



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 32

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents,

## School Photographs

The school class photographs are available on the following links.

Holly Leaves Class - <https://htmp.st/LEAVES-C277465D46>

Holly Berries Class - <https://htmp.st/BERRIES-779CF703BC>

Chestnut Class - <https://htmp.st/CHESTNUT-1567E9D862>

Maple Class - <https://htmp.st/MAPLE-E385207687>

Tempest offer free “deliver to school” option that is open for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on our website home page ([htempest.co.uk](http://htempest.co.uk)) where our friendly team will be happy to help.

Year 6 individual photographs will follow shortly.

The logo for Tempest Photography features the word 'TEMPEST' in a large, bold, serif font above the word 'PHOTOGRAPHY' in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. The text is white and set against a solid orange rectangular background.

## Tesco Grant

Please continue to support us in store by voting with your blue tokens. Voting ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Thank you



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

Thank you for your kind donations of Jazzy Jars, chocolates and bottles. Its not too late to donate if you didn't have time this week.

We ask for donations of cakes for our refreshment stall, please bring into school on Friday morning. *Please note – we are a nut free school*

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.

Please remember to return your raffle tickets, either sold counterfoils and money or unsold tickets. We ask that these are in school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

We hope you all enjoy the summer fair and raise a lot of money for the school.

## Pre-School – Stay and Play Session

If you are interested in your child attending our pre-school and they are aged three or four please join us for our next induction / stay and play session on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00 to 11.30. If you are not able to make this time/date please have a chat with Mrs Powell.



## Holly Leaves Class – Fathers' Day Celebrations

In celebration of all the special men in our lives, Holly Leaves would like to invite dads, granddads, uncles and important men in the children's lives to join our Forest school on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. The session will start at 1:45 (at the classroom door) for the duration of the afternoon.

We hope that you can make it!

## Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class are writing a school guide for new pupils inspired by the book 'The boy at the back of the class'. This week they planned questions to ask members of staff in school and interviewed them. They thought about being an active and engaging listener as well as how to take notes while listening which was a tricky skill! These quotes will be added to their school guide next week before being written up as a leaflet ready to be displayed in school.



Swimming lessons continue each fortnight and the children are working hard to develop and build on both their swimming skills and knowledge of water safety. We have 2 more swimming lessons left on Wednesday 25th June and Wednesday 9th July.

The anticipation is building for Chestnut Class' trip to Dean Heritage Centre on Tuesday 8th July! We will be taking part in the 'Life as an Anglo Saxon' day. Activities include discovering what they ate and drank, learning about their clothes and how they kept healthy and clean. They are especially excited to undertake warrior training and go on a boar hunt in role as an Anglo Saxon!

Thank you for those that have contributed towards the visit, if you haven't yet please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Many thanks



# The Library

# Challenge

12 July - 13 September 2025

Suitable for children aged 3+

Go Green, Get Reading, Get Rewards!

There are lots of different interactive and fun challenges that you can complete! You can do activities by yourself or ask friends or family members to help too.

This year is all about THE NATURAL WORLD

Further information available at <https://gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge>

## Caterlink Survey

Our catering provider are asking parents to complete a survey on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July, they will provide an update to locations which have taken part in the autumn term.

Please follow the link or scan the QR code. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D>



## Maple Class

Our Year 6's enjoyed the Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral earlier this week and had a fantastic time at TenPin Bowling. Many thanks to Miss May, Mrs Powell and Mike Barnsley for driving and joining in the fun.



## Holly Berries Class

In Geography, we have continued looking at the UK and the weather. We found out the names of the capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It was a bit tricky to remember the names and we need to practice a little more! You could try playing this game with your child.

[https://world-geography-games.com/en/europe\\_uk\\_ireland.html](https://world-geography-games.com/en/europe_uk_ireland.html)



Our class reader author this half term is Tom Percival. He has written many books that focus on feelings and how to manage challenging situations. Perhaps you would like to listen to Tom Percival reading his book Ravi's Roar via this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfrLI365ynw>

In Literacy we have started work on our new text Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield. We have already written character descriptions of the Giant and next week we will be story planning so that we can write the story ourselves.



We have just finished our unit Plants in Science. Children recently came home with a bean to grow from seed. We discussed the different conditions a bean needs to germinate and completed an experiment. The children were very interested in what a plant needs to produce food. Therefore, the children will be coming with a tomato plant today. Their challenge is to look after the plant to see if they can get it to produce tomatoes! Please send any photos in with the results. .

All of the Year 1 children completed the Phonics Screening assessment this week, testing their phonological knowledge by reading 40 words including nonsense words. We are so impressed with how they did and look forward to sharing this with you once the data is returned.

## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

**2024 / 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Term 5** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New to reception class induction session
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class STEM workshop
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
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Governors Learning Walk – Behaviour and Attitudes
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Chestnut Class Swimming Session 4
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	New to reception class induction session
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Juniors – Archery Taster session
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	New to reception class induction session
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Chestnut Class visit to Dean Heritage Centre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Evening Performance
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Afternoon Performance