



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 2

12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

School Photographs – Thursday 18th September 2025

On Thursday the Photographer will be in school to take family group and individual photographs of the children.

Please ensure that school uniform is worn.

Holly Leaves class can bring their Forest school clothes to change into.

Preschool children that don't usually attend on Thursdays but would like a photo, please come in for 8.45am.



After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs started this week for Maple and Chestnut classes. If your child wants a space and they haven't yet signed up, then please contact the school office.

- Maple Class Sports Club – Monday 3.10-4.10pm
- Chestnut Class Sports Club – Tuesday 3.10-4.10pm



We also have a Dance Club available for Year 2- Year 6 children on Wednesdays at 3.15pm. Please see separate leaflet for more information and how to sign up.



A Few Reminders...

Absences

Children should attend school every day that they are well enough to do so. Please see separate leaflet "is my child well enough for school?" Should you decide that your child will not attend school please remember to follow our absence procedure which is to contact the school office by phone on 01594 822171, before 9.15 a.m. An answerphone is available.

We ask that you give a reason for your child being absent. Our safeguarding procedures will be followed if we do not know why your child is absent from school. Please do not email or leave messages on Class Dojo regarding an absence as these may not be checked until later in the day.

School Timings

- School starts at 8.40 a.m. Gates are locked at 8.45 a.m. If children arrive after this time they must report to the main reception doors for entry into school.
- Lunch for all year groups is now 12.10pm – 1.10pm. Snack is 10.45am-11am.
- School ends at 3.10 p.m. or 4.10 p.m. when attending after school clubs. If you are going to be late or if someone different is due to collect your child, please let us know. Thank you.

School Lunches



Please remember to complete the School Dinner Menu each week. These are handed out every Friday and will need to be completed and handed in on Monday morning with the meal choices for that week.

If a menu has not been completed and your child doesn't have a packed lunch then we will choose option 1 for them from the menu that day.



If you do not receive Free School Meals then please ensure that you have paid for a hot dinner before ordering one. Payments are to be made on ParentPay in advance of ordering, otherwise you may be asked to bring in a packed lunch. If you are having any issues with payments, please contact the school office.

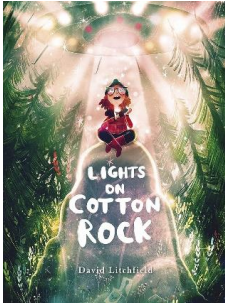
Reading Records

You may have seen that we have newly designed reading records. We believe that reading is the key to learning and it is our biggest priority. Not only do we want children to know the importance of being able to read fluently but we want them to experience the enjoyment that books can bring.

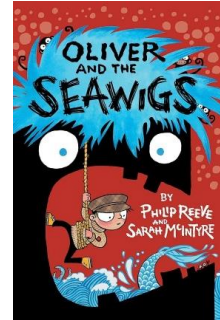
Please help us by listening to your child read at least three times per week and completing the reading record, thank you.

This term in Chestnut Class...

Chestnut Class have had a great start to the academic year!



We are enjoying the book 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by our focus authors Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.



Our English lessons this term are based on the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock' by David Litchfield. We are currently working on starting our sentences in different ways. Throughout this term we will write part of a story and also a poem.

Maths lessons are focusing on place value of 3 and 4-digit numbers. This includes partitioning, ordering, finding 1/10/100 more and less and plotting numbers on a number line. As well as this, we are working on learning all of our times tables to 12x12.

Place Value Chart

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones

As well as all of this, we are also learning about these topics:

History	How have children's lives changed?
Art	Drawing: Growing Artists
Music	Mamma Mia!
PSHCE	Me and My Relationships
Science	Movement and Nutrition
Computing	Stop Frame Animation
Spanish	Greetings
RE	What do Christians learn from the creation story?
PE	Invasion Games

Reminder:

Free fruit for infants is only for children from Reception to Year 2. Please send in a healthy snack that your child can eat at break time if your child is in Chestnut or Maple classes.



This week in Maple Class...

Maple Class are well and truly back into the swing of school life! This week we launched our new science topic, *Classifying Big and Small*. The children got stuck in by exploring the Linnaean system of classification and had a go at applying it to the tiger, *Panthera Tigris*.



In English, we've been writing simile poems about pets and family members, with some wonderfully creative comparisons already appearing in their work. In maths, the children have been learning all about Roman Numerals. They can now read and write them up to 3000 – parents, you might want to put their skills to the test!

We've also started our new class reader, *Black Powder* – described as “a rip-roaring historical adventure” and winner of the Young Quills Award. The children are already hooked!



Looking ahead, we're excited about our trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival in October, where we'll be attending a special workshop led by author James Turner.

Littledean School Social Media

Our new facebook page is now live. Search for 'Littledean C of E Primary School and Preschool' or follow this link to see what the children have been up to in class:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577814292038>



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

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

INSET Day	1	Monday 1 st September 2025
INSET Day	2	Monday 3 rd November 2025

Diary Dates

Friday 12 th September	Smash Hit Music session 1
Thursday 18 th September	Individual and Family Group photographs
Thursday 18 th September	Full Governing Board meeting
Tuesday 14 th October	Chestnut & Maple Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th October	Holly Berries Parent Consultations
w/c 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week