



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 5

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents,

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite you to 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. The deadline for boxes being dropped into school is Friday 10th October.



Flu Immunisation - Consent

Last week 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 4th November – The first day back after half term.

Consent is given using an online form only which must be completed by 3rd 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.



Telephone issue - Resolved



Our telephone line is now back and working as normal however unfortunately our answerphone function has still not been restored yet. The school office is open 8.30-3.10 each day and we will answer your call as soon as we are able to. Outside of these hours please send an email to admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk

Forest Youth Association

Thank you to the Forest Voluntary Action Forum (FVAF) who visited Littledean School yesterday, we are pleased that so many families were able to chat with them and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



Reminders

Please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat each day, as they will be spending time outside in all weather.

As we move into the colder months, please also ensure your child comes to school with a weather-appropriate PE kit. This should include warmer layers such as joggers, a sweatshirt, and suitable footwear for outdoor activities.

Thank you for helping keep the children warm and dry!



Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Deadline Wednesday 15th October 2025



The children have produced some lovely work for their cauliflower cards, this and the order forms have been sent home today. Please place orders and return your artwork and order form to school before Wednesday 15th October 2025

Gloucestershire School Nursing Survey

Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help them provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete their short survey. As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.

https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school



Chestnut Class..

Chestnut Class have finished their first class book of the year 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. As you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed it and would recommend you read it too!



Harley-Mae – I liked it because it was unique.



Noah – I liked it because the sea monkeys were silly and funny.



Lola – I loved it because there was a lot of exploring in it and there was a bird and I love birds. I also liked the alive island.



Zak – I thought the sea monkeys were funny because they reminded me of Charlie and I really liked the story of the Thurstones and how they were created.



Delilah – I liked it because the characters were very interesting.



Florence – I loved it because the Rambling Isles could move and I liked it that there were mermaids and Mr Culpeper was really funny.



Alisha – I really liked it because the sea monkeys were so funny. Plus at the end I couldn't believe it that they built the house on the island.



Nolan – I loved it because there were lots of turns and twists and the sea monkeys were very funny.

Sports Club this week..

This week in our after-school sports club, Maple and Chestnut Class had the chance to try fencing! The children enjoyed learning the basics of this exciting sport, from stance to footwork, before testing their new skills with plenty of enthusiasm. *On guard!*



Holly Berries and Holly Leaves...

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries have been looking for signs of Autumn as part of their work in Science. We went for a walk around the school looking for leaves changing colour, seeds and vegetables that needed to be harvested. We found butternut squash and spring onions! Year 1 and 2 then used paints to show what a deciduous tree would look like in each of the 4 seasons.



Holly Leaves class have been looking at the book *The 3 little pigs* this week and have done lots of activities around it. We made patterns in maths using straws, sticks and bricks and then made our own stick houses and tried to blow them down like the big bad wolf!



Restart a Heart

This week, Maple and Chestnut Classes took part in Restart a Heart Live, an important session teaching children what to do if someone collapses.

They learnt the DR ABC steps for first aid:

D – Danger: Check for any risks around you.

R – Response: See if the person responds when you speak or gently shake them.

A – Airway: Make sure their airway is clear.

B – Breathing: Look, listen and feel for breathing.

C – Circulation/CPR: Begin chest compressions if they are not breathing normally.

The children then had the chance to practise these skills on their own teddies, making the session both memorable and fun. It was a fantastic opportunity to introduce them to life-saving skills in a safe and age-appropriate way.

Please check out our [Facebook](#) page for lots more photos.



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

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| 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 |

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

Diary Dates

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| Thursday 2 nd October | Forest Youth Association CEV |
| Monday 6 th October | Friends' Meeting |
| Tuesday 7 th October | Full Governing Board Meeting |
| Tuesday 14 th October | Chestnut & Maple Parent Consultations |
| Wednesday 15 th October | Holly Berries Parent Consultations |
| Friday 17 th October | Maple Class Cheltenham Literacy Festival |
| Tuesday 4 th November | Flu Immunisations Reception- Y6 |
| Monday 15 th December | Whole School Pantomime Visit |
| Thursday 29 th January 2026 | Maple Class' Skillzone |
| Thursday 23 rd April 2026 | Maple Class Activity Day |
| w/c 11 th May 2026 | Year 6 SATS week |