



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were pleased to begin our Rocksteady bands in the cabin with lots of children starting drums, guitar, bass, keyboards and vocals together. These will continue on Thursdays this term. There are still some spaces in some bands. Information and sign up forms can be collected from reception.

Today, in assembly, Mrs Cadby and Mrs Davis recapped all the OPAL provision in school at lunchtimes and how lucky we are to be a platinum OPAL school.

Next Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming you all to accompany your children back into school after school to visit their new classrooms between 3.45-4.45pm. This will give you a chance to see the classroom and all the things they have been telling you about this half term! Teachers will be around, but please note this is not a time for parent/teacher in depth conversations. Next week, you will receive information regarding the parent consultation phone calls which will take place week beginning 28th September. The google form for you to complete to assist us with this has been sent out today.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins

Principal

Children's news

A well done and welcome to our new news reporters and editors this half term who are:

News editors

Dylan
James
Lexi
Amalia

News reporters

Rowan
Blake
Phoebe
Ruby
Jasper
Eli
Amber
Isla F

Nursery

This week we drew pictures of our family and played with all the new amazing toys.

Reception

We learnt about school rules (being ready, respectful and safe).

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been making maps and nature materials. We have also been making shelters.

Year 2

In year 2 we have been making colour wheels in art as well as making Jewish menorahs and Christmas cards.

Year3

In Year 3 we have been doing prepetitions and tag rugby.

Year4

In Maths they are doing **1000s , 100s and 10s**. In French they are doing French fruits. In PE they are doing tag rugby and they made christmas cards

Year5

In PE we've been doing yoga flows. In outdoor PE we've been doing tag rugby. In Art we've been learning about **tints, tones and shades**. In Maths we've been learning about place value to **one million**

Year6

In Art they have been doing **Christmas cards**. In Literacy they have been writing a letter as if we are in a trench. In RE they have been learning about **Rosh and Hanah**. In Science they have been learning about light and shadow.

Reading Records to Spelling Books in KS2

As mentioned last week, you will have noticed children have not been bringing home reading record books this year and children in KS2 have been using new spelling books. I wanted to explain the reasons for this.

For many years at Littletown we have used the reading records. They are very expensive to purchase for each child. Many get lost, some never get used and some get used really well. Monitoring them takes up considerable staff time.

Research shows that reading records do little to shift the impact of reading at home as increasingly, those who read with their children at home do so, not because of the reading record and for the minority who do not read with their child at home, having a reading record makes very little difference to attitudes. Littletown remains as committed to reading as ever and we still don't set formal English and Maths written homework until Y6 in order to keep reading a priority. Reading is monitored very closely by staff via Read Write Inc in years Reception - Year 2 and by the Accelerated Reader dashboard for quizzes in Year 3-6. Reading progress and effort will be celebrated in classes by teachers.

When it comes to spelling however, practicing and learning spellings at home with a scaffold and support to recap spelling patterns etc and parents being able to see progress in weekly spelling tests is proven to have an impact on the progress in spelling.

CMT awareness day Friday 2nd October

For many years now, each Autumn we have held a CMT awareness day supporting the charity Charcot Marie Tooth in support of a child in the school with this condition. This year, we will be again wearing pink or purple, but will be raising money for Vranck House Children's Charity in Exeter which supports children who have this condition and many others locally.

Wonderful Writing of the Week



Well done to our first wonderful writers of the year!

Poppy in Y6 for her brilliant letter writing as a soldier in the trenches

Layla in Y4 for amazing punctuation in her diary entry

Parker in Y2 for working hard on his handwriting

Week Beginning 21st September 2026 events

Monday 21st September	Tuesday 22nd September	Wednesday 23rd September	Thursday 24th September	Friday 25th September
Mental health team with some Y6	Open Classrooms 3:45 - 4:45			
	KS2 Cross Country am All Hallows			

Leap workshops

Please see below information on workshops coming up:

Understanding Autism and Related Needs.

Friday 2/10/26 7-9PM

Parent Carer, Health and Wellbeing.

Tuesday 06/10/26 10Am- 12 PM

Both of these workshops can be found by going to

[Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Devon Parent Carers Service – Peer Support Group

Devon Parent Carers is a new service for parents and carers caring for children or young people under 18, who have special educational needs, disabilities, long-term illness or other additional needs. No formal diagnosis is needed to join the service.

Our next friendly, supportive peer support group is taking place next week in Exminster. This is an opportunity to meet and chat with other parent carers in a safe and non-judgemental space.

Exminster Peer Support Group

Friday 25th September

10.30am – 12pm

Coffee on the Corner, Exminster

Community News



PARENTING EMPOWERED AUTISTIC KIDS

We are a non-profit charity dedicated to supporting families and educators who live or work with neurodiverse children – pre or post a diagnosis.

HELPING CHILDREN REACH THEIR PEAK POTENTIAL!

We help support with:

- Parental Guidance
- Child Development Strategies
- Documentation Support (EHCP's etc)
- Mediation / Tribunal Support
- Community Support Groups
- Professional Consultation
- Additional Bespoke Support

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27.10.2026 - 29.10.2026
**ST JOHN'S SCHOOL,
SIDMOUTH**

8-15AM - 5-15PM
AGES 5 - 12

DAILY ACTIVITIES EVERYDAY INCL. NERF WARS, GLOW SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BODGEBALL, FOOTBALL, INFLATABLES AND MORE.





Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club

COME AND GIVE HOCKEY A GO!

FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE

Junior training • Boys and girls



Sunday mornings
Sidmouth College AstroTurf

10:00-11:30 School years 3-7 U8-U12	11:30-13:00 School years 8-11 U14 & U16
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A fun, friendly club!

Register by email:
sidmouthandotteryhc@live.co.uk

Bring a gum guard and shin pads

Sticks available to borrow



18th, 19th & 20th September 2026



DadFest Devon

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson. Kingsbridge, South Devon. TQ7 2HW

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' in 2015 & 2025
The only UK festival just for dads & their children.

- campfire stories • water-rockets • bat walk
- Forest School • board games • rifle range
- wrestling show • arts & craft • sport skills
- kids disco • music workshops • archery
- slip n slide • beach trip • food & drink • & more...
- + 2026 World Dad Dancing Championship

Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

DadFest 2026 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages):	£109
Dad + 2 children (all ages):	£119
Dad + 3 children (all ages):	£129



Ticket includes camping & all activities – nothing more to pay
Get food tickets too: £40 (dad); £30 (children)

To book search 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'
or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org

