



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 28

9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Friends Summer Fair – Friday 20th June 2025

Preparations are underway for our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 20th June from 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be issued shortly to our families.

We will hold two non-uniform days for donation for our stalls at the fair.

Friday 16th May for Jazzy Jars

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.

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.



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!

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

Holly Leaves Class

Holly Leaves have been using their senses to explore different farm produce. Here we are looking at wheat and sheep wool.



In RE we are learning about special religious places. This week we really enjoyed finding special features at our church.



VE Day Celebrations – Thursday 8th May 2025

We started our VE Day celebrations by joining with 199,000 children for the Great Big Live Assembly. We heard from 108-year-old Royal Navy veteran Frank Chester who spoke about his experience during WW2. All classes have been finding out about what VE Day is and why it is important and we then joined together, as a whole school, for a slightly chilly picnic.



Gloucestershire County Council Free School Meal (FSM) Holiday Voucher Scheme

This May Half Term, 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 vouchers are funded through grant funding they have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

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. 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, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 29 April until midday on 13 May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19 May. Families are encouraged to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If vouchers are not received 26 May, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the May Half Term holiday vouchers

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so GCC can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.



Year 6 – SAT's Week

Wishing our year 6's much luck for their SATs tests next week. You are all ready to do your best!



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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2025/26



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER									
Mon		8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20		27	Mon		10	17	24			
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21		28	Tues	4	11	18	25			
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22		29	Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23		30	Thur	6	13	20	27		
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24		31	Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29		
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY									
Mon	1	8	15		22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26		Mon	2	9	16	23		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30		Tues	6	13	20	27		Tues	3	10	17	24		
Wed	3	10	17	24		31	Wed	7	14	21	28		Wed	4	11	18	25		
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Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22			
MARCH					APRIL					MAY									
Mon	2	9	16	23		30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		4	11	18		25
Tues	3	10	17	24	31		Tues	7	14	21	28		Tues	5	12	19	26		
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST									
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET	

Term 1: Mon 1 st Sept – Fri 24 th Oct 2025	40 days
Term 2: Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec 2025	35 days
Term 3: Mon 5 th Jan - Fri 13 th Feb 2026	30 days
Term 4: Mon 23 th Feb – Fri 27 th Mar 2026	25 days
Term 5: Mon 13 th April – Fri 22 nd May 2026	29 days
Term 6: Mon 1 st June – Mon 20 th July 2026	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2025
	26 th December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2026
Good Friday	3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	6 th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 st August 2026

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 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 13th 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

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

W/c 12th May

Tuesday 13th May

Friday 16th May

Tuesday 20th May

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 21st May

Thursday 22nd May

Wednesday 4th June

Wednesday 11th June

Friday 13th June

Thursday 19th June

Thursday 19th June

Friday 20th June

W/C Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th June

Year 6 SATs week

Governors Leadership meeting

Friends Non Uniform Day for Jazzy Jars

Governors Learning Walk - Computing

Chestnut Class Swimming session 2

Full Governing Board Meeting

Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge

Governors Learning Walk – SEND

Chestnut Class Swimming session 3

Friends Non Uniform Day Chocolates / Bottles

Maple Class STEM workshop

Governors Learning Walk – Behaviour and Attitudes

Friends Summer Fair 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Year 6 Induction Week at Secondary School

Full Governing Board Meeting