



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week this week as we end the first half term of the year. On Monday afternoon, we welcomed parents for a stay and play in the Nursery. On Tuesday and Thursday this week it has been a pleasure to welcome prospective families to the school for Reception tours. Year 1 have had outdoor classroom on Monday where they built dens on the field and did some orienteering and Year 2 have also had outdoor classrooms this week where they made leaf collages and sun catchers.

Today a large number of children from across Key Stage 2 have taken part in our inter house cross country running which has involved running the perimeter of the school including playgrounds, field and car park! This was a lovely event in the Autumn sunshine which the children really enjoyed. My thanks to Mrs Gibson for all her hard work in organising this and in encouraging so many children to participate. In assembly this afternoon the Rights Respecting School Ambassadors spoke about going for gold and reminded us all of the ABCDE of Rights: A - Rights are for **all children** B - Rights are **there at birth** C - Rights **cannot be taken away** D - Rights **do not have to be earned** E - All rights are **equally important**. The House Captains then shared top tips for staying safe at Honiton Carnival, Halloween and Fireworks night.

When we return to school Christmas will be cascading towards us with all the joy and busyness it brings! Please find below dates for Christmas events and performances below in this newsletter.

When we return after our two week half term it is a very busy week! Monday is the start of anti bullying week and odd socks day, please see further details below. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children take part in the Honiton Learning Community sportshall athletics on Tuesday. On Wednesday we welcome Tempest for individual school photographs. Any Nursery children that are not booked in for the day are welcome to attend before school, queue up at the main entrance and have their photos taken. Friday is Children in need which will be non uniform for the children for donations.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 10th November.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

The Nursery has had lots of fun this week making hedgehog bread!

Reception

In Reception this week they have been having fun making pumpkins for halloween!

Year 1

Year 1 have been den building in the rain and making it waterproof. They have also been learning fact families in Maths.

Year 2

Year 2 have been doing column addition and subtraction in Maths. They have also been collecting and naming Autumn leaves in their outdoor classroom.

Year 3

In Year 3, they have been learning about the cheese man in history and learning how to say different colours in French.

Year 4

This week Year 4 created a digestive system in Science and in History they have been learning about religion in Anglo Saxon Britain.

Year 5

We have been finishing our games in Computing using purplemash and in Maths we have been learning about factors.

Year 6

In Year 6 this week they have been doing observational art and in Literacy they have started a new book.

Staff news

Mrs Thorne maternity leave

As some of you know already, today we say goodbye and best wishes to Mrs Thorne as she commences her maternity leave. This does mean that two class email addresses will be changing. Mrs Thorne's class email when Mrs Katene and Mrs Snowdon start after half term will be class1nkas@littletown.devon.sch.uk and the Reception class that welcomes Miss Wollacott after half term will be classraw@littletown.devon.sch.uk

October Safeguarding update

With the imminent nights drawing in and the clocks going back 26th October please use the 2 links below for top tips for ensuring your children are safe in the dark.

<https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

<https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Fencing work over half term

Over the two week half term we have the next phase of our fencing work due to be completed between the playground and the car park.

Anti bullying week Monday 10th November

We are excited to be participating in the National Anti-Bullying week the first week back after half term, including the famous Odd Socks Day!

What is Odd Socks day? Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school with your uniform, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 10th November to help raise awareness of bullying. We will be participating in a variety of anti bullying assemblies throughout the week which link well with our School Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum. All classes will be learning about 'Celebrating Difference' in their weekly class PSHE lessons throughout the second Autumn half term, as detailed below:

Nursery and Reception: Identifying talents. Being special Families. Where we live. Making friends. Standing up for yourself.

Year 1: Similarities and differences. Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it. Making new friends. Celebrating the differences in everyone.

Year 2: Assumptions and stereotypes about gender. Understanding bullying. Standing up for self and others. Making new friends. Gender diversity. Celebrating difference and remaining friends.

Year 3: Families and their differences. Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it. Recognising how words can be hurtful. Giving and receiving compliments.

Year 4: Challenging assumptions. Judging by appearance. Accepting self and others. Understanding influences. Understanding bullying. Problem-solving. Identifying how special and unique everyone is. First impressions.

Year 5: Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict. Racism. Rumours and name-calling. Types of bullying. Material wealth and happiness. Enjoying and respecting other cultures.

Year 6: Perceptions of normality. Understanding disability. Power struggles. Understanding bullying. Inclusion/exclusion. Differences as conflict, differences as celebration. Empathy.

Children in Need

The first week also ends with Children in Need (non uniform) on the Friday, the theme this year is 'Set Yourself a Challenge' we invite you all to take part in the 10 pence challenge before school: How many of Pudsey's bandana spots can we cover with 10 pence pieces? (Please can we ask that only 10p are brought in for this event to help our Year 6 House Captains counting it all!) All year groups will also be participating in their own challenges throughout the Friday.

Christmas dates

At Littletown we try to capture the balance between keeping as much normality as possible for the children, but also creating community Christmas events and experiences and thinking of others. This includes all children participating in short Christmas performances to parents. Please find arrangements for these below and other Christmas dates for your information below:

Day	Time	Event
Saturday 29th November		PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 8th December	2pm	Y5/6 Church
Tuesday 9th December	6pm	Y5/6 Church
Wednesday 10th December	3JS/SD 9:15am 3SC 2:45pm	Y3 Christmas Performances
Thursday 11th December	4SDCL 9:15am 4ZH 2:45pm	Y4 Christmas Performances

Thursday 11th December		Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
Monday 15th December	2CLDB 9:15am 2AL 2:45pm	Y2 Nativity
Tuesday 16th December	RNC 9:15am RAW 2:45pm	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 17th December	1JC 9:15 am 1AS/NK 2:45pm	Y1 Nativity
Thursday 18th December	2:30pm	Nursery Nativity
Friday 19th December		Last day of term non uniform

Music at Littletown

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please contact the corresponding music teacher for information, or email the school if you want general information or to be guided in the right direction. Lessons are offered in most cases from Year 2 upwards.

Name	Instruments	Contact
Robin Alexander	Drums	robinalexandermusic@yahoo.com
Joseph Binmore	Singing	joe.binmore@gmail.com
Emily Miller	Ukulele Violin	emilymillermusic@yahoo.co.uk
Alan Webster	Guitar	lazier_al@icloud.com
Gail Denning	Piano Brass (trumpet/cornet)	gaildenning@outlook.com

Or contact littletownmusic@littletown.devon.sch.uk for information.

Thanks to Greendale farm

As a school we would like to thank Greendale Farm for kindly donating a number of pumpkins to the school this Autumn which the Reception children have enjoyed using. Their pumpkin patch is free to visit this half term and you can find out about all their upcoming events here:

https://greendale.com/pages/visit-us-this-autumn?srltid=AfmBOooE5Zb_G-21QsU3kxwFWcAzOtGYJac7ynA3Q2bmAo9NDiFK6z63

Week Beginning 10th November 2025 events

Monday 10th November	Tuesday 11th November	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November	Friday 15th November
Odd Socks Day (odd socks with uniform)	Sportshall Athletics Y5/6	Individual school photos		Children in Need non uniform 10ps please

Community news

Beehive events Honiton

Casper (PG) with FREE craft workshops for kids!

Date: Tuesday 28th October

Time: 11am film starts. 12.30pm workshop starts.

Location: The Beehive Cinema, Honiton

Tickets: Adult £6. Under 12's £5. Family of 4 £20

Book: Beehivehoniton.co.uk

Box Office: 01404 384050

Casper is a kind young ghost who peacefully haunts a mansion in Maine. When specialist James Harvey arrives to communicate with Casper and his fellow spirits, he brings along his teenage daughter, Kat. Casper quickly falls in love with Kat, but their budding relationship is complicated not only by his transparent state, but also by his troublemaking apparition uncles and their mischievous antics.

FREE CRAFT WORKSHOP:

The Thelma Hulbert Gallery shall be hosting a creative workshop after the film at 12.30pm. The art activity will link with the movie: Casper. We will be creating and filming your own ghostly animations!

All ages and abilities. Free, donations welcome.

Book [HERE](#)

PETER PAN

Honiton's Community Theatre Company Presents Peter Pan.

Dates: Thu 30th Oct - Sat 1st Nov

Time: 7pm. (Sat 1st Nov matinee at 2pm)

Location: The Beehive Theatre, Honiton

Ticket: General Admission £12

Book: Beehivehoniton.co.uk

Box Office: 01404 384050

Come and enjoy the latest production from Honiton Community Theatre Company's youth members, Peter Pan - A Musical Play. Based on the original play by JM Barrie, David Barrett's version is filled with all the characters you know and love - Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, the Darling family, the pirates led by the dastardly Captain Hook, and the Lost Boys and Indians.

Book [HERE](#)