



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming you all back to Littletown for the Summer Term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter period. With blue skies and sunshine it feels like Summer already. As most of you know, this is an exceptionally busy Term so please do keep an eye on newsletters and emails.

Before diving into this week I'd like to make a couple of comments about the end of last Term. Firstly, to thank you for your patience and understanding when it came to acting incredibly quickly to secure school meals following the shock announcement from Fresha. This, of course, combined with the changes from parent pay to Arbor too. One week in I am very pleased with how Caterlink have commenced the contract with us at Littletown and most importantly, the children seem to be enjoying the food. I believe that the changes we made, albeit in quite an unconventional way, are improvements to the school for us and for you as parents. I would like to thank the Governing Board, Mr Jeffery Premises Manager and Mrs Burton in the office for their rapid work and response without which this would not have been possible.

This week, on Tuesday, Year 6 began their swimming sessions at Honiton pool and some of our children took part in an after school rounders competition. I had the privilege of having cold buckets of water thrown over me by Year 6 on Wednesday after they surpassed the income target for their £5 challenge event. When will I learn... On Wednesday and Thursday Mrs Cadby delivered NSPCC assemblies as outlined in the newsletter before Easter. Today in assembly, we returned to the Rights of the Child and discussed article 24 round access to water and nutritious food. This is particularly relevant due to the importance of hydration in warm weather and also with our new catering provider.

This afternoon, you should have received a curriculum newsletter for your children's year groups. Please make a note of the key information included.

Next week, Year 6 go swimming again on Tuesday and Nursery have outdoor classroom on Thursday.

Finally, please see below in this newsletter our usual termly reminders for the Summer Term and the warm weather.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins

Principal

Children's news

Welcome to our new news reporter and editors:

News Reporters: Theo, Henry, Kaytlin and Emily, Bella, Harriet, Chrislyn, Daisy

Editors: Zora, Lydia- Mae, Ollie and Louie

Nursery

This week, Nursery have been painting pictures of their pets at home. They also have been visited by the sausage dog Nelly!

Reception

This week, Reception have counted to 100! They have been writing about animals and different habitats. They have also been doing gymnastics in P.E.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about the great fire of London and in their Maths they have been learning to count in their 2,5 and 10s.

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about what the Titanic was. In Maths they have been learning halves of different numbers.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about the book called Journey in Literacy and they have also been practicing for sports day in PE.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning about artefacts from ancient Egypt in History and in Science they have been learning about electricity.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been learning about the NSPCC in one of our assemblies and also doing line graphs in Maths. In Pathways 2 Read we started a new book, "The last wild".

Year 6

In Year 6 they are learning about (PSHE) healthy eating and in P.E, they have been doing athletics. They have also been doing swimming practice and learning the Sikhism five K's.

Staff news

Thank you Miss Groves: Today in assembly the children and I said a huge thank you to Miss Groves who at Easter, after 14 years(!) has stepped down from managing our After School Club at Littletown which has included staying until 6pm every single evening with the children.

Welcome back Miss Sherwell: After spending the Spring Term in her alternate placement we are pleased this week to welcome back our Trainee Teacher through Exeter Consortium, Miss Sherwell to work in Mr Luxton's class again.

Summer Reminders

It is wonderful that we are already having some hot and sunny weather. It does add more things to think about for us parents though! Here are some helpful reminders:

Please make sure children are wearing the correct Summer uniform.

Please ensure your child brings a named sunhat and water bottle to school every day in hot weather

Please apply any sun cream to your child before school, please do not send sun cream into school. Here are a few suggestions of the best all day one application sun creams:

- ❖ Calypso once a day
- ❖ Boots Soltan once a day
- ❖ P20

Please ensure your child wears their school shoes or PE trainers- no open-toed sandals or crocs etc for safety reasons.

This time of year, children also often come to school in their jumpers and cardigans and then take them off during the day as it warms up. We then end up with a mountain of unnamed jumpers which is frustrating for us and for those of you who have to keep buying new ones. So please, please make sure your child has their name in all jumpers and cardigans.

With great weather, we often find lots of parents continuing to talk on the school playground. Lovely as this is, it can leave children running around, not always safely or well supervised, so please continue to leave the playground promptly at the end of the day and don't allow children to run around the playground and access OPAL equipment.

Sunglasses: Last year was the first year we allowed specific sunglasses as there continues to be more awareness around the impact of UV light at the peak times of the day on children's eyes which are more sensitive than adults. If you wish to have your child wear UV protective sunglasses (**they must have a label that stipulates this**) they will be allowed to wear them at lunchtimes on very sunny days. Any sunglasses brought to school are at parent's own risk and the school won't be responsible for damage, loss, theft etc. We will also reserve the right to remove sunglasses should they not be being used or worn appropriately etc. They will then be returned at the end of the day. Please note, this is about sun safety and not fashion! Please support us to make this work well so we don't have issues which lead to us returning to not allowing any sunglasses without medical exception.

If you have any questions about any of this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Language at the park

I have had multiple reports to me this week that older children are using very inappropriate language in the park opposite school where many younger children also enjoy playing after school. If you allow your child to go to the park unsupervised please can you speak to them about appropriate behaviour and language.

Week Beginning 20th April 2026 events

Monday 27th April	Tuesday 28th April	Wednesday 29th April	Thursday 30th April	Friday 1st May
	Year 6 swimming			

Rehearsals

26th April – 2nd Aug
Sundays 1.30 – 3.30

Occasional rehearsals on Thursdays,
as and when required

**You will be required to bring
all songs, music and scripts
with you every rehearsal**

Show Format

Singing

A selection of 6 – 8 songs,
taken from various Musicals,
sung as ensemble pieces,
some solo and small group
opportunities.

Acting

Three comedy sketches,
based in a coffee shop, 7 speaking roles

Two Medieval comedy sketches,
8 speaking roles

Dancing

East Devon Dance Academy
“showstoppers”

QUEEN'S

**MONDAY 4 MAY
OPEN MORNING**

Email to register:
admissions@queenscollege.org.uk
Or visit:
queenscollege.org.uk