



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 23

21st March 2025

Dear Parents,

Non – Uniform – Friday 21st March 2025



Thank you for your kind donations. We have raised £33.00 so far today. You can still donate by visiting our online payment system at www.parentpay.com

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection 27th March 2025



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 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 Thursday 27th March 2025 and leave undercover by the rear entrance door

Puddle Ducks – Water Safety

This week Puddle Ducks visited the school to give a talk about water safety. For further information please visit www.puddleducks.com



Changes to School Security

The school site security has been reviewed and we have changed the mechanism on the gate at the top of the slope in the rear playground. You will now need to be let in and let out by a member of staff.

All gates at the rear of the school will be locked between 8.45 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. If you know that you will be bringing your child into school later than 8.45 a.m. or collecting before 3.00 p.m. please let office staff know so that they can be available to unlock the gate.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Attendance, Absence and Lateness

The last few weeks we have seen unusually high levels of lateness, we know and understand that it is an effort to get going some mornings, but lateness is disruptive for all and can cause distress and anxiety for the children and classes.

We ask that you make a big effort to arrive in school on time, ready to walk through the doors at 8.40 a.m. A chat with friends in the playground is a great way to start the day.

A reminder that children should be attending school every day on time if they are well enough to do so. If they are absent for any reason we ask that you contact the office by telephone to advise us of the reason for absence. An answerphone is available if the office is unmanned. Please do not email as these may not be checked until later in the day.

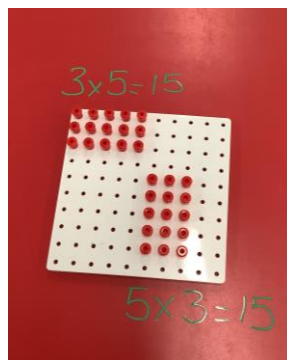
School starts at **8.40 am**. Gates are locked at **8.45 am**, all children and parents arriving after this time must report to reception so that children can be signed into school.

Thank you

Holly Berries Class

We have been enjoying the sun this week so decided to take our Maths lesson outside. Year 1 were working on counting forwards and backwards to 50 and drew some number lines on the playground to help us. We discovered that we need to work on counting backwards!

Year 2 have been doing some work on multiplication and were using the peg boards to explore arrays. It helped us to understand how multiplication can be done in any order.



Staff News

This week Mrs Bibby joined the School as a Teaching Assistant in Holly Berries Class. We hope you give her a warm welcome.

HAF is back in 2025!



We are excited to announce that the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for another year, offering a variety of funded activities and nutritious meals for children and young people during the spring, summer, and winter school holidays.

Here's everything you need to know for spring HAF:

- **Preview Date:** 17 March 2025 - View activities and events to help you plan your spring holiday
- **Bookings Open:** 31 March 2025 - You will be able to book activities from 12pm
- **HAF District & Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Support:** If you need assistance with booking, access or any of our forms, please contact your [local community connector](#)
- **Sign Up Early:** We encourage families who haven't already registered for a CABS (Children's Activities Booking System) account to do so early to avoid any potential issues with securing places once bookings go live

All the information is available in more detail on the Gloucestershire HAF website.

https://gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf?es_c=90521B7197F39E49E733C2AE5ECB9222&es_cl=1829B4C8F58ABF88F219BA3F980E315F&es_id=phc%c2%a3y4

A few reminders

PE Kit – this should be shorts and t-shirt (house colours if possible) trainers/daps. Tracksuit bottoms and school jumpers can be worn on colder days.

Hair – long hair should be tied up whilst in school – girls and boys

Jewellery – we discourage jewellery in school, ear rings must be removed before PE sessions

Coats – a warm waterproof coat should be brought to school each day as we do like the children to go outside even on cold or drizzly days.

School Meals – should be paid for in advance of ordering. Menus should be returned on a Monday during registration time to ensure your meal of choice is ordered.

School Website – www.littledeanprimary.co.uk – there is a host of information on the website include school policies, terms dates and also information about what we have been doing in school. The newsletter is uploaded weekly to the website and found under the letters heading.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Easter Activities

The children will be visiting St Ethelbert's Church on Tuesday 8th April for Experience Easter sessions with Mike Barnsley and members of the Open the Book Team.

On Thursday 10th April, our last day of term:

- The Pre-School will close at 1.00 p.m., please arrange to collect your child at this time, you are welcome to join us in the Church.
- We will hold our Easter Service at St Ethelbert's Church starting at 1.30 p.m. We would like to invite all our families to join us.
- The School will close for the Easter holidays at 2.15 p.m. Please collect your child from their normal doors.

Hot school meals will be available, the children in the infants and pre-school will eat at a slightly earlier time.





Littledean C of E Preschool

Is your child turning 3 and
looking for a fun place to
learn and play?

**We welcome you to our
Pre-School open morning!**

**03rd
April
2025** | **10.00
till
11.00** | **Play
Fun
Learn**



Click the QR to visit our website to find
out more about our school.

☎ 01594 822171



admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk

To find out what's been going on in school,
follow us on X @Littledeansch

Friends – Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Recently the Friends issued raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 18th April at 12.00.

If you require more tickets, please contact Amy Evans or the school office. All tickets, sold or unsold, counterfoils and money should be returned to school by Thursday 10th April, our last day of term.

Many thanks



Sponsored Bunny Bounce

On Wednesday 2nd April 2025, we ask all our children (and staff!) to take part in a sponsored bunny bounce to help raise funds for some fun resources and activities for our classes. Sponsor forms have been issued contact the office if you need another one, please pay using our online payment system www.parentpay.com, we are unable to accept cash.

Thank you



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day 4 11th April 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 2025

2025 / 2026 – INSET days to be confirmed

Term 1 Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

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

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

Tuesday 25 th March	Full Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March	Holly Leaves and Berries Parental Consultations
Thursday 27 th March	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 2 nd April	Sponsored Bunny Bounce
Thursday 3 rd April	Pre-School Induction morning
Tuesday 8 th April	Experience Easter at St Ethelbert's Church
Wednesday 9 th April	Leadership Governors Meeting
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Service at St Ethelbert's.
Friday 18 th April	Friends Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle
Wednesday 30 th March	Governors Learning Walk - Writing
Friday 2 nd May	80 th Anniversary VE Day
Friday 2 nd May	First Session for Smash Hits Music
Wednesday 7 th May	Holly Leaves visit to St Ethelbert's Church
Wednesday 7 th May	Chestnut Class Swimming session 1
W/c 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week