



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 22

13th March 2026

Dear Parents,

World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to take part in our world book day "Book and a Bun" last week. We hope you all had a lovely morning sharing the love of reading with the children. To see more photos from the day, please take a look at our Facebook page.



Parent Governor Vacancy – Make a Difference in Our School

You already care about your child’s education—why not help shape the future of the whole school?

We are looking for a **Parent Governor** to join our governing body and represent the voice of parents in the school community. Governors work with school leaders to help set the school’s direction, support improvement, and ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

You don’t need any special qualifications. If you’re interested in the school, willing to ask questions, and can attend a small number of meetings each year, you could make a real difference.

It’s a rewarding way to:

- Support the school your child attends
- Have a say in important decisions
- Learn new skills and gain valuable experience

If this sounds like something you’d like to be part of, please contact the school office for more information or a nomination form. Alternatively, Lauan Brittain is one of our Parent Governors and she is happy to answer any questions you have about what it’s like to be one if you’d rather have an informal chat with her first.

The Friends of Littledean school

COMMITTEE MEETING

🌟 You’re Invited! 🌟

The Friends of Littledean School warmly invite all parents, carers, and supporters to attend our upcoming meeting.

- This is a great opportunity to:
- Meet other parents and members
 - Share ideas to support our school
 - Help plan upcoming events and fundraising activities
 - Get involved in making a difference for our children
 - Help us to keep the Friends’ committee afloat.

 **Date: Wednesday 18th March**
 **Time: 8:45am**
 **Location: School Staff Room**

THE FRIENDS OF LITTLEDEAN SCHOOL

EASTER

COLOURING COMPETITION
PRIZE FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

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£1
Per entry

Winners to be announced in celebration worship on Thursday 26th March.

Free School Meal Vouchers

This Spring holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the spring holiday 2026 will be open from Tuesday 3 March until Friday 13 March. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing Monday 23 March. We hope that you will be able to pass these messages on to families within your schools.

Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by Monday 30 March, please encourage them to submit a query by contacting childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week.**

To find out more about the scheme, eligibility and to apply, please visit our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Rhossili Duo Visited

On Monday last week we were delighted to welcome The Rhossili Duo to our school. Using their flute and classical guitar they took us on a journey around the world, playing us music from South America, North America, Australia and a bit closer to home – Wales. We also had the opportunity to learn how to conduct music, it really was a fantastic experience for us all.



Wellbeing Champions

The Wellbeing Champions attended a session at Viney Hill where they really did test their courage. They started with some team building activities and then took part in a tunnelling activity.

“I did it, although it felt like the tunnels were going on forever. I’m really proud of myself for doing it!” George (Y6).

“It was amazing, I’ve never been in such a dark, small space. I surprised myself!” Ayda (Y6). We are really proud of all of our Wellbeing Champions!



Drop-off and Pick-up - Infants

Just a quick reminder about our drop-off and collection routines.

We kindly ask that all children are brought directly to the classroom door in the morning and that you come to the classroom door to collect them at the end of the day.

This helps us for several important reasons. First, it supports safeguarding, as staff can clearly see who is bringing and collecting each child. It also gives us a moment to share any quick messages that might be helpful for the day ahead or at pick-up time.

Meeting at the classroom door also helps children with successful transitions into and out of the classroom. A friendly greeting and goodbye between staff, children, and parents helps children feel settled, confident, and ready for their day.

Finally, it supports good communication between home and school, ensuring we can keep everyone informed and help your child have the best possible experience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries class have been working hard this term on their pre-writing skills. We have been using ribbons, scarves, playdough and even lying on our back and writing under the table to make our arms and wrists stronger.



This term our topic has been **“Our Wonderful World.”** We have been travelling around the world and learning all about the different continents. Using our passports last week, we set off on an exciting journey to explore famous landmarks from around the globe.

We “visited” Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, travelled to Italy to learn about the Colosseum, and stopped in New York to discover the Statue of Liberty. Closer to home, we explored some of London’s most famous landmarks, including Big Ben, the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament and London train stations.

After learning about these landmarks, the children used a variety of materials and creative resources to design and make their own versions.



This week's destination in this topic was Italy! We visited iconic monuments such as the Colosseum and the Vatican museums; Holly Leaves enjoyed learning all about Italian culture, cuisine and history. On Wednesday, we tried our hands at making pizza and the children thoroughly enjoyed creating (and eating) their own Italian culinary masterpieces!



Chestnut

Chestnut Class had a fantastic World Book Day! We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character or chilling out in our PJs! We worked with our grown-ups to complete a book character and front cover quiz. We then finished our final chapter of 'Finding Bear' and discovered that April and her family decided to stay in Svalbard with Bear. Another vote for a class book followed and with 11 votes in total we are reading the 3rd book in the set 'The Lone Husky' by Hannah Gold.

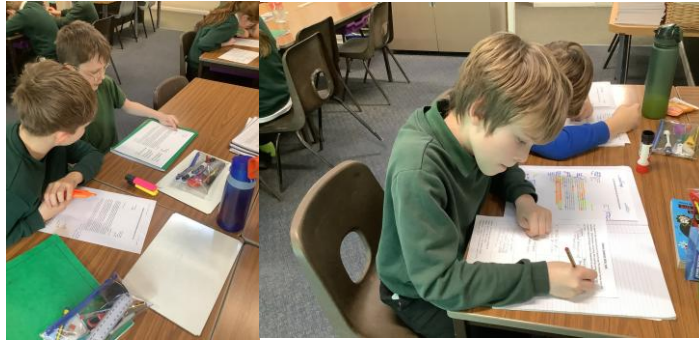


Hannah Gold has written one of the World Book Day token books - 'Bear Rescue'. Lots of the children are very keen to get their hands on a copy!



Maple

Maple Class have been exploring what makes an effective letter of complaint. Using a WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like), we carefully annotated the key features, focusing on tense, person, formal language choices and correct layout. The children have now begun drafting their own letters of complaint, applying these features to their writing.

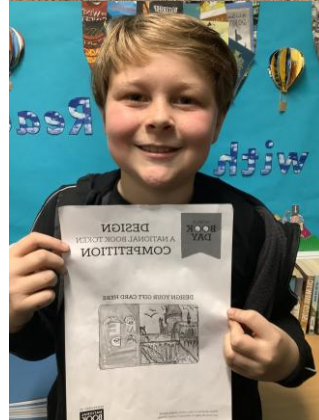


In Maths, we are coming to the end of our fractions unit. This week, the children have been learning how to multiply fractions by fractions and fractions by integers. Year 6 have also been developing their understanding of how to divide fractions. Next week, we will move on to percentages, where the children will learn how to calculate percentages of amounts and solve problems involving percentage increase and decrease.

In PE this term, we are focusing on developing leadership skills within sporting activities, encouraging the children to communicate clearly, support one another and lead small group tasks confidently.



On Thursday last week, we celebrated World Book Day. As part of the celebrations, Maple Class watched a performance of *The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me* by the National Theatre, which brought the much-loved story to life and was enjoyed by everyone. We also used our imagination and artistic skills to create some fantastic designs for the National Book Token competition.



Data Collection sheets

A reminder that we sent out data collection sheets after half term 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 18th March

Friday 20th March

Wednesday 22nd April

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Thursday 8th May

Monday 11th May

w/c 11th May 2026

In the Net – Internet Safety Play Y4

Comic Relief

Full Governors Meeting

Maple Class Activity Day

Preschool Stay and Play

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection

Year 6 SATS week