



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 24

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents,

## **Sponsored Bunny Bounce – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Our last Bunny Bounce was in 2015 and Mrs McGoldrick is really looking forward to putting on her costume and having a bounce!



Please help us raise as much money for the school as possible.

Sponsor forms have been issued, contact the office if you need another one, please pay using our online payment system [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), we are unable to accept cash.

We ask the children to come into school in their PE kits on Wednesday.

Thank you

## Holly Leaves – Forest Schools

In Forest Schools Holly Leaves have been learning to tie knots. It was very tricky and we nearly tied our arms up, but, we persisted and did it!!!

Holly Leaves also had great fun playing in the new boat.

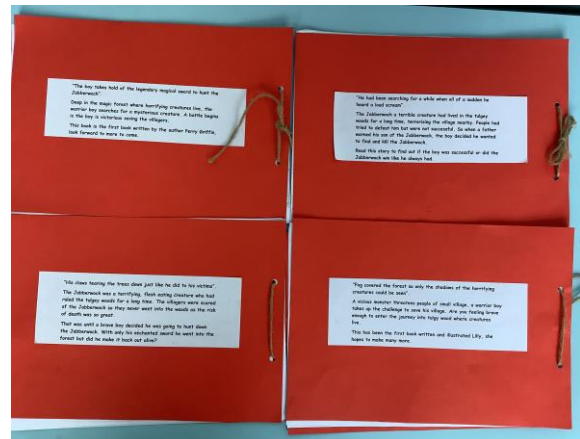
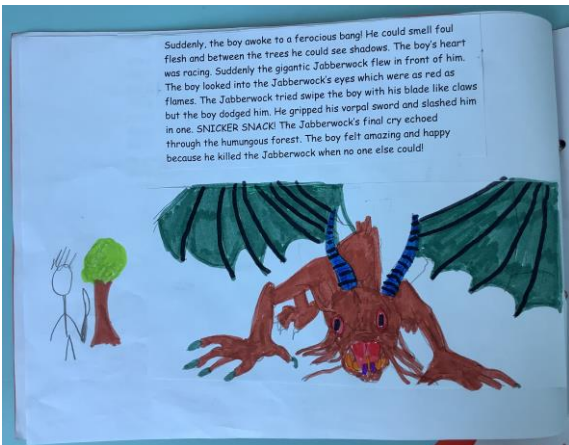
We all enjoy a hot chocolate and a biscuit at the end of our Forest school sessions and due to running out we would really appreciate any donations so this can continue.

As well as hot chocolate and biscuits we would like to ask for donations of any socks, during the wet months our spare socks pile has vanished.



## Maple Class

Children in Maple have worked extremely hard during English, writing and creating their own story of the Jabberwock.



## Non – Uniform – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Thank you for your kind donations. We have raised £54.00.

## Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Thank you for your kind donations. We raised £12.60 for the school. Our next collection will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

## Tesco Grant – Voting Starts on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April



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: 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Where: Tesco in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

## Easter Activities

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

**On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## Maple Class

In Maple Class the children have been creating mixed media self-portraits. They have really enjoyed using oil pastels to create different effects.



## Friends – Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Recently the Friends issued raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> April, our last day of term.



## School Meals

We have been advised that the cost of school meals will increase from **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Social Media Survey

We are looking to improve the way that we share and celebrate what is happening in school with you. We currently use X (Twitter) but feel that not many people access this, we are hoping that we can make some changes to better meet the needs of our school community

If you have not done so already we ask that you complete this very short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3AUnU7hqvJ>

## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2024 / 2025 –

**Term 4** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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W/c 12<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Sponsored Bunny Bounce

Pre-School Induction morning

Experience Easter at St Ethelbert's Church

Leadership Governors Meeting

Easter Service at St Ethelbert's.

Friends Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Governors Learning Walk - Writing

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

First Session for Smash Hits Music

Holly Leaves visit to St Ethelbert's Church

Chestnut Class Swimming session 1

Year 6 SATs week

Governors Learning Walk - Computing

Chestnut Class Swimming session 2

Full Governing Board Meeting

Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge