



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the school year and Spring Term. You wouldn't know it by the weather though. As you know, we now don't have any leaks in the school due our new roof project a couple of years ago. However, you will notice that outside, we still have areas of the school where water collects which can cause challenges during heavy rain. Thank you for your patience and skill in navigating these!

This week, on Tuesday, some of our Key Stage 1 children visited Honiton Leisure Centre for a coordination skills session and Year 3 had their first swimming session in which the children swam and behaved very well. Also on Tuesday, some Key Stage 2 children took part in the latest TAG rugby event at Honiton Primary School. Today, Year 1 have had their outdoor classroom where they created weather motifs using natural materials. Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming future families at our Nursery open morning. Please see full details below.

Yesterday, I was pleased to welcome Devon School Effectiveness Advisor Mr Walker to the school following our Outstanding judgement in Personal Development in our Ofsted in June. Mr Walker was really impressed with the school and the range of roles and responsibilities the children take to contribute to the life of the school.

Next week, on Tuesday, Year 3 have their next swimming session. Wednesday six of our Year 5 pupils will visit Awliscombe to take part in the Honiton Learning Community Year 5 Youth Speak competition. On Thursday we mark World Book Day 2025! Please see full information below. Don't forget to take part in the competition!

Thanks to the PTFA for running a pop up tuck shop after school today.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been making flapjacks for Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Reception

In Reception we have made paper giants with split pins. The giant is from Jack and the beanstalk. We have also been making the giants castle in the same topic.

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning how the seasons change and finding and comparing in Maths. We have been learning about 5 ways to stay healthy in PSHE. We are also learning about London in Geography.

Year 2

We are learning the 5 times tables in Maths. We have also been making model beach huts. We have been talking about the dragon machine and dance in PE.

Year 3

This week we have done our first swimming session at the swimming pool and have been adding fractions in Maths. We have also been doing a book in literacy about a whale.

Year 4

We have been learning about mountains in Geography and lots of fractions in Maths.

Year 5

In year 5 we have been comparing and ordering decimals and in PSHE we are learning not to smoke .In Geography we are learning about dig for victory and a new book in Literacy.

Year 6

In year 6 we are learning to play the ukulele and in PE we are doing Tennis. We are also doing polar research.

Staff news

Good bye Mrs Gibbs

Today we sadly said farewell and thank you to Mrs Gibbs. Alicia has been at the school as Senior Administrator since 2016. She has been integral to the smooth financial and operational running of the school and has managed to survive being in an office next door to me for 7 years! I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Gibbs and in wishing her all the best for the future. We have been pleased to welcome Mrs Joubert to the post of Finance Officer this week.

Parent Consultations week of 10th March

As previously mentioned, Parent Consultations will take place in the week beginning the 10th March. Please see the grid below which shows which teachers are holding appointments on which days. In line with lots of schools and current guidance, this year, all teachers will be based in the school hall for their appointments in an attempt to make this easier for parents, safer for all and allow us to ensure appointments run to time. Full details of how this will work will be shared with you next week.

Class	Tues 11th March 3.45-6.15	Wednesday 12th March 3.45-6.15	Thursday 13 th March 3.45-6.15
N	1.30-3.00 as well		
RNK/AS			
RNC			
1JC			
1LM			
2AL			
2CL/DB			
3SC			
3SD/JS			
4SD/CL			
4ZH			
5GW/GA			
5JF			
6RB/GA			
6CB			

OPAL

Today in assembly, the children completed a risk, benefit assessment for using planks and crates. Once the weather improves and the field is dry enough we will be able to add this activity to the many others the children are able to participate in during lunchtimes. Thank you to everyone who has donated junk modelling resources, we are at capacity at the moment so we are no longer asking for donations.

On Wednesday the 12th March we will be holding our OPAL non-uniform day, please check the letter sent before half term for the list of donations which can be brought into school in return for wearing non-uniform.

End of day collection

Please could I just remind Reception and Year 1 parents that children in Reception and Year 1 need to be collected from the bottom of the slope not from the steps please. Staff can't see if parents are trying to take their child from the steps.

World book day Thursday 6th March



World Book Day 2025 next Thursday

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day at Littletown.

To celebrate, children can dress-up as their favourite book character. This year, the charity World Book Day, is encouraging schools to inspire more children to read by raising funds to replenish their own books. So, this year's donations will go towards buying new books for our school library, a very worthy cause.

Don't forget to take part in our 'Read your Way' competition. Please see the poster below for more details. The closing date will be next **Tuesday** and entries need to be sent to their class email address. There will be a winner from each year group including the Nursery. Winners will win a £5 National Book Token, very kindly donated by Littletown Primary Academy PTFA. We look forward to seeing your entries.



COMPETITION TIME!

From nursery to Year 6, get ready to read your way.

Do you read with the dog? Listen to audiobooks? Snuggle under a blanket? Read upside down?

This year to celebrate World Book Day, we want to see the unique way you enjoy a good book. All you have to do, is get your parent/carer to take a photo of you reading your way. Then send the pic to your class email address by Tuesday 4th March 2025.

There will be a winner from each year group, including the Nursery. Each winner will win a £5 book voucher!



Prizes have been kindly donated by Littletown PTFA

Nursery open morning tomorrow

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2025? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 1st March 2025, from 10am-12pm. We would love to welcome you to our Nursery to show you our wonderful environment, to enable you to meet our staff and to let you discover what we can offer your child and family. Our Nursery is open from 7.50am-6pm and offers the Government 30 hour extended entitlement. We look forward to welcoming you!

Please also share this information with anyone you know who might be interested!

Week Beginning 3rd March 2025 events

Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March	Wednesday 5th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March
		Bee Netball Tournament	World book day!	
	Year 3 swimming	Y5 Youth Speak Awliscombe		