



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 25

17th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Friends' Summer Fun Day and Non-Uniform Days

The Friends' have been busy planning their summer event for this year. They will be holding two non-uniform days in exchange for donations of Bottles and Chocolates to be used on the day. Please see below dates:

- **Non- uniform Friday 8th May – Bottles**
- **Non-uniform Friday 5th June – Chocolates (Please remember we are a Nut Free school)**



To keep up to date with what the Friends' are planning, you can follow their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLittledean>

National Child Measurement Programme and Vision Screening

We sent information to parents with children in Reception and Year 6 regarding the National Child Measurement Programme and Vision screening taking place in school on 18th May. You do not need to do anything if you are happy for your child to:

- have their vision screened,
- be weighed and measured,
- and for your phone number to be shared with Maximus.

If you do not want your child to take part in the NCMP or vision screen, please complete the online opt out form on the following link:

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/self-refer/school-nursing-screening-form/>

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.

Chestnut

Chestnut Class had a very exciting start to the new term with our first ukulele lesson! We have already learnt how to play C, D and E, how to read these notes and clapped simple rhythms including 1 and 2 beat notes.

At the end of the 10 week block of lessons, we will showcase our learning in a performance for parents!



Chestnut Class have also been learning about the Romans. This week we found out about the battle between Boudicca's army and the Romans at the battle of Watling Street in AD 61. We wrote an account of the battle from the perspective of a Celtic warrior.



I am a Celtic warrior in Boudicca's army. We charged, attacked and defeated many towns but our luck changed when a messenger told General Paulinus. He immediately told his army who marched straight to us. People who came to watch the battle were enthusiastic that we were going to win. They were wrong, we had no plan, on the other hand Rome did. We charged and we were defeated. I was one of the last people standing, I was brave and fierce, I am so proud of myself, so very proud.

Florence (Y4)

I am a Celtic warrior, or at least I was during Boudicca's rebellion. It was horrifying, many Britons died that day. We charged into battle, but with no game plan our efforts were futile. In the end most of us perished. We fought valiantly but soon fell, I'm one of the only survivors of the fight. Unfortunately, my two daughters Lavender and Sarah died as well because they could not pay taxes. After an incredibly long clash the Romans prevailed. Nonetheless I am proud of my accomplishments, although I am still depressed and it feels like losing was my fault, I am now just a shadow of my former self.

Zak (Y4)

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries

Holly Leaves welcome you to a new term, this term our topic is Ready, steady, grow! We will be learning about life cycles and all things that grow!

We have started the term off strong and been looking at where plants come from, we have learnt that most plants come from seeds and how that seed germinates to grow shoots and flowers, more seeds grow on the flower that are dropped or spread around that starts the process again.

We have begun our own growing and have planted some pumpkin, rhubarb and melon seeds while at forest schools.

Holly Leaves also planted some beans in a clear bag and stuck them to the window so we can watch the germination process.

Last term the Infants participated in the Ruby Robin Award during forest schools, we carried out some activities such as making bird feeders, bird watching, listening to the birds and found out some interesting facts about birds and how the song birds' population is decreasing. We were awarded with certificates and badges as recognition for our hard work in helping to look after our birds.



This week in Year 1, the children have been practising using stem sentences to explain 'one more' and 'one less' of numbers between 1-50.



Information from Thinktravel:

“We wanted to let you know about the upcoming Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a great opportunity for pupils who may have missed Bikeability training in school to still take part and learn an important life skill through cycling.

Cycling helps children build confidence, independence, and physical activity into their daily lives. It also plays an important role in road safety, helping pupils develop the skills and awareness they need to ride safely, understand the road environment, and make safer journeys. To view and book courses follow this link:

<https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>”

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 nd April	Full Governors Meeting
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	Maple Class Activity Day
Friday 8 th May	Preschool Stay and Play
Friday 8 th May	Non-uniform – Bottles for Friends’
Monday 11 th May	Rags2Riches Clothing Collection
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform – Chocolates for Friends’
Saturday 20 th June	Friends’ Summer Fun Day
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

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