



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 24th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done on getting to the end of this week and sticking with us until the end of term - especially when it feels like we are the last school in the country to break up for the Summer! It has been a very busy and very emotional week here as we say goodbye to an amazing Year 6 cohort, some families from across the school and some dearly held staff. I always try to keep this last newsletter short and never seem to succeed!

The week started with all the children (and plenty of staff!) running around the playgrounds, field and car park in our Summer cross country run. My thanks to Mrs Gibson for putting so much hard work into putting this on for us in her last week with us. Then in the afternoon and evening we had two wonderful performances of Courtroom Chaos from our Year 6 children full of talent, confidence, humour and joy. My thanks to the children for this, the staff who put it all together with them and the parents who attended the performances. My thanks again to Bradfords Building Merchants in Honiton for kindly donating us the two industrial fans that gave us a fighting chance of the hall not getting too hot!

On Tuesday, Nursery and Reception had their fun day on the field and in the hall, 4SD/CL visited Seaton Wetlands where they did races in the river, learnt about meanders and did some fishing and Year 6 had their fun splash at the swimming pool. On Wednesday, Year 5 had their Greek day where they did some dancing and food tasting. Yesterday, we had the joy and emotion of the Year 6 Levers Assembly which was wonderful. My thanks to all the parents for taking the time and effort to join us one last time. I've only just recovered from the video!

Today we have held our Values assemblies celebrating over one hundred children. We said farewell and goodluck to Year 6 and it was amazing to have over half of them perform the Little Things school poem in the assembly.

As mentioned last week, we today say goodbye to Mrs Harris from the dinner hall, Mrs Wright and Mrs Randall from supporting Year 6 pupils, Miss Wollacott from Reception and Mrs Arni who retires after being with us at Littletown for an amazing 14 years. We wish them all well.

Please see below in this newsletter and in the attachment, some important information about our participation in the National Read Aloud Challenge this year. This is an exciting project and I am delighted we have been chosen to be one of the schools involved. This can also make reading at home over the Summer different and enjoyable for families as it uses the pioneering Fonetti platform. I know Summers are very busy, but it would be amazing to have a large number of Littletown families engaging in this and I would be happy to hear (or even see photos!) of how the children are getting on over the Summer via email head@littletown.devon.sch.uk We may even have prizes for some of the best reading when we return in the Autumn! My thanks to Miss Chalmers for getting us involved in this exciting project.

Thank you to the 139 of you who have completed the Parent Questionnaire (just two short of the record!). As mentioned, I will review this fully over the Summer to discuss with Governors and Senior Leadership Team in September. One change we will be making as a direct result of this questionnaire is to share when we return a rough year calendar and Autumn Term calendar so you can see the schedule of things over the year so you don't have to guess whether things are happening or not and only find out in preceding newsletters etc.

On behalf of the staff and I, thank you for all the kind emails, cards and gifts that have been brought into school this week. As mentioned last week, we would never expect this, but the words written by parents and children do mean the world to us now and in the future when we're grey and in rocking chairs.

You will notice that in the new year the children return on Friday 4th September. I do recognise that this is not perhaps ideal, but is a result of the limitations of placing occasional days and non pupil days given the Littleton two week half term in October which still remains popular, especially given that Honiton Community College have returned to this. I often get asked why HCC pupils appear to do less days than us. This is because they do. Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust have exercised their Academy right to amend the amount of school days the children attend whereas we have not done this. Attendance on this Friday is very important as teachers will be setting all routines and expectations and getting to know the children on this day so that the whole curriculum can start fully and smoothly on Monday 7th September.

Finally, I would like to say a personal thank you to you all for all your support of the school. As I approach my 9th year as Principal at Littleton I know just how important this support is and it isn't taken for granted. I wish you all a wonderful Summer. A fond farewell and thank you to those parents for whom this is the end of an era. For everyone else, I look forward to welcoming you back to Littleton on Friday 4th September.

Yours faithfully



David Perkins

Principal

Children's news

My thanks to all the reporters and editors this term and throughout the year.

Nursery and Reception They got to go on a bouncy castle at the end of the year. They also had a children's entertainer!

Year 1 They have been telling the time and finishing their History big question

Year 2 They have been learning about the butterfly life cycle.

Year 3 They have been doing time in Maths.

Year 4 Gymnastics in P.E and forward rolls . They also did a school trip and the history big question.

Year 5 We had our Greek day where we did some dancing and some yummy food.

Year 6 Year 6 have been leaving! They had their performance and assembly. Byebye Littleton.

National Read Aloud Challenge

We have some exciting news, Littleton is taking part in the National Read Aloud Challenge 2026!



The **National Read-Aloud Challenge** is a powerful, free summer initiative that transforms reading into a fun, confidence-boosting journey for children everywhere. At the heart of the challenge is Fonetti - an award-winning read-aloud platform powered by a unique, **patented automatic speech recognition (ASR) technology, developed specifically for reading.** As children read aloud, Fonetti listens in real time, encouraging, correcting, and celebrating progress with every page. The National Read-Aloud Challenge keeps

your child reading aloud through the holidays in just a few minutes a day. It's free, it's safe, and 9 in 10 parents told us their child's confidence grew. Your child reads independently on Fonetti while you follow their progress and celebrate every milestone.

For more information on how to sign up, see the flyer attached to this email.

Music Tuition at Littletown

We have many talented peripatetic music teachers who come into school and teach a wide variety of instruments to our children. Please find below details of instrument tuition offered by our music teachers. Generally, tuition is offered to children in KS2 but exceptions can be made for younger children on an individual basis. Please email Mrs Binmore at littletownmusic@littletown.devon.sch.uk if you have any questions about music tuition.

Lessons on offer are

- Singing
- Brass (trumpet, cornet)
- Piano/keyboard
- Guitar
- Drums
- Violin
- Ukulele

Wonderful Writing of the Week



We look forward to more wonderful writing to celebrate in the new year!

Rights Respecting Schools - Advocacy

Yesterday, I submitted all the letters written by children to our MP Richard Foord about school closures due to heat. My thanks to all the children who took the time to write one. We look forward to continuing this and commencing various other campaigns in the new academic year.

Week Beginning 31st August 2026 events

Monday 31st August	Tuesday 1st September	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 3rd September	Friday 4th September
			INSET Day staff	Start of Term

Community News

PRIMARY
SPORTS & EDUCATION

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PRICES:
STANDARD DAY - £30 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:
STANDARD - 8:15AM - 4:30PM

2025 Dates:
WEEK 1 - 29th - 1st August
WEEK 2 - 4th - 7th August
WEEK 3 - 11th - 14th August
WEEK 4 - 18th - 21st August

LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY
HONITON BOTTOM ROAD
HONITON
EX14 2EG

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/28/littletown-primary-academy-summer-holiday-camps-2025>

More Information: marcus@primary-sports.co.uk / 07976979202

**MULTI-ACTIVITY
HOLIDAY CAMP**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

St John's School,
Sidmouth

Monday 3rd August -
Thursday 27th August

8:15am - 5:15pm

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