



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 12

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents,

## Pantomime – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

A reminder that the whole school will be attending the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** to see the Pantomime Jack and The Bean Stalk.

We ask for a donation of £13.55 to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and transport to and from Tewkesbury, if you haven't already, please pay through our online payment system at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).



Packed lunches will be required on the day, these can be ordered through caterlink on the usual menu.

## Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

We hold our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and look forward to enjoying either a traditional or vegetarian meal with all the trimmings. Children are also asked to come to school in Christmas jumpers.

Please remember to visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to pay for your meal in advance of the day. **Meals cost £2.85 for Year 3 – 6, and £2.89 for pre-school.**



## FSM Vouchers for Winter Holidays

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the Winter holiday 2025 will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 9 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 15 December. If you have signed up and not received your vouchers by 22 December, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This Winter Holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays.

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. **They 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 and to apply, or for those wishing to find out more about eligibility can do so by visiting this webpage: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

## Friends Christmas Fair

Our Friends raised a total of £1194.55 at the Christmas Fair last Friday. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends Committee, volunteers and all those that attended and spent on the day.



## New Phone System

We are having a new phone system installed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. There may be temporary disruption to the phone lines throughout the day due to this. Please email or call back later if not urgent. Once installed we will have a 24-hour answerphone service and an absence reporting facility.

All absences need to be reported by phone. Please do not email absences because emails may not be checked until later in the day.



### Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Government's guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. 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_at_school/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.

### House Cup Winners

We are excited to announce that the **Squirrels** have won the House Cup this term! To celebrate their hard work, Squirrel House pupils will enjoy a special reward of popcorn and a movie on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Congratulations to all our Squirrels for their outstanding effort!



### After School Clubs

All After School Clubs have now ended. We will re-issue our club offers in January.

Sportily have advised that they will also have Dance club running again in January. This is now available to book on their website.

<https://sportily.org.uk/20/Forest-of-Dean-Sports-Events>

## Advance Notice – Last Day of Term

The last day of term for the children is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
We ask that children bring in a packed lunch as hot meals will not be available. A packed lunch can be ordered from Caterlink on the usual weekly menu.

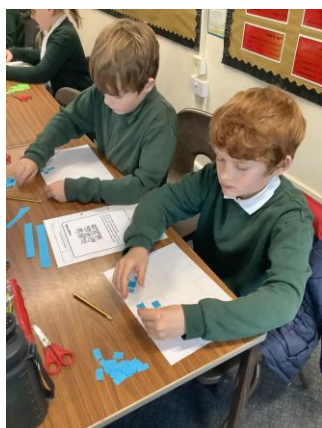


The timings for the last day are as follows:

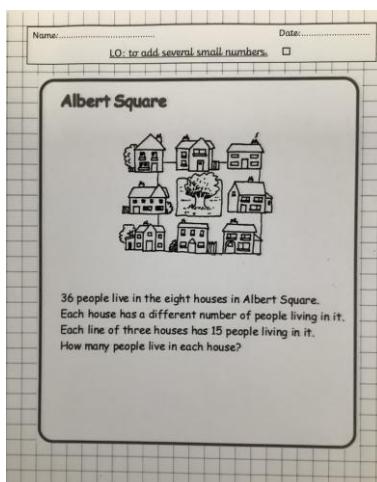
- 12.45 Pre-School will close – Please arrange collection from usual doors
- 1.00 Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church, all welcome to attend
- 2.00 Parents to collect children from School as school closes for the Christmas Holiday

## Maple Class

Maple Class have had a busy week with assessments, but we still found time for a fun maths problem-solving session. The children were amazing - showing resilience, perseverance and plenty of smiles along the way.



We tackled this tricky puzzle together... can you solve it too? (Don't worry, we needed a little hint!)



### Diary Dates

|                                         |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December     | Infants Christmas Performance and Sportily Dance |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December        | Whole School Pantomime Visit                     |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day           |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December        | St Ethelberts Christmas Service 1pm              |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026  | Maple Class' Skillzone                           |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | Full Governors meeting                           |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026    | Maple Class Activity Day                         |
| w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026           | Year 6 SATS week                                 |

### Term Dates

These are also available on our website

**2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details**

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b> | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 |
| <b>Term 2</b> | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 |
| <b>Term 3</b> | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026  |
| <b>Term 4</b> | Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026   |
| <b>Term 5</b> | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026        |
| <b>Term 6</b> | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026         |

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| <b>INSET Day</b> | <b>1</b> | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 |
| <b>INSET Day</b> | <b>2</b> | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025  |