



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 36

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents,

## 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577814292038>



## 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.



## School Uniform – September 2025

Our School Uniform consists of:

- Bottle Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- White or Bottle Green Polo Shirt
- Black or Grey Trouser, or Skirt (shorts in the summer)
- Black or Grey Socks or Tights
- Dark Flat Shoes – not open toed,
- White or Green Gingham dress



We would also recommend a book bag

Our PE kit consists of:

- Black Shorts
- T-Shirt in house colours – Red, Yellow, Green, Blue
- Trainers
- A plain coloured tracksuit for colder days is optional



Uniform with our school logo can be purchased from:

Macron Store Gloucester – Telephone 0345 2059121

<https://macronstoregloucester.com/school-shop/j-m/littledean-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Please place orders before 1<sup>st</sup> August to guarantee delivery by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Uniform without our logo are available in most supermarkets.

Please remember to send your child 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 child's name.

Mrs Webb also has a large selection of second-hand uniform. Please email her at [swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) 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>



[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

## 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

### 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

**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](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 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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

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