



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 27

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,

## Christian Value – Term 5

Our Christian Value for life this term is

### Service



## VE Day Celebrations – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May the children will be taking part in the VE 80 Great Big Live Assembly completing activities in class related to VE Day and we will be having a whole school picnic.

We ask that children either bring a packed lunch or order a packed lunch from Caterlink in the usual way. Please remember we are a nut free school.

We invite the children to dress in red, white and blue.



## A message from Mrs John – Student Teacher

Hello! I'm Mrs John and I'm really excited to be working with Chestnut Class this term. I love teaching English and art, and I'm especially passionate about helping children develop their creativity and confidence. I'm looking forward to exploring the Rainforest topic in Geography with the class, and getting to know everyone as we learn and have fun together



## Friends – Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

The Friends would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who braved the rain and completed our Easter egg hunt on Good Friday.

Our raffle and refreshments on the day made a fantastic £592.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the local businesses that contributed towards 250 Easter egg prizes. It's their generosity that helps us keep this a free to enter event each year.

We had approximately 40 eggs remaining all of which we donated to the Salvation Army food bank.

All raffle prize winners have been contacted - a full list of winners is available to view on The Friends' Facebook page.

## 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.

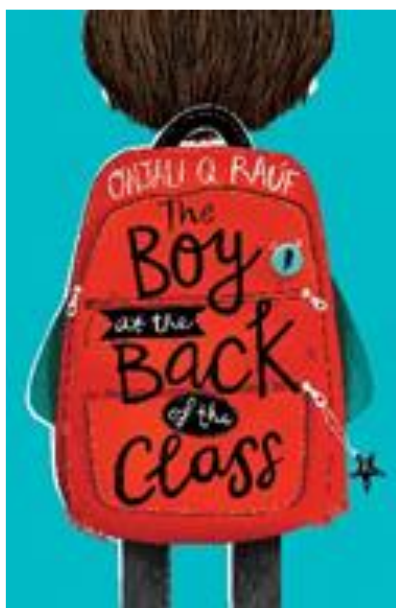


Voting details:

When: 1st April – 30th June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

## Chestnut Class



We are reading the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by our focus author Onjali Q. Raúf. We also have lots of author books also written by Onjali Q. Raúf available in our book corner.



Our English lessons this term are based on the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have started our first text type which is a story opener in the same style as the start of the story. We will also look at poetry writing.

<b>Maths</b>	Focusing on money and decimals before beginning a unit on time. As well as this, we are still working on learning all of our times tables to 12x12.
<b>Geography</b>	Why are rainforest important to us?
<b>DT</b>	Mechanical Systems: Pneumatic toys
<b>PSHCE</b>	Being my Best
<b>Science</b>	Energy: Light and Shadow
<b>Computing</b>	Data and Information
<b>French</b>	Bon appetit
<b>RE</b>	For Christians what is the impact of Pentecost?
<b>PE</b>	Athletics

Chestnut Class will start swimming next week Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. They will need to bring a swimming costume/trunks and a towel. Could long hair be tied back and jewellery be removed for our swimming lessons to avoid the risk of watches/earrings being lost or left at the pool. Thank you.

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

Preparations are underway for our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be issued shortly to our families.

We will hold two non-uniform days for donation for our stalls at the fair.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** for Jazzy Jars

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

## Maple Class

This term we will continue with our class reader 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo

Our main focus is preparation for Year 6 SAT's which take place week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.



Followed by our free visit to Slimbridge Wetlands Trust (further information to follow) and our end of year leavers performance.



## Holly Leaves Class

Holly Leaves have started our new topic 'sowing and growing'. This week we have been reading stories and finding out about farming. Yesterday, we enjoyed the sunshine while making seed bombs for our gardens. We plan to spend lots more time learning about plants and planting more seeds in our outside area. If any families have seeds or plants like strawberries or tomatoes that they would like to donate we would be very thankful.

Forest school: With the current hot weather please could we remind you that children must be dressed in full length sleeves and trousers as protection from nettles and brambles.



Also a reminder to parents and children – please do not play with the equipment in Holly Leaves outside area before or after school. Thank you.

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed

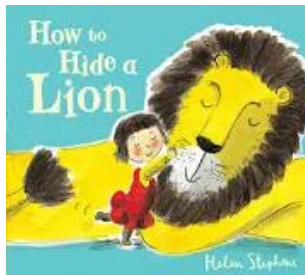
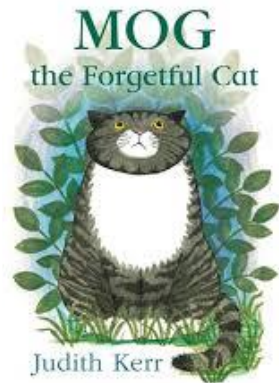
Reminder – School is closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for the Bank Holiday. We return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8.40 a.m.

## Holly Berries Class

Judith Kerr is our featured author. She is best known for her books about Mog the Forgetful Cat and The Tiger Who Came to Tea. If you have any books at home by Judith Kerr we would love the children to bring them in to share with each other



### The Tiger Who Came to Tea



### Literacy

We will be using the book How to Hide a Lion by Helen Stephens this half term. It will be the stimulus for the children having the opportunity to write recounts, character descriptions and a poem. The children have enjoyed listening to and exploring the story this week.

### Computing

This term we will be using the ipads to create simple animation using Scratch Jr. The children will program using simple blocks of code to make their sprite (character) move in different settings. They have made a great start to the new topic.

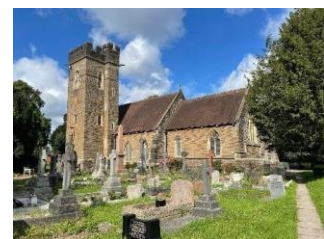


### Geography

Are big questions is "What is the Weather like in the UK?" The children will be using atlases to locate the 4 countries in the UK as well as learning about the different seasons. We hope to do some field work around the school to support the learning in class.

### RE

This term we will be finding about places of worship and why the sacred to people. We will focus on a mosque and church identifying features within these special buildings.



## After School Sports Clubs

Our After School Sports Clubs will continue to run after the Easter Holidays. They will be hosted by Mr Edwards from Pro Stars, we will continue to offer activities such as lacross, mini golf, archery, fencing, curling, hockey. The children will need to wear their PE kits and as the weather gets warmer and sunnier we suggest they bring a hat and sun screen.

If your child already attends they will be able to continue for next term, if they do not already attend and would like to please ask the office for a permission letter.

The clubs will run on the following dates:

### Maple Class – Mondays

28<sup>th</sup> April  
12<sup>th</sup> May  
19<sup>th</sup> May  
2<sup>nd</sup> June  
9<sup>th</sup> June  
16<sup>th</sup> June  
23<sup>rd</sup> June  
30<sup>th</sup> June

### Chestnut Class – Tuesdays

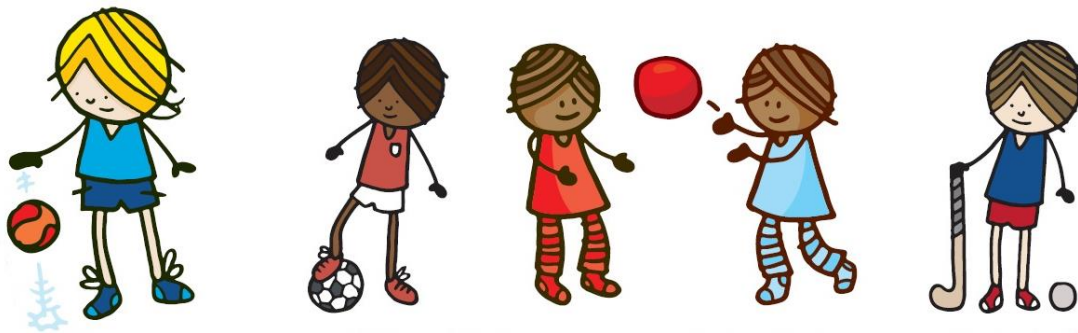
29<sup>th</sup> April  
6<sup>th</sup> May  
13<sup>th</sup> May  
20<sup>th</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
10<sup>th</sup> June  
17<sup>th</sup> June  
24<sup>th</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup> July

### Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes

Our Reception children are invited to join our after school sports club each Wednesday if they wish to. Clubs start at 3.10 p.m. and end at 4.10 p.m. Please collect your child from your normal door.

### Holly Class – Wednesdays

30<sup>th</sup> April  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
14<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> May  
4<sup>th</sup> June  
11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup> July





## 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 4** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**INSET Day 5** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### 2025 / 2026 – **INSET days to be confirmed**

**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_at_school/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

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Holly Leaves visit to St Ethelbert's Church

Chestnut Class Swimming session 1

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day

Year 6 SATs week

Governors Leadership meeting

Friends Non Uniform Day for Jazzy Jars

Governors Learning Walk - Computing

Chestnut Class Swimming session 2

Full Governing Board Meeting

Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge

Governors Learning Walk – SEND

Chestnut Class Swimming session 3

Friends Non Uniform Day Chocolates / Bottles

Maple Class STEM workshop

Friends Summer Fair 3.10 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.