



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 31

12th June 2026

Dear Parents,

Attendance, Absence and Punctuality

Now that we're enjoying brighter mornings and warmer weather, it's a great time to get into a positive routine and start the school day with a smile!

Arriving at school on time helps children settle into their classrooms, catch up with friends and feel ready for a successful day of learning. Recently, we have noticed an increase in lateness, so we kindly ask families to make every effort to arrive in good time for the start of the school day.

Children should be ready to enter school at **8.40 a.m.** The playground is open beforehand, giving children a chance to chat with friends and enjoy a calm, happy start to their morning. As a reminder, children should attend school every day if they are well enough to do so.

If your child is unable to attend, please contact the school office by telephone to let us know the reason for their absence. An answerphone is available if the office is unattended. Please avoid reporting absences by email or Class Dojo, as messages may not be seen until later in the day.



Nearly new uniform sale

Come along and grab a bargain! Most items cost 50p. Please see dates below:

- Friday 3rd July 3.00 pm - Infants' uniform
- Thursday 9th July 3.00 pm – Juniors' uniform

If you would like to place an order at another time, please contact Suzanne Webb or complete an order form and hand it to the class teacher who will pass it on to her.

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THE FRIENDS

AGM MEETING

**Friday 3rd July,
2:15pm, in the staff room.**

A VOTE WILL BE TAKING PLACE
TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF
THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE.

WE NEED A CHAIR, TREASURER
& SECRETARY VOTED IN TO BE
ABLE TO CONTINUE -
OTHERWISE WE WILL SADLY
HAVE TO DISBAND!

PLEASE SHOW UP AND MAKE
YOUR VOTE COUNT.



**Any questions beforehand please contact Amy (Miss Evans) within school or email
Littledeanfriends@outlook.com**

Message from the Friends

Just a reminder that all counterfoils, money and unsold raffle tickets for the Summer Fun Day need to be returned to school by Monday 15th June.

Please also see separate letter from the Friends regarding new members. They are in desperate need of volunteers in order to continue what they do. Please consider attending the meeting on 3rd July which will give those interested an opportunity to ask questions and understand the importance of the school having a Friends Committee.

Phonics Screening

This week, the children in Year 1 took part in the phonics screening. Every single child tried their absolute best, demonstrating fantastic focus and determination. We are very proud of their tremendous efforts! Well done Year 1!

Maple Class

On Tuesday, year 6 enjoyed a memorable and well-deserved day out as part of their leavers' celebrations. The day began with a visit to the cathedral, where pupils took part in the annual Leavers' Service with many other year 6 pupils across the county. This special occasion provided a valuable opportunity for reflection, allowing the children to think about their time at primary school and look ahead to the exciting next chapter of their education.

Following the service, the group travelled to Ten Pin where pupils enthusiastically took part in a game of ten pin bowling. There was plenty of friendly competition, with some impressive scores and lots of encouragement shared between friends.

After working up an appetite, everyone enjoyed lunch together before spending time in the arcade. Pupils had the chance to relax, have fun, and continue celebrating with their classmates in a lively and enjoyable environment.

The day was filled with laughter, smiles, singing and special moments, and it was wonderful to see the children making the most of their time together.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have finished the third book in the trilogy by our focus author Hannah Gold. Lone Husky was full of new characters and exciting adventure. As you can see, there were lots of positive reviews from the children. They have voted for ANOTHER Hannah Gold book - Bear Rescue. This is a special World Book Day addition to the series of books.



Lacey-Mae - I didn't like it because there wasn't much talking.



Harley-Mae - I liked it because Bear came and helped them. I didn't like it when Blaze collapsed.



Delilah - I loved it because I like that at the end April won the race and went to the top of the mountain and found Finn and one of his huskies.



Taylan - I really liked it because it had a really good storyline and that the race was very interesting.



Alisha - I loved it because April was doing the race and at the end, she won it.



Notan - I loved it because in the end of the book Finn Hudson stood up to his uncle and that April wanted to share the money with him.



Mia - I loved it because I like huskies and that Bear was in it for a little bit.



Zak - I didn't like it because we have read too many Hannah Gold books. I didn't think Ace was very good.



Florence - I loved it because April was doing the race to raise money for the polar bears to help them. I liked the race and that Blaze was in it.



Lola - I loved it because April won the race with Blaze and that August and Blaze's eyes were the same colour.



Ivy - I loved it because it involved loads of huskies.



Scarlett - I liked it when April met August.

Over the last two weeks, Y4 have completed their Multiplication Check. This is an online timed test which includes all of the times tables to 12x12. They completed it with enthusiasm, confidence and a hint of competitiveness! Well done Y4!

Chestnut Class would like to invite you to their upcoming Ukulele performance where they will showcase all they have been working on during their weekly ukulele lessons. The performance is on **Monday 29th June at 10:30am**. It should last approximately 20 minutes.



Holiday in Term Time

We would like to remind parents and carers that, in line with UK Government guidance, schools are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time except in very exceptional circumstances.

Any absence for a family holiday during term time is therefore likely to be recorded as unauthorised. Local authorities may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for unauthorised absences. Currently, fines are £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days. Repeated unauthorised absences may result in further legal action.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17 th June	Reception first induction (classroom)
Saturday 20 th June	Friends' Summer Fun Day
Tuesday 23 rd June	Reception second induction (forest school)
Monday 29 th June	Ukulele Performance at 10.30 – Chestnut class
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception third induction (classroom)
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports day 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 2 nd July	Infants Samba performance at 2.45pm
Friday 3 rd July	Pre-school Stay and Play
Wednesday 8 th July	Juniors Evening performance of Gigglebox
Thursday 9 th July	Juniors Afternoon Performance of Gigglebox
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Service at St Ethelberts at 1pm
Friday 17 th July	School Closes at 2pm

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

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

INSET Day 5 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

Term 3 Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027

INSET Day 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026

INSET Day 2 Friday 23rd October 2026

INSET Day 3 Monday 4th January 2027

INSET Day 4 Monday 22nd February 2027

INSET Day 5 Monday 7th June 2027