



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 28

8th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Well Done Alisha!

We are very proud of Alisha who took part in a competition at Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts this week. She competed in two violin competitions where she received a score of 85 for both classes which gave her an Honours result. Well done Alisha!



Holiday Requests

Please remember as holiday season approaches 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.

SAT's Week!

Next week is SATs week for our amazing Year 6 children. Over the last two years in Maple Class, they have grown not only in their learning, but also in confidence, resilience and independence, and we could not be prouder of every single one of them.

The children have worked incredibly hard and shown such determination along the way. SATs are simply a chance for them to show some of what they already know, but they will never measure the kindness, creativity, laughter and unique personalities that make our children so special.

As they head into next week, we want them to remember just how capable they are. All we ask is that they try their best, believe in themselves and know that everyone is cheering them on. We have every confidence that they will shine brightly and make themselves proud.

Good luck, Year 6 — take a deep breath, keep smiling and remember: you are already stars in our eyes! ✨

Warmer Weather



Now that we are experiencing slightly warmer weather we ask that children have a water bottle in school at all times so that they can keep hydrated.

On sunny days we would suggest that sun cream (children must be able to apply it themselves) and sun hats are brought into school. Please remember to put your child's name on them.



Also, as we like to get outside every day, a waterproof coat is useful.

Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have written a setting description to describe the city of Pompeii before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We focused on using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases (an adjective and noun). I challenged them to choose their best sentence to include in the newsletter. Here are some of their choices:

Hunter - The wall is full of cracks.

Gabriella - Further down the cobbled, bustling path, I smelt freshly made bread and the owner has a sweet girl named Livia.

Scarlett - Outside there was a bumpy, stone path full of life.

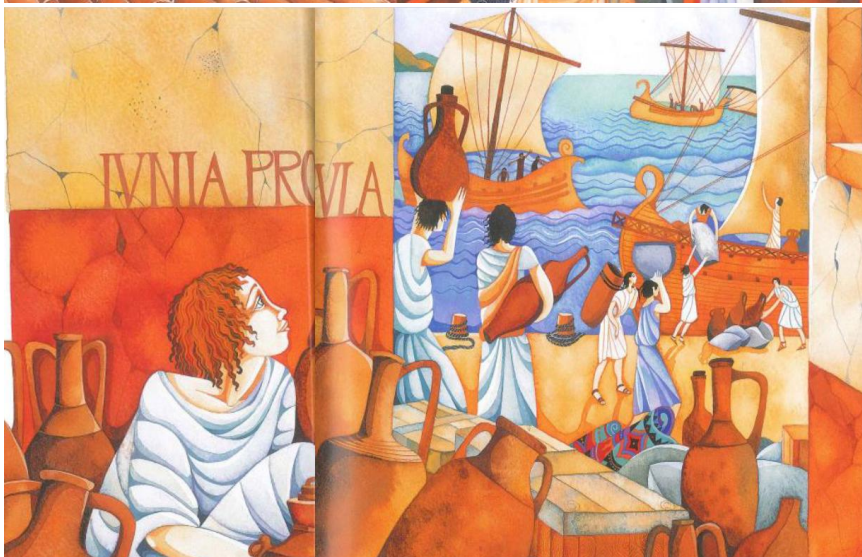
Lola - The fishermen had to ascend to get on the boat. The sails were big and the rugs were warm.

Poppy - Further along the stony road, was a stony harbour with massive boats.

Delilah - Around the corner, a busy, hard-working bakery was making freshly baked bread.

Florence - Early in the morning, the people in Pompeii were doing their daily routine but the silent city was unaware of what was to come.

Taylan - Down the street, there was a bustling harbour.



Diary Dates

Monday 18 th May	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measure
Tuesday 19 th May	Rags2Riches Clothing Collection
Thursday 4 th June	Class and Year 6 Leavers photos
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform – Jazzy Jars
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception first induction (classroom)
Saturday 20 th June	Friends' Summer Fun Day
Tuesday 23 rd June	Reception second induction (forest school)
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception third induction (classroom)
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports day (timings TBC)
Friday 3 rd July	Pre-school Stay and Play
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Service at St Ethelberts
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 5 Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6 Monday 1st June 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Day 4 Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day 5 Monday 20th July 2026

2026/2027

Term 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3 Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4 Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027

Term 5 Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6 Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET Day 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026

INSET Day 2 Friday 23rd October 2026

INSET Day 3 Monday 4th January 2027

INSET Day 4 Monday 22nd February 2027

INSET Day 5 Monday 7th June 2027