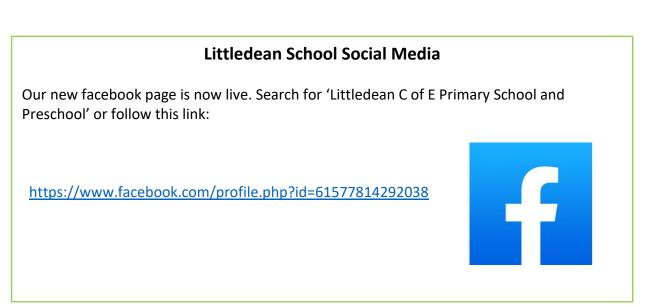


# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 36

Dear Parents,

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



## Last Day of Term – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The children will need to bring in a packed lunch as hot meals are not available. A packed lunch can be ordered from Caterlink on the weekly menu.

- 12.30 p.m. School closes for Pre-School children. Parents and children are welcome to join us at St. Ethelbert's Church.
- We start our Leavers Service at St Ethelbert's Church at 1.00 p.m. we hope you are able to join us.
- We return to school from Church and children will be ready to leave at 2.00 p.m. Please collect children from their normal doors.

We wish all our families a happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. We wish our year 6 leavers much luck in their new secondary schools.

## Hubble Bubble, Pirate Trouble – A Theatrical Treasure!

Ahoy there! This week, Maple and Chestnut Classes whisked us away on a magical, mischievous adventure with their sparkling production of Hubble Bubble, Pirate Trouble.

From the swashbuckling actors of Maple Class to the cheerful singers of Chestnut and our brilliant narrators tying it all together, every moment was full of charm and creativity.

A special mention goes to our two wonderful soloists, whose voices captivated the audience and added something truly special to the performance.

We couldn't be prouder of our young stars—they truly brought the high seas to life and stole the show like true theatre pirates!









#### **Chestnut Class**

Chestnut Class had a great day on Tuesday at Dean Heritage Centre learning more about the Anglo-Saxons. We started the day learning about being an Anglo-Saxon including what they ate and how to speak Old English. We wowed Alex, our tour guide, with our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and it being a heptarchy! After a quick break it was time for battle! We worked together with our shields and axes to defeat Alex multiple times even with his wooden shield to protect him. We enjoyed our lunch in the shade of the paddock while Alex patched himself back together. After lunch we went on a boar hunt and learnt more about Anglo-Saxon snacks, remedies and even toilet roll! Although we spotted signs of wild boar, the noise of a class full of excited school children meant we weren't lucky enough to spot any boar. To finish the day, we looked around the exhibitions at the Dean Heritage Centre including the Victorian school room. It was a fantastic day, the children were so excited to take their learning off site and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.







Please remember to send your chld to school in weather appropriate clothing. Warm waterproof coats for the winter months and hats with sun-cream for the summer months.

Also so that we can return lost or misplaced items of clothing, please label everything with your childs name.

Mrs Webb also has a large selection of second-hand uniform. Please email her at <a href="mailto:swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk">swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk</a> if you would like to purchase second-hand uniform.

All donations of uniform that is no longer required are also gratefully received.

## Starting secondary school - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize

Advice for parents who have a child starting secondary school this year, with tips on the emotional and practical sides of the transition.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school



## **Parent Governor Election**

We have two Parent Governor vacancies. An official election process will take place early in September.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. The Governing Board play a vital role in ensuring that every child receives the best possible education whilst at our school. If you want to help shape the future of our school, please consider this opportunity.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Mrs McGoldrick or the school office.

#### **Reading and Library Books**

Please check in bags and at home to see if you have any school books which you are no longer reading. We would like as many books as possible to be returned to school so that we can organize the classes and library for September. Many thanks



#### **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

Term 1	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
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Term 2Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

- Term 3Monday 5th January 2026 Friday 13th February 2026
- Term 4Monday 23th February 2026 Friday 27th March 2026
- Term 5Monday 13th April 2026 Friday 22nd May 2026
- Term 6 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 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

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 <u>each</u> parent for <u>each</u> 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.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Disco – Maple Class 6.00 – 8.00 Last Day of Term – Pre-School Closes at 12.30 Leavers Service at St Ethelbert's at 1.00 School Closes for Pupils at 2.00 First day of term 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September