



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 23

20th March 2026

Dear Parents,



Non – Uniform “Wear Red” Friday 20th March 2026

Thank you for your kind donations. We have raised £26.00 so far today. You can still donate by visiting our online payment system at www.parentpay.com

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection 11th May 2026



Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

Please bring bags to school on the morning of Monday 11th May and leave undercover by the rear entrance door.

Parent Governor Vacancy – Make a Difference in Our School

You already care about your child’s education—why not help shape the future of the whole school?

We are looking for a **Parent Governor** to join our governing body and represent the voice of parents in the school community. Governors work with school leaders to help set the school’s direction, support improvement, and ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

You don’t need any special qualifications. If you’re interested in the school, willing to ask questions, and can attend a small number of meetings each year, you could make a real difference.

It’s a rewarding way to:

- Support the school your child attends
- Have a say in important decisions
- Learn new skills and gain valuable experience

If this sounds like something you’d like to be part of, please contact the school office for more information or a nomination form. Alternatively, Lauan Brittain is one of our Parent Governors and she is happy to answer any questions you have about what it’s like to be one if you’d rather have an informal chat with her first.

House Winners



We are delighted to share that this term both Badgers and Hedgehogs achieved the highest number of house points—an excellent accomplishment that reflects the hard work and positive attitudes of all the children in both houses.



As a result, both houses will receive a well-deserved treat. The children have voted, and we are pleased to announce that they have chosen a pizza party, which will take place next Wednesday afternoon.

If your child has any dietary requirements or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Last day of term timings – Friday 27th March 2026

On Friday 27th March it is our last day of term, please see below timings:

- **The Pre-School will close at 12.45 p.m**, please arrange to collect your child at this time, you are welcome to join us in the Church for our Easter Service.
- **We will hold our Easter Service at St Ethelbert’s Church starting at 1.00 p.m.** We would like to invite all our families to join us.
- **The School will close for the Easter holidays at 2.00 p.m.** Please collect your child from their normal doors at this time.

Hot school meals will be available as usual.

The children will also be visiting St Ethelbert’s Church on Tuesday 24th March for “Experience Easter” sessions to take part in some Easter activities.

Maple

This morning the children in Maple class enjoyed a delicious feast of food and drinks kindly sent in by a parent, to celebrate the end of Ramadan.



Chestnut

Chestnut Class loved their second book in the sequel 'Finding Bear' by Hannah Gold. They would thoroughly recommend you read it too! Here is what they loved about it.



Scarlett – I loved it because April saved Peanut.



Nolan – I loved it because it just followed on from the Last Bear with all of the same characters except one.



Florence – I loved the book because April saved Peanut and it made me feel like I was in Svalbard.



Lacey-Mae – I liked it because April was helping Bear to survive.



Alisha – I loved it because it was a fantastic sequel to the Last Bear.



Lota – I loved it because April was really keen to go back to Svalbard to see if Bear was shot.

We started our unit of work on sculpture in Chestnut Class this week and had great fun learning how to join 2D shapes to make a 3D structure. We had to be very inventive as we could not use glue or tape for anything other than attaching our shapes to the base board!

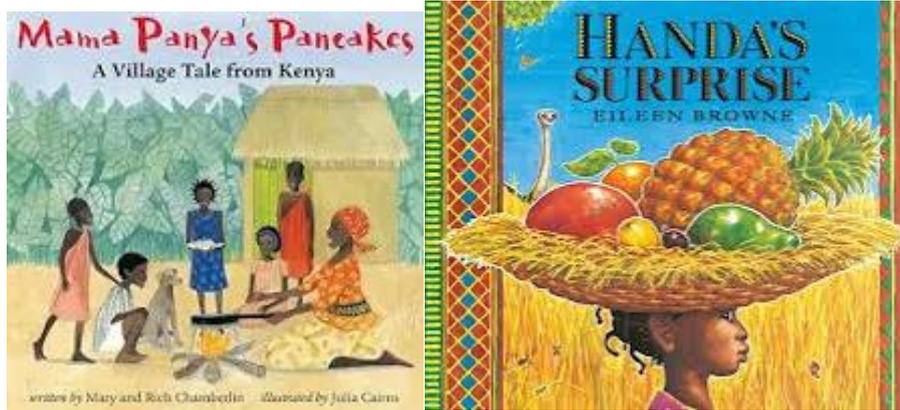


This week our Year 4 children attended a performance of 'In the Net' at St White's School. It was a fun and interactive play that carried a serious message about how to stay safe on line.



Preschool and Reception

This week Preschool and Reception Class have enjoyed exploring the hidden treasures of Africa; including learning about the day to day lives of villagers, the different types of foods they eat and the music they listen to. Our book this week, 'Mama Panya's Pancakes', provided us with a great bank of knowledge of rural Kenyan villages and inspired us to make our very own African pancakes. The children loved the process of making pancakes and were very proud of their creations.



During story time this week we read 'Handa's Surprise' and the children were excited to learn about the variety of animals that can be found in Africa, their habitats and diets.

Pre-school have been working really hard in their phonics sessions, in which we have been focusing on sound-talking and exploring the different range of sounds our voices can make; our sound of the week this week was 'J'.

We finished the week with a fun PE session in the sun, working on balance and improving our gross motor skills on the outside equipment.

Reminder from the Friends

Please can all entries and payments for the Easter Colouring Competition be in by Tuesday 24th March so that winners can be selected and announced on Thursday 26th March.
Thank you.

THE FRIENDS OF LITTLEDEAN SCHOOL

EASTER

COLOURING COMPETITION
PRIZE FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

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£1
Per entry

Winners to be announced in celebration
worship on Thursday 26th March.



Easter tuck shop



Find us in the hall on
Thursday 26th March,
from 3PM onwards.



We'll have a selection
of Easter themed treats.



THE FRIENDS OF LITTLEDEAN SCHOOL

Data Collection sheets

A reminder that we sent out data collection sheets after half term to be checked, signed and returned. If you haven't already, please return these to us as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct and up to date information for all pupils.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

Term 4 Monday 23th February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Term 5 Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6 Monday 1st June 2026 – 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

INSET Day 4 Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day 5 Monday 20th July 2026

Diary Dates

Friday 27th March

St Ethelbert's Easter Church Service 1pm

Wednesday 22nd April

Full Governors Meeting

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Maple Class Activity Day

Thursday 8th May

Preschool Stay and Play

Monday 11th May

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection

Saturday 20th May

Friends' Summer Fun Day

w/c 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATS week