



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for surviving the wet weather and puddles around the school this week. We've had ice and heavy rain - I wonder what we will get next week! Thankfully, we have been able to get the children out for some fresh air each day this week.

On Monday this week, we were pleased to welcome colleagues from the University of Exeter to observe our OPAL play at lunchtime. They were impressed with the provision and even more impressed with the children's initiative, imagination, team work and tidying up! On Tuesday, some of our Key Stage 2 boys took part in the Honiton Learning Community Futsal competition. My thanks to the staff who accompanied the children. Today year 3 have braved the conditions for their trip to Kent's cavern. My thanks to the parents who accompanied the children without whom trips would not be possible.

In assembly today some Housecaptains and I introduced our school song for the value 'Learn' which is Try Everything by Shakira which the children sang beautifully.

Next week, on Tuesday some children take part in the latest after school Honiton Learning Community Netball tournament. On Wednesday morning we are pleased to welcome Councillor Richard Jefferies to Littletown. Richard is our County Councillor for Feniton and Honiton and we look forward to him seeing our school and meeting lots of our wonderful children. On Wednesday afternoon, six of our Year 6 pupils will represent the school at Honiton Community College in the Year 6 Youth Speak competition.

Please see the January safeguarding update below where the focus is on social media.

Finally, I look forward to seeing lots of the children at the first PTFA disco of 2026 later this evening. I reminded all the children today that a great time can be had by still remaining Ready, Respectful and Safe and that no mobile phones are allowed under any circumstances. My thanks to the PTFA for putting this on for our children.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

In nursery we have been making Gruffalo crumble and have drawn our favourite part of it too!

Reception

In Science we have been making rocket launchers with straws looking at leaves and making solar system pictures. In Maths we are looking at the number 8.

Year 1

In DT we have been learning about and making wheels, chassis and axles and designing our own vehicles.

Year 2

In Art we have been using string to make texture and in Geography we have been learning about compass directions in the UK.

Year 3

In Year 3 they have been to Kents Cavern today and they have been doing Friday experimenting with Newton meters. They have also been learning about the stone age.

Year 4

In Year 4 they have been learning about division in Maths and lots of Geography.

Year 5

In PE we are doing outdoor adventurous activities and in Maths we are doing multiplication and division. In Geography we have been doing vegetation belts and plant climates like Tundra and Grassland.

Year 6

In Year 6 they are learning fractions and decimals in their Maths lessons. A grave adventure is their book in literacy and they have started planning their five pound challenge.

Nursery open morning

Please be aware and share with those who may be interested that we will be holding our Nursery open morning on Saturday 7th February from 10am to 12 noon. This is a great chance to see the provision, meet staff and get useful information for all families considering Nursery settings for their children in September 2026. Please see the poster attached.

January Safeguarding Update

Social Media

Many of our pupils have returned from the Christmas holidays excitedly telling their teachers and friends about their new Xboxes, iPads and mobile phones. The vast majority have chatted about the security settings their parents have enabled too, which is fantastic to hear.

With the recent ban in Australia of under 16 using social media in Australia and the UK launching a consultation this week to pass the same law, aimed at keeping young people safe online, we continue to educate the children and consistently remind them of the present age restrictions for apps and platforms which we know some of the children access. (Please follow the NSPCC link below to remind yourselves of age restrictions and social media top tips for parents).

In the UK, the Online Safety Act sets out the standards for social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube and TikTok.

New rules under the act came into force from 25 July 2025 to protect under 18s from harmful online content on social media, including hate speech and violence. They are also aimed at preventing children from accessing pornography or content which encourages self-harm, suicide or eating disorders.

Methods like facial scans, photo ID and credit card checks are being used to check the age of users. However, outside of this, there isn't a set age limit on the use of social media, but the UK Government has launched a consultation on bringing in social media ban for under 16s.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Week Beginning 19th January 2026 events

Monday 26th January	Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Thursday 29th January	Friday 30th January
	After school Netball	Year 6 Youth Speak HCC		
		Councillor Jefferies visit		

Community News

Walk to school challenge returns!

 **SCHOOL RUN CHALLENGE** 

NEW FOR OUR 2026 CHALLENGE:

1) PLATINUM AWARD 

2) NEW CERTIFICATES We'd love for the kids to get involved in designing some new certificates so email Vicky@vhealthy.co.uk your child's designs and we'll choose 3 of the designs to be used for the new certificates..

 Add your points to the leaderboard whenever you remember. It doesn't have to be daily.

 We want EVERYONE to join in the challenge.

 If you already walk, PLEASE SIGN UP. When your child receives a certificate/medal in assembly it will encourage others to join in the challenge.

 If you need to drive to school as you have to go straight to work, PLEASE SIGN UP but just park away from Honiton Bottom road. We need to make this road safe & reduce pollution for our kids.

 If you live too far away for your kids to walk, think about PARKING HALF WAY. If you need ideas as to where to park & walk with a group of people who are already doing this, get in touch.

 Please SPREAD THE WORD & post in your group WhatsApp pages

 All you have to do is walk, scoot, cycle etc to & from school once per week (or twice there or back) for a term & your child receives a CERTIFICATE OR MEDAL*.

 There are so many other benefits to this challenge including, improve your health & fitness as well as your child's, improve your children's level of alertness so they're ready to learn, boost your children's

confidence when they show off their certificate or medal to the other kids in their class, reduce fuel & car maintenance costs, reduce CO2 footprint & save the planet! 

If you haven't yet registered for a challenge, just go to www.vhealthy.co.uk and follow the instructions about how to register for the challenge.

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

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 Littletown 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.**