



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 29

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,

## Year 6 – SAT's Week

KS2 SATs are over for another year. Huge congratulations to the year 6 who have worked incredibly hard over the past week completing six tests in total and all with a smile on their faces and determination in their eyes. We are very proud of them. As a treat, they had a movie and goodies afternoon on Thursday.



## Friends Summer Fair – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Thank you for your kind donations today of Jazzy Jars. Its not too late to bring one in if you haven't quite got around to making one up yet. If you haven't got time to make a Jazzy Jar we would be grateful for donations of sweets etc and jars and we can make them up.

Our next non-uniform day for donations for the summer fair will be on **Friday 13th June**, we suggest Chocolates from Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes and Bottles from Chestnut and Maple Classes, but any donations will be gratefully received.

*Please note – we are a nut free school*



Also we will be asking for donation of cakes for our refreshment stall on nearer the day.

We continue our preparations for our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. As usual they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.



### Contact Details – Can we get hold of you in an Emergency?



As most of our communications are now through email or postings on the school website it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are not sure please check with the school office or send an email to [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) with your new details. Thank you.

## Holly Leaves Class

This week we have continued to explore different farm produce and its uses. Some children have been enjoying developing their tying and cutting skills by making 'laser beams'. We have also been thinking about calming breathing and have made some fun dragons to help us.



## Tesco Grant

We have successfully been shortlisted for a Tesco grant award of up to £1,500 to help us to buy additional resources to support teaching across the curriculum!

Please continue to support us by voting in store with your blue tokens and encouraging Friends and Family to do the same.



Voting details:

When: 1st April – 30th June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

## Chestnut Class



Hello! In Chestnut class we have been busy designing pneumatic toys. Next Friday 23rd the children will be making their toys using junk materials. Please can they bring in any junk/recycling cardboard items that they might like to use to build their toy. Egg cartons, cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes etc. Thank you so much!  
Mrs John.

## 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.

Many thanks.

## Breaking News....

We are very excited to announce that Pro Stars (our PE provider) will be running a breakfast club and afterschool club, here at Littledean School from September 2025.

Further details to follow in the next few weeks...



## Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class explored shadows in science this week. We investigated the different shadows we got from using a range of materials. We learnt that opaque materials made a dark shadow, translucent shadows made a light shadow and transparent materials made a faint or fuzzy shadow. We even managed to make coloured shadows using coloured translucent materials! We then had a go at making our own shadow puppets using our "10 special actors" (AKA our fingers!) inspired by an 'Australia's Got Talent' finalist!



## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2024 / 2025 –

**Term 5** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 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%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.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors Learning Walk - Computing
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Chestnut Class Swimming session 2
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Author visit – Holly Leaves and Holly Berries
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors Learning Walk – SEND
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Cathedral Service and Bowling
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Chestnut Class Swimming session 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Non-Uniform Day Chocolates / Bottles
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class STEM workshop
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors Learning Walk – Behaviour and Attitudes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Summer Fair 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Ethelbert's Summer Fair 10.00 – 1.00
W/C Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Induction Week at Secondary School