Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 8

21st October 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope all our families have a lovely half-term break! Just a reminder that tomorrow, Friday 23rd October, is an INSET day, so the school is closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November. Enjoy the break!



Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 3rd November

A reminder to parents/carers to please **complete the consent form to opt in or opt out of your child receiving their nasal flu vaccination in school on 3rd November. If you do not opt in your child will not receive the vaccine on the day. The form needs to be completed before we come back on 2nd November.**

Information and instructions, including a link to the online consent form, have been sent to all parents/carers.

If you have not received the information or need the link to be resent, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again, we are supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. Please see the below picture and items we have available in our donation box – the prices are only the suggested amounts but any donation amount is gratefully received.



Zip Pull - 50p
Reflector Poppy – 50p
Snap Band - £1
Traditional Poppy – 50p
Poppy Sticker – 50p
Poppy Pencil – 50p

If you would like to donate and choose an item from the box please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you for your support.

Message from GCC

Gloucestershire County Council is organising a countywide programme that provides children and young people with opportunities to enjoy healthy meals and stay active and entertained during the school holidays for free.

Running from 24 October to 1 November, the programme includes activities such as sports, outdoor adventures, creative arts and crafts, community play sessions, wellbeing opportunities and other enriching experiences designed to support children and families outside of term time.

Trusted local organisations, community groups and activity providers will deliver the sessions.

There are no eligibility requirements for the inclusive initiative which remains separate from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. All children and young people living in the county will be able benefit from support, regardless of their circumstances.

The initiative reflects Gloucestershire County Council's commitment to supporting children, young people and families during school holidays.

Food support and activities can be booked through Gloucestershire's Virtual Family Hub. Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Some providers will be managing bookings through their own websites or booking systems and should be contacted directly if an activity isn't listed on the hub.

Friends' Light Party & October Newsletter

Please see below for details of the Friends' Light Party, taking place after school on the last day of term which is today, Thursday 22nd October!

For more information about upcoming events, please also take a look at the **Friends' October Newsletter** sent last Friday. This includes all the details of their upcoming events, as well as information about their **autumn colouring competition!**





New School Dinner Menu

Our new school dinner menu for the autumn/winter terms has been sent out to parents this week and is also available to view on the school website.

The new menu will commence on **Monday 2nd November**. New menu ordering slips will be handed out on the last day of term ready for when we return.

Please remember that school meals must be paid for in advance of ordering via ParentPay. Thank you for your cooperation!

ParentPay

Maple Class - A Royal Reading Surprise!

This week, our Year 6 children received a very special gift from Queen Camilla! To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026, every Year 6 child across the UK is being gifted a special edition of *Impossible Creatures* by award-winning author Katherine Rundell. The book features a special royal stamp and a personal message from the Queen. What a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading!



Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October	Friends' Light Party
Tuesday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations
Monday 9th November	Parent Consultations Y3 and Y4
Tuesday 10th November	Parent Consultations Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultations R, Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 17th November	Open Morning
Wednesday 18th November	Open Morning
Friday 11th December	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 14th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2026 / 2027 – Please see website for full details

Term 1	Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027

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