



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 22

14th March 2025

Dear Parents,

Non – Uniform – Friday 21st March 2025



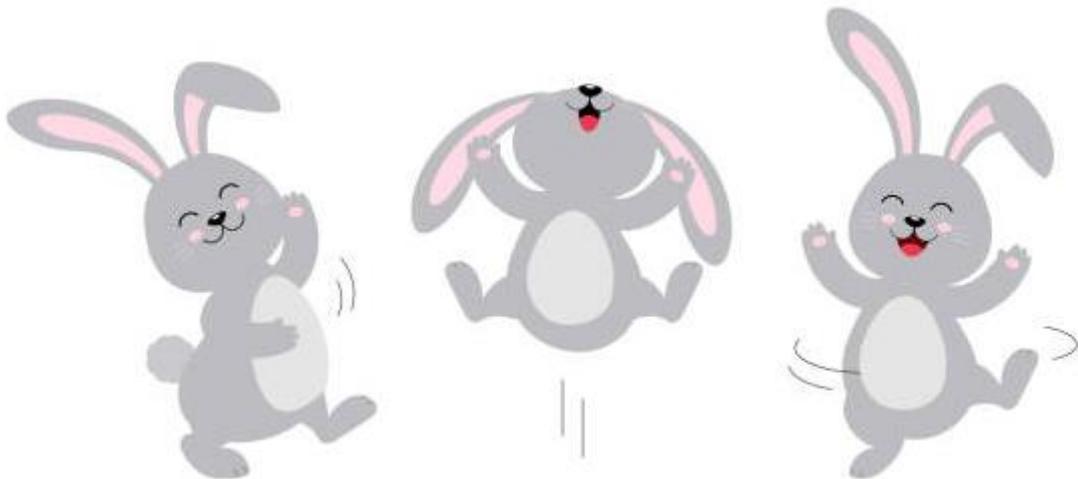
On Friday 21st March we will hold a non-uniform day for Comic Relief. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per child for this great charity. Please pay through our online payment system, www.parentpay.com. Unfortunately we are unable to accept cash.

Thank you

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 will be issued on Monday, please pay using our online payment system www.parentpay.com, we are unable to accept cash.

Thank you



Spelling Bee

On Wednesday this week 6 of our children took part in a Spelling Bee competition at St Whites Primary School

Although we didn't win, we are extremely proud of our children and their achievements.

We would like to thank the parents that joined us on the day.



Spelling Bee





UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Gloucestershire County Council has launched a new online resource to help keep children and young people safe online.

This can be found at the following link <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-young-people-and-families/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>



Tesco Grant



Littledean School 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 support us by voting for us in store with your blue token and encouraging friends and family to do the same.

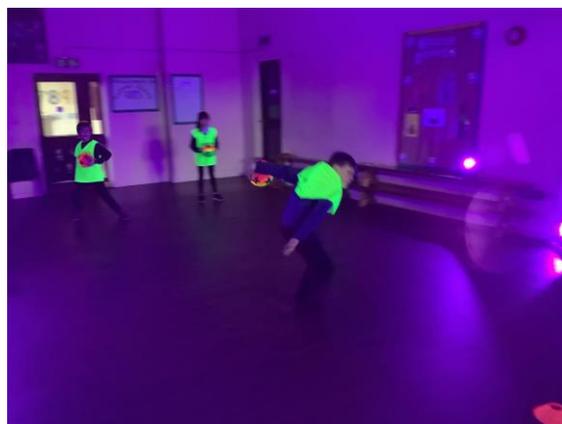
Voting details:

When: 1st April – 30th June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

After School Sports Club

This week our sports clubs have been taking part in glowsports dodgeball. Looked like they have all had fun.



Forest of Dean

HAF 
holiday activities & food

FOREST OF DEAN HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions



Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.



Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.



If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:

gloshafconnector@gmail.com

07340709871

gloucestershirehaf.com/forest-of-dean-haf/

School Meals

We have been advised that the cost of school meals will increase from **1st April 2025**.

For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 a school meal will cost **£2.85**

For children in Pre-School a school meal will cost **£2.89**

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free government funded universal infant free school meal (UIFSM).

If you are on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits you may be able to claim for free schools meals. This not only allows your child a free meal each day but also provides the school with additional funding to use on resources and support throughout the school.

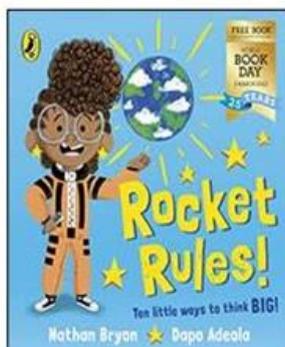
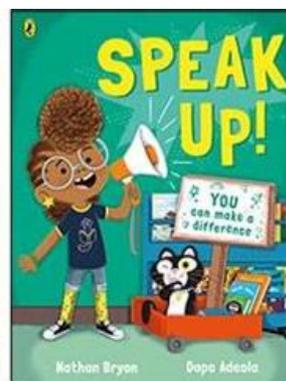
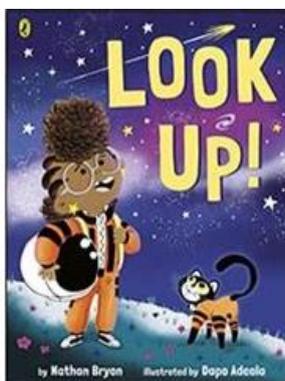
To see if you are able to apply please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/your-pupils/free-school-meals/>

All applications are treated in confidence.

Holly Leaves

Class Reader - Our author for the term is Nathan Bryon. In June 2019, Puffin published Bryon's first book, Look Up!, conceived jointly with illustrator Dapo Adeola. It won both the overall award and the illustrated book award at the 2020 Waterstones Children's Book Prize.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have finished writing their diary entry in role as the main character from Reverso. On Wednesday we completed the final step of the writing process and edited our writing. We started by using editing stations to focus on one aspect at a time. We then used peer editing to look for edits and improvements with a friend. Chestnut Class are really proud of their diary entries and worked hard to make them the best they can be!





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

Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection



Please bring items to school on the morning of the collection – thank you

Friends – Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Today the Friends have 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



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

Monday 17 th March	Puddle Ducks Water Safety Talk
Tuesday 18 th March	Maple and Chestnut Parental Consultations
Thursday 20 th March	Governors Learning Walk – Science
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Non Uniform Day
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
Thursday 3 rd April	Pre-School Induction morning
Wednesday 9 th April	Leadership Governors Meeting
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
W/c 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 20 th June-	Friends Summer fair 3:10-6.00 pm.