



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 30

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,

## School Photographer – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The School Photographer will be in school on the morning of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025. She will take class group photographs and individual photographs for our year 6 children.

We ask that everyone wear their school uniform to school that day. Children in Holly Berries will need to bring in their Forest Schools kit to change into at School. Holly Leaves children will need to bring in their PE kit to change into in school.

If your child attends pre-school and you would like them to be included in the class group photograph please be at school for 9.00 a.m. We will take Holly Leaves Class group first so that you aren't waiting around too long.

Any queries please speak with your class teacher.

## Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. 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 are interested or would like further information please contact Mrs McGoldrick or the school office. Our closing date for nominations is 12.00 noon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## Breaking News....

We are very excited to announce that Pro Stars (our PE provider) will be running a breakfast club and afterschool club, here at Littledean School from September 2025.

Further details to follow in the next few weeks...



## Friends Summer Fair – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Thank you for your kind donations today of Jazzy Jars. Its not too late to bring one in if you haven't quite got around to making one up yet. If you haven't got time to make one we would be grateful for donations of sweets etc and jars and we can make them up.

Our next non-uniform day for donations for the summer fair will be on **Friday 13th June**, we suggest Chocolates from Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes and Bottles from Chestnut and Maple Classes, but any donations will be gratefully received.

*Please note – we are a nut free school*



Also we will be asking for donation of cakes for our refreshment stall on nearer the day.

We continue our preparations for our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. As usual they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.



### Contact Details – Can we get hold of you in an Emergency?



As most of our communications are now through email or postings on the school website is it even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are not sure please check with the school office or send an email to [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) with your new details. Thank you.

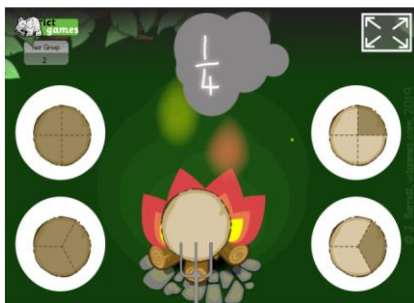
## Holly Berries Class

In Geography, we have been learning about the different seasons and what they are like in the UK. We went on a walk around the school grounds collecting different items that we associated with Spring. We then displayed them on our Geography working wall.



During Maths, Year 1 have been counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. You might like to work on this by counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10 with your child or by playing Nutty Numbers on ictgames.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/nuttyNumbers/index.html>



Year 2 have started work on fractions. You could try the Firepit fractions activity on ictgames to support their learning.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/firepitFractions/>



## Maple Class visit to Slimbridge Wetlands Trust

Maple Class very much enjoyed their visit to Slimbridge Wetland Centre this week.



## Tesco Grant

We have successfully been shortlisted for a Tesco grant award of up to £1,500 to help us to buy additional resources to support teaching across the curriculum!

The containers are starting to fill up but please continue to support us by voting in store with your blue tokens and encouraging Friends and Family to do the same.



Voting details:

When: 1st April – 30th June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

## Honey Bees

On Tuesday afternoon we were very excited when a swam of honey bees unexpectedly visited the school. They had attached themselves to a low-level branch in the front playground. The children were quickly moved inside just in case anyone got stung.

We contacted Dave from the British Beekeepers Association who arrived on site to capture the bees and move them off site. We hope that he is able to get lots of honey from them.



**We wish all our families a very healthy and restful holiday.  
The School reopens on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 8.40 a.m.**





## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2024 / 2025 –

**Term 5** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**Term 6** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**INSET Day** 5 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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

**Term 1** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Term 2** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Term 3** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Term 4** Monday 23<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 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

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Author visit – Holly Leaves and Holly Berries
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors Learning Walk – SEND
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Group Photos and Year 6 Leaver Photos
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Cathedral Service and Bowling
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Chestnut Class Swimming session 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Non-Uniform Day Chocolates / Bottles
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class STEM workshop
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors Learning Walk – Behaviour and Attitudes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellbeing Champions Visit to Viney Hill Centre
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Summer Fair 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Ethelbert's Summer Fair 10.00 – 1.00
W/C Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Induction Week at Secondary School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Chestnut Class Swimming Session 4
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection