



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 6

10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents,

## Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite to you participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home which explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting [www.shoeboworld.co.uk](http://www.shoeboworld.co.uk).



## Flu Immunisation - Consent

We sent an email with details of how to consent for your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation. This will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – The first day back after half term.

Consent is given using an online form only which must be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please see following link:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Unique Code: GC115631

We ask that you complete the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Deadline Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025



The children have produced some lovely work for their cauliflower cards, this and the order forms were sent home last week. Please can you place orders and return your artwork and order form to school **before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

Art work will be collected from the school on 15<sup>th</sup> October so please ensure orders are in by the end of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection

### 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

**STOP and THINK** - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours then please do.

Please bring bags to school on the morning of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and leave undercover by the rear entrance door

### Staff News

Mrs Hill has changed her name and will now be called Ms Holder.



### Parental Consultations Appointments

A letter was sent out to parents advising that parental consultations will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Most Appointments have now been confirmed but if you have not received a letter and would still like an appointment, please email: [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) or ring the school office on 01594 822171.

**Reminder for those that attend Dance Club after school on Wednesday's - there will be no dance club on 15<sup>th</sup> October due to the hall being used for Parent's evening.**

## Free School Meal Holiday Voucher Scheme

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the October Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 7 October until midday on 14 October. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 20 October. Please check junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If you have not received the vouchers by 27 October, submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This October 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 that 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, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting the holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



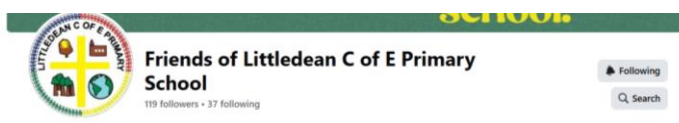
## Friends' Christmas Event

The Friends of Littledean School have begun organising their annual Christmas event. This will take place after school on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. More information to follow shortly.

The Friends Weekly Friday tuck shop will also be returning as of 17<sup>th</sup> October.

To keep up to date with the Friends events, you can find them on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLittledean>





## Holly Berries and Holly Leaves

This week Holly Berries and Holly Leaves have been having great fun exploring forest school and maths using ice numbers.



In RE Pre-school and Reception have been learning about different religious celebrations and this week we Baptised one of our babies.

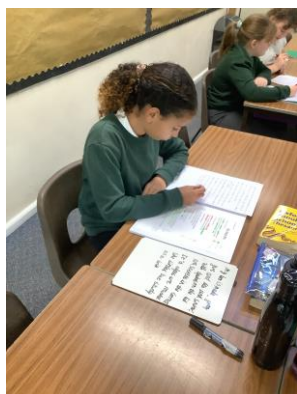
Holly Leaves have had a fun filled week learning about space for World Space week. We looked at what we would pack in our suitcases to take to space, made name rockets, done some taking away maths when singing 5 little men in flying saucer and watched Neil Armstrong take his first steps on the moon!



We'd like to invite grandparents to forest school on **Thursday 16th October at 2:00pm**. We will be celebrating grandparents and all of the kindness and hard work that they put in for the children. Please remember wellies and waterproofs. We hope that you can make it!

## Maple Class

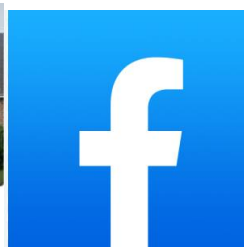
Maple Class have been hard at work crafting their own versions of *The Magic Box* poem by Kit Wright. Next week, they will focus on refining their presentation and oracy skills as they perform their poems in small groups. We look forward to sharing their final, beautifully presented pieces on our Facebook page — be sure to take a look at their wonderful work!



## 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**

<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

**INSET Day 1** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**INSET Day 2** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

### Diary Dates

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Forest Youth Association CEV  
Friends' Meeting  
Full Governing Board Meeting  
Chestnut & Maple Parent Consultations  
Holly Berries Parent Consultations  
Grandparent Celebration in Forest School -Holly Berries  
Maple Class Cheltenham Literacy Festival  
Flu Immunisations Reception- Y6  
Rags2Riches Clothes Collection  
Friends' "Santa's Christmas Boots" Event  
Whole School Pantomime Visit

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Maple Class' Skillzone  
Maple Class Activity Day  
Year 6 SATS week