



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 34

27th June 2025

Dear Parents,

School Photographs

The school class photographs are available on the following links.

Holly Leaves Class - <https://htmp.st/LEAVES-C277465D46>

Holly Berries Class - <https://htmp.st/BERRIES-779CF703BC>

Chestnut Class - <https://htmp.st/CHESTNUT-1567E9D862>

Maple Class - <https://htmp.st/MAPLE-E385207687>

Tempest offer free “deliver to school” please order before **Sunday 29th June 2025**, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on our website home page (htempest.co.uk) where our friendly team will be happy to help.

Year 6 individual photographs will follow shortly.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Tesco Grant

Please continue to support us in store by voting with your blue tokens. Voting ends on 30th June 2025. Thank you

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



Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

Please bring bags to school on the morning of Thursday 3rd July 2025 and leave undercover by the rear entrance door

Friends Summer Fair

The Friends would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended Friday's very sunny summer fair! We hope you all had fun!

We'd also like to thank all the businesses/parents/grandparents/staff, etc who made donations towards the event and to all our fabulous volunteers. The event wouldn't have been possible without you all!

The takings on the day were a fantastic £1200.90!! The money will be used to fund music lessons for the entire school!

We would like to apologise that we had a slight technical issue with the freezer, so were unable to sell our ice pops and slushies but the good news is we now have these to sell at our upcoming Friday Tuck shops, which will continue to run until the end of term.

Also Mrs McGoldrick would like to thank the Friends committee for all their hard work, we appreciate all that you do.

Maple Class

Whilst the year 6 were visiting their secondary schools this week, the year 5 were treated to an Outdoor Learning experience in the Forest School area. They worked in teams to build shelters and did some pond dipping in the school pond looking for signs of life - they found a lot of tadpoles, no frogs yet though!



Headlice

Unfortunately, parents have advised that we have headlice and nits in the school community. Please help us to become nit and headlice free by tying long hair up whilst in school and checking your children (and other family members) on a regular basis.

Further information can be found on the NHS direct website. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Wellbeing Champions

Last Friday, the Wellbeing Champions visited Viney Hill. They tried archery and went on a really, really long orienteering hike!



After School Clubs

Our after school sports clubs will end at the end of next week. The last sessions for each class will be:

Maple Class - Monday – 30th June

Chestnut Class - Tuesday – 1st July

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Class - Wednesday 2nd July

Knex Workshop.

Last Thursday Maple Class welcomed Mo from Stemworks for a knex workshop. The children were engineers for the day. First they had to design and build a fairground ride using knex. Next, they created algorithms to make their fairground ride move, light up and make sounds. They had a fantastic time. Massive thank-you to the Friends who donated towards the cost of this wonderful experience.



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

Wednesday 2 nd July	New to reception class induction session
Wednesday 3 rd July	Moving Up Morning
Thursday 3 rd July	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 8 th July	Chestnut Class visit to Dean Heritage Centre
Wednesday 9 th July	Holly Leaves and Berries visit Dean Forest Railway
Wednesday 9 th July	Chestnut Class Swimming
Wednesday 9 th July	Junior Evening Performance
Thursday 10 th July	New to Pre-School Induction Session
Thursday 10 th July	Junior Afternoon Performance
Friday 11 th July	Sports Day – 1.30 – 2.30 – more information to follow
Tuesday 15 th July	Leavers Disco – Maple Class 6.00 – 8.00
Friday 18 th July	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