



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 28

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,

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

Preparations are underway for our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May** for Jazzy Jars

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 exploring 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



# Littledean C of E Primary School

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2025/26



**Gloucestershire**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon	<div>1</div>	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	<div>27</div>	Mon	<div>3</div>	10	17	24		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	<div>28</div>	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	<div>29</div>	Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23	<div>30</div>	Thur	6	13	20	27		
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	<div>31</div>	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	<div>22</div>	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	<div>16</div>	23		
Tues	2	9	16	<div>23</div>	30	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24		
Wed	3	10	17	<div>24</div>	31	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thur	4	11	18	<div>25</div>		Thur	<div>1</div>	8	15	22	29	Thur	5	12	19	26		
Fri	5	12	19	<div>26</div>		Fri	<div>2</div>	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	<div>13</div>	20	27		
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	<div>30</div>	Mon		<div>6</div>	13	20	27	Mon	<div>4</div>	11	18	<div>25</div>	
Tues		3	10	17	24	<div>31</div>	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26	
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Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	<div>3</div>	10	17	24		Fri	1	8	15	22	<div>29</div>
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
Mon	<div>1</div>	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	<div>20</div>	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	<div>31</div>	
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET	

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

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



## 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_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 12<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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