



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 17

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents,

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection – Thursday 5th February 2026

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

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 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 your donations to school on the morning of Thursday 5th February 2026 before 9.00 a.m. and leave in the covered area outside the rear entrance door.

Thank you.

Maple Class Skillzone Visit

A reminder that on Thursday 29th January, Maple class will be visiting Skillzone Gloucester. Packed lunches are required, A packed lunch can be ordered through Caterlink. All children are to wear school uniform and a warm waterproof coat is recommended.



Maple Class

In their Design Technology lessons last term, Maple Class designed and made stuffed toys. It was tricky at times but everyone persevered and were really proud of their finished products.



This week, Maple Class took part in a cricket taster session and had great fun developing their throwing, catching and batting skills.



Emergency Closure Procedures

Hopefully we won't need to do this anytime soon but just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of our procedures. **Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.**
If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message / email through Eschools
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk
- Post the closure on our facebook page
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Holly Leaves

Holly Leaves have been working hard this week in maths we have been looking at composing and de-composing a whole. We have been using blocks to build and knock down towers made up of 2 3 or 4 parts used square card pieces and square stamps to make stampolines of 3 or 4 parts. We investigated how many parts an octopus had by cutting out all it's different parts and making him whole again.



In PE this term Holly Leaves are working on ball control. We have learnt we need to use our eyes and hands to be able to move the ball where we want it to go. We rolled the ball to our partner and then joined together to make a bigger circle so the ball had to travel further.



Free Dental Health Webinar

Please find below the link for a free Dental Health webinar for Parents and carers of children aged 0-11 years, taking place on 28th February by Big Brush Club:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/26f23324-6cc8-4adb-9164-eb20566b3d08@11f187f2-a328-4d92-a1f2-a711ff09055d>



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2025 / 2026 – Please see website for full details

Term 3 Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4 Monday 23rd 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 3 Friday 13th February 2026

INSET Day 4 Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day 5 Monday 20th July 2026

Diary Dates

Thursday 29th January 2026

Maple Class' Skillzone

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Full Governors meeting

Thursday 12th February

Preschool Stay and Play

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Maple Class Activity Day

w/c 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATS week