



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 7

16th October 2026

Dear Parents,

Pre-Loved Games Wanted!

A big thank you to those that have already donated!

We are still in need of some games, so if you have any lying around at home that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

We are particularly looking for games that encourage **turn-taking, sharing and playing together as a group.**

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Christmas Cauliflower Cards

Children's artwork for our Christmas Cauliflower Cards were sent home last week.

If you would like to order your child's cards, please place your order online and then return it to school by **Tuesday 20th October** at the latest as this is the cut off for us to post them in time for Christmas.



Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 3rd November

A reminder to parents/carers to please **complete the consent form to opt in or opt out of your child receiving their nasal flu vaccination in school on 3rd November**. If you do not opt in, **your child will not receive the vaccine on the day**.

Information and instructions, including a link to the online consent form, have been sent to all parents/carers.

If you have not received the information or need the link to be resent, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

School Photographs Reminder

Just a reminder to order your children's photos online at Tempest. To take advantage of the "free delivery to school" offer they have advised us that you will need to have ordered your photos by **Tuesday 20th October**.

Donations Wanted!

Do you have gently used costumes, scarves, or materials tucked away at home that need a new life? We are looking to refresh our **dressing-up and imaginative play area**, and we would love your help!

Dressing up helps children explore their creativity, build storytelling skills, and develop empathy through role-play. To keep our dress-up corner exciting and open-ended, we are collecting clean, gently used donations. Please bring donations directly to the EYFS door!

What We're Looking For:

- **Costumes & Outfits**
- **Hats & Headwear:** Crowns, helmets, sun hats, funny caps, or tiaras.
- **Scarves & Fabric:** Brightly coloured scarves, shawls, or lengths of fabric for wraps and capes.
- **Blankets & Materials:** Small blankets or throws (great for making forts, cloaks, and picnic setups!).
- **Old clothes:** Sizes age 6 upwards to help the children put the clothes on independently over their school t-shirt.

To keep our play space safe and hygienic, please ensure that:

- All items are **clean and washed** before donating.
- Items are free of sharp edges, loose small beads/buttons, or cords that could pose a safety hazard.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Can you help??

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again, we are supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. Please see the below picture and items we have available in our donation box – the prices are only the suggested amounts but any donation amount is gratefully received.



Zip Pull - 50p
Reflector Poppy – 50p
Snap Band - £1
Traditional Poppy – 50p
Poppy Sticker – 50p
Poppy Pencil – 50p



If you would like to donate and choose an item from the box please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you for your support.

Message from GCC

Gloucestershire County Council is organising a countywide programme that provides children and young people with opportunities to enjoy healthy meals and stay active and entertained during the school holidays for free.

Running from 24 October to 1 November, the programme includes activities such as sports, outdoor adventures, creative arts and crafts, community play sessions, wellbeing opportunities and other enriching experiences designed to support children and families outside of term time.

Trusted local organisations, community groups and activity providers will deliver the sessions.

There are no eligibility requirements for the inclusive initiative which remains separate from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. All children and young people living in the county will be able benefit from support, regardless of their circumstances.

The initiative reflects Gloucestershire County Council's commitment to supporting children, young people and families during school holidays.

Food support and activities can be booked through [Gloucestershire's Virtual Family Hub](#). Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Some providers will be managing bookings through their own websites or booking systems and should be contacted directly if an activity isn't listed on the hub.

Wonderful Writing in Years 3 and 4!

Children in Years 3 and 4 have been busy creating some truly fantastic pieces of writing inspired by *The Last Zookeeper* by Aaron Becker. They have used their imaginations and a range of ambitious vocabulary to craft vivid descriptions and captivating story openings. We are delighted to share some of their wonderful descriptive sentences and opening paragraphs, showcasing their creativity and growing confidence as young writers. Well done, everyone – we are so proud of you!

Wonderful opening paragraphs:

Just north of here, there is a place which has a frequency for terrible storms. It once had crowds and crowds of people filing through the old zoo gates, people old and people young, all enjoyed seeing the animals and circus behind the old zoo gates. Then a big storm flooded and ruined the abandoned city. The only person left was Noa. He tended the famished animals. When he finished he trudged back home. As soon as he got back he started to build and build a tiny boat to test his plan for later years to come.

AB

Slowly, Noa fed the animals, then calmly and kindly he went home. He hung his bag up. Then he worked on a little boat and sailed the boat away.

EJ

As long as Noa could, he spent all of his time with the scruffy, famished animals. He fed the fragile pandas bamboo and got the tigers out of the murk net. After, he went home to his drenched house and hung up his satchel to rest. A little later, Noa made a fragile boat to test his big creation he was going to make later. He felt lonely.

GS

Once upon a time there was a robot called Noa. When Noa went to check on the animals, he fed the panda bears, the tigers, the giraffes and the rhino. Then he finished and slouched home. When he got home he got his satchel, hung it up and went into his little space and made a little boat. He put the boat in the water and it worked. He waited, he was so so sad that he was lonely.

H-MW

Slowly, Noa fed the animals, then calmly and kindly he went home. He hung his bag up. Then he worked on a little boat and sailed the boat away.

EJ

Noa fed the scruffy giraffes. The dusty city was hidden under water. It shimmered as water rose against the shore. Noa quickly fed the animals and went back home to his shack. It reminded how lonely he was, but he didn't know what the next chapter of his life would be.

M

Amazing descriptive sentences:

Birds were flying in circles in the storm.

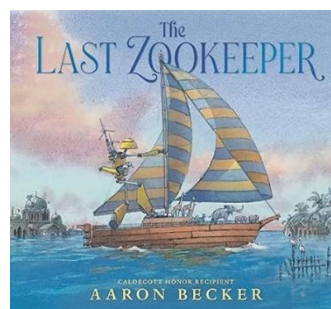
OH

Noa is sitting sadly.

ML

The animals are scared. Noa is trying to save them and get them out of the storm

HW



Friends' Light Party & October Newsletter

Please see below for details of the Friends' Light Party, taking place after school on the last day of term which is Thursday 22nd October!

For more information about upcoming events, please also take a look at the **Friends' October Newsletter**, attached separately within your school newsletter email. This includes all the details of their upcoming events, as well as information about their **autumn colouring competition!**



The Friends of Littledean Primary School Present Family Light Party

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 4.30 PM - 6.30 PM

An evening of fun for all the family.
Included in your Family Ticket price, we will provide Arts & Crafts, Disco fun, & Face Painting.
Other goodies will be available to purchase.

Crafts **TUCK SHOP** **FACE PAINTING**

Family Ticket £5

Littledean School Hall



AUTUMN Colouring Competition
Prize for Each Year Group

**Plus One Golden Winner Prize
2 Childrens Tickets for Slimbridge
Wetlands Park**

£1

New School Dinner Menu

Our new school dinner menu for the autumn/winter terms has been sent out to parents this week and is also available to view on the school website.

The new menu will commence on **Monday 2nd November**. New menu ordering slips will be handed out on the last day of term ready for when we return.

Please remember that school meals must be paid for in advance of ordering via ParentPay.
Thank you for your cooperation!



Maple Class – Creating Tone in Art

Maple Class have been exploring how to create tone in their artwork, learning how to use highlights and shadows to add depth, detail and a sense of realism to their drawings.

This week, the children put their new skills into practice by creating their own drawings of the iconic Stonehenge! They worked hard to use light and shade to bring their stone structures to life, showing great creativity and developing their artistic skills.

We are very proud of their fantastic efforts! Head over to our Facebook page to see more of the children's wonderful artwork.



Diary Dates

Thursday 22 nd October	Friends' Light Party
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu Immunisations
Monday 9 th November	Parent Consultations Y3 and Y4
Tuesday 10 th November	Parent Consultations Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 11 th November	Parent Consultations R, Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Morning
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Morning
Friday 11 th December	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 14 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2026 / 2027 – Please see website for full details

Term 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 – Friday 23 rd October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026 – Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027 – Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 th April 2027 – Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 th June 2027 – Wednesday 21 st July 2027

INSET Day	2	Friday 23 rd October 2026
INSET Day	3	Monday 4 th January 2027
INSET Day	4	Monday 22 nd February 2027
INSET Day	5	Monday 7 th June 2027