs McGoldrick or the school office.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 2025

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

Term 1 Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3 Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

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

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

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance at school/169684](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance%20at%20school/169684)

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Sunday 6th July

Tuesday 8th July

Wednesday 9th July

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Wednesday 9th July

Thursday 10th July

Thursday 10th July

Friday 11th July

Tuesday 15th July

Friday 18th July

Tuesday 2nd September

Pet Service at St Ethelbert's Church

Chestnut Class visit to Dean Heritage Centre

Holly Leaves and Berries visit Dean Forest Railway

Chestnut Class Swimming

Junior Evening Performance

New to Pre-School Induction Session

Junior Afternoon Performance

Sports Day – 1.30 – 2.30 – more information to follow

Leavers Disco – Maple Class 6.00 – 8.00

Last Day of Term – Pre-School Closes at 12.30

Leavers Service at St Ethelbert's at 1.00

School Closes for Pupils at 2.00

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