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Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 11

28th November 2025

Dear Parents,

School Open Day – 4th December 2025

Information packs will be sent out shortly by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2026. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2026)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes. We are holding an open day on **Wednesday 4th December 9.30-11.30am**. All are welcome to join us!

If you have any questions or can't attend the open day but would like to arrange a visit on another day/time then please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.



Pantomime – Monday 15th December 2025

A reminder that the whole school will be attending the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Monday 15th December to see the Pantomime Jack and The Bean Stalk.

We ask for a donation of £13.55 to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and transport to and from Tewkesbury, please pay through our online payment system at www.parentpay.com.



Packed lunches will be required on the day, these can be ordered through caterlink on the usual menu.

Wellbeing Champions Visit to Viney Hill

Last Friday our wellbeing champions were invited to Viney Hill to take part in an activity session. They all had great fun and represented the school perfectly. They were polite, well behaved and showed great enthusiasm. Take a look at our Facebook page for more photos from the visit!



FSM Vouchers for Winter Holidays

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the Winter holiday 2025 will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 9 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 15 December. If you have signed up and not received your vouchers by 22 December, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This Winter Holiday, 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 scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **They are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

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, or for those wishing to find out more about eligibility can do so by visiting this webpage: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Food Bank Donations

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be collecting donations for The Forest Food Bank.

Examples of items to donate include:

- Tinned foods (beans, soup, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- Pasta, rice, and noodles
- Cereal and porridge oats
- Tea, coffee, and long-life milk
- Biscuits and snack bars
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)
- Household items (toilet rolls, washing-up liquid, cleaning products)



All donations are greatly appreciated and will help support local families in need.

Maple Class

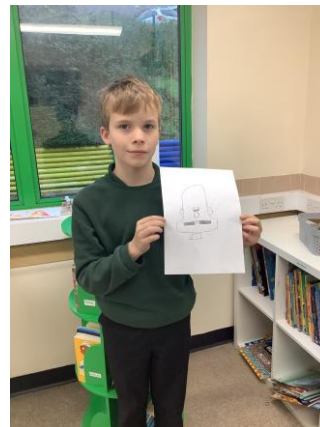
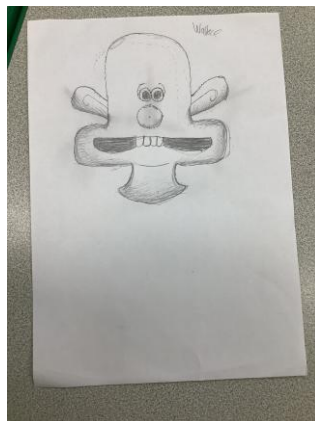
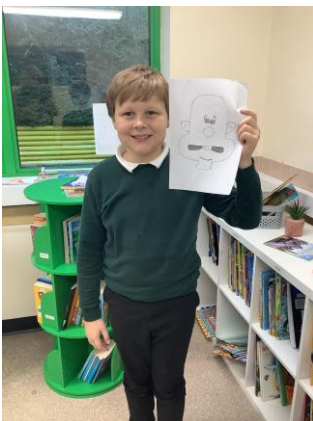
This week we welcomed Ian from Doodle Bug, a brilliant cartoon wall artist with a talent for turning maths into magic! Ian led a Maths and Art Cross-Curricular Workshop, where he showed us how shapes, lines and angles can be used to create amazing cartoon characters.

The children were completely absorbed from the moment they picked up their pencil. They followed his step-by-step instructions, using symmetry, proportions and geometric shapes to bring their drawings to life. Everyone showed fantastic listening skills and plenty of perseverance — and the results were *brilliant!*

By the end of the session, each child had produced their very own cartoon drawing of Wallace, complete with characterful expressions and impressive detail. The classroom buzzed with creativity and lots of proud smiles.

Want to see the masterpieces for yourself?

Head over to our Facebook page to check out the wonderful artwork created during the workshop!



Advance Notice – Last Day of Term

The last day of term for the children is Friday 19th December. We ask that children bring in a packed lunch as hot meals will not be available. A packed lunch can be ordered from Caterlink on the usual weekly menu.



The timings for the last day are as follows:

- ✚ 12.45 Pre-School will close – Please arrange collection from usual doors
- ✚ 1.00 Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church, all welcome to attend
- ✚ 2.00 Parents to collect children from School as school closes for the Christmas Holiday

Annual Parent Carer Survey for SEND Families – Have Your Say!

Please see below information provided by Gloucestershire County Council.

“The Annual Parent Carer Survey is now live and open until **Friday, 5 December 2025**. If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person aged **0–25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)**, we want to hear from you!

Your feedback helps shape and improve education, health, and care services across Gloucestershire. The survey is anonymous, takes about 12 minutes, and is available online.

Why take part?

- Share what’s working well and what needs improvement
- Help us make services better for all SEND families
- Influence future plans and priorities

Complete the survey here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VMeuX-NkFECbzOcvxzujEjvW4nf_rFpJnkYqUszlhxpUMzU4NDc0OEpVMDFCOUFQVUtNNFVSNFIYSi4u&origin=QRCode

(Or scan the QR code on the attached poster)

Thank you for helping us make a difference!”

Diary Dates

Friday 28 th November	Friends' "Santa's Christmas Boots" Event
Thursday 4 th December	Open day
Monday 15 th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December	St Ethelberts Christmas Service 1pm
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Maple Class' Skillzone
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Full Governors meeting
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	Maple Class Activity Day
w/c 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

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

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