



## *Live • Love • Learn - Littletown*

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back in very cold weather and a happy 2026 to you all! It has been great to hear from so many children this week about the wonderful Christmases they have had.

Thank you for working with us through various adjustments and adaptations due to the icy conditions at the start of this week. My thanks to Premises Manager Mr Jeffery for working so hard to make enough of the site safely accessible for full opening.

We have had a busy first week back this week with 12 children from across Key Stage 2 braving the ice to attend a coordination event at Honiton Leisure Centre on Tuesday. My thanks to Mrs Gibson and the parent volunteers who accompanied the children. On Wednesday, children in Reception visited the space dome in the school hall to learn about the planets. Simon from space dome told me how impressed he was with the children's behaviour and curiosity. Also this week, Mrs Cadby has introduced the theme for the term for Jigsaw PSHE in assemblies. This half term the focus is on Dreams and Goals, Growth Mindset and perseverance.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome the Children and Family Health Devon Mental Health Support Team to Littletown. Keleigh from MHST spoke to KS2 children in assembly about mental health and then to staff in our staff meeting about the service and how we are able to work alongside as a school. As part of this work, staff, parents and KS2 children have been asked to participate in a survey to act as part of an audit. As you know, supporting wellbeing has always been a recognised strength of the culture here at Littletown and this partnership will continue to develop this further. Please find more information and a link to the parent survey below in this newsletter.

Next week, we have an after Christmas treat as we again welcome MandM Productions to perform their pantomime of Snow White for the children on Monday afternoon. My thanks to PTFA for funding this great experience for the children. On Tuesday afternoon, some KS2 children take part in the next round of the Honiton Learning Community after School Netball Tournament.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

Welcome to our new Year 5 news reporters and editors for this half term!

Reporters: Mia, Isla, Caleb, Noah, Henry, Kai, Amber and Lilee

Editors: Tiberius, William, Joseph and Sam

## **Nursery**

Nursery have been exploring ice in the outside garden.

We have been drawing pictures of our favourite Christmas memories.

## **Reception**

Reception have been having fun in the space dome and learning part whole models in Maths. They have also been throwing and catching balls in PE.

## **Year 1**

Year 1 have been learning about axles, wheels and chassis and looking at different vehicles. They also had their first dance class and have been making up weather dances.

## **Year 2**

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about shape and texture and in Science we have been looking at man-made and natural features.

## **Year 3**

In Year 3, in RE they have been learning about Christianity and in Maths they have been learning the 10 times table. They have also been doing purple mash flow charts in Computing.

## **Year 4**

In Maths Year 4 have been doing times and dividing by 10. In Science they have been learning about solids liquids and gasses. In P.E they have been enjoying dance. They also have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and what they did to help us and part of their big questions.

## **Year 5**

In year 5 we have been learning safe outdoor activities, communicating with other children and learning communication skills. We also did long multiplication in Maths. We learnt about climate zones in Geography which are: Temperate, Mediterranean and Polar for example. We also did marvel top trumps in our literacy lessons.

## **Year 6**

This week in Year 6 they learnt about ratio in Maths and started a new literacy book called Manfish. They have been doing parkour in our PE and learning about inuit art.

## **Staff news**

### **New staff**

This week we have been pleased to welcome three new members of staff to the Littletown team. Miss Babington has joined us as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and Reception, Mrs Sayles has joined us as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Year 4 and Miss Fifield has joined us as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Reception.

### **Congratulation Miss Joyce**

We returned this week to the news that Miss Joyce got married over the holidays! I'm sure you will join us in congratulating her on her wedding. Miss Joyce will now be Mrs Diab.

### **Emails and messages**

Thank you for adapting to no longer being able to email class email addresses. Please remember that for same day messages it is always best to phone the school on 01404 548749 so you know these have been received and passed on accordingly.

## Attendance

As is the case at the start of each term, please see attached our attendance letter for your information.

## Term Dates 2026-27

These are now on our website here: [https://www.littletown.devon.sch.uk/website/term\\_dates/650732](https://www.littletown.devon.sch.uk/website/term_dates/650732)

## Mental Health Support Team Survey

We are pleased to introduce your Mental Health Support Team (MHST). We will be working with your school to help support the wellbeing and mental health of your pupils. The MHST offers early help and practical support for children who may be experiencing difficulties such as worries, low mood, or difficulties with behaviour or managing emotions.

Our team works with pupils, supports your staff, and helps families to help every child in your school to feel safe, supported, and able to do their best.

To help us improve the support we offer, we invite all parents and carers to fill in a short questionnaire \*via the QR code/attached/through the weblink\*. Your views are very important and will help us understand what your school community needs.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OBKTYH/>

## Week Beginning 12th January 2026 events

Monday 12th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Thursday 15th January	Friday 16th January
Whole School pantomime pm	After school Netball			

## Community News

### Train to Teach in Devon

As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance and hands-on experience from day one.

Applications are **now open** for training starting in September 2026.

Find out more here: [www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach](http://www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach)

**Flu**  
Vaccination

**School Age  
Reception -  
Year 11**

# Drop In Clinic

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

**10:30 - 13:30**

**The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints**

**Wonford Road**

**Exeter**

**EX2 4UD**

For more information  
please speak with a  
member of the team

**Call us on**

**01392 342678**

[kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)

LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY PTFA

# NEON DISCO

**FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026**

NURSERY & KEY STAGE 1. 6PM - 7PM  
KEY STAGE 2. 7.15PM - 8.15PM

**£3.00 PER CHILD TO INCLUDE  
A PACKET OF CRISPS & DRINKS**

KS1 - All children must be accompanied by an adult. Younger or additional children who do not attend Littleton CANNOT attend, due to limited numbers.

KS2 - All children must be dropped off & collected from the school hall by an adult. Children will need to be signed for when leaving.

\*Neon facepaints   \* Toy stall   \*Tuckshop (KS2)

FOR PRE BOOKING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE DISCO FORM YOUR CHILD WILL BRING HOME.  
BACS PAYMENTS REF MUST SHOW YOUR CHILDS SURNAME & CLASS TO BE ABLE TO  
ALLOCATE THE PAYMENT TO YOUR CHILD.  
CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.