



Live • Love • Learn - Littletown

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will start by saying how brilliant the children have been this week. Having just one day before managing a full week isn't always easy, but the teachers and I are pleased with how well the children have responded this week.

As mentioned last week, we had a visit from our external school improvement partner on Wednesday where we monitored and evaluated Maths attainment, developing Writing and the national landscape on Inclusion and inspection.

Today, Mr Coombs, Mrs Heywood and I have attended the development day for the Digital Skills and AI South West Hub due to the great news that Littletown has been selected to be a member school. This work, grounded in ethics and safeguards will continue to allow us to explore how we can maximise the opportunities and mitigate the risks of this rapidly emerging landscape in education.

It was brilliant to see footage of Richard Foord MP yesterday speaking in Parliament and referring to children from Littletown and their letters about climate and schools. My thanks to Richard for both raising the issue and for showing the children that advocacy and action can make a difference.

In assembly today, children from each class shared their Class Charters based on the United Nations Conventions of Rights that they have been constructing this week. Teachers have been impressed with the maturity that children have shown in this area and these will be a key feature in classrooms and class discussions throughout the year. Ask your children which rights have made it on to their charters.

As you might expect, there is lots of information in this newsletter for the start of the year. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about any of this head@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Today you should have received the Curriculum Newsletter for your child's year groups informing you of the exciting topics they will be learning this term, dates and details of events and key information for the term ahead. Alongside these, you will also find attached a more detailed overview of your year groups' Personal, Social and Health education (PSHE), including Relationships Education. Most of you will be aware from the Relationships, Health and Sex Education Consult in the summer term that the Department for Education has requested schools to share the PSHE education with parents. We have previously been sharing this in newsletters with you, however, we are now able to share both our curriculum learning and ideas for families to support at home.

Thank you for all your support in making our first week back such a positive one at Littletown.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins

Principal

Dates for diaries

Following discussion with staff as a result of some comments and suggestions made via the Parent Questionnaire, we have been working hard to get as much information as possible to you as early as possible this academic year. This has taken the form of the Year Calendar 2026-27 which is attached to this newsletter. This document captures the date, time and details as we know them and have planned them as we start the year. As you'd expect, there is more detail in the Autumn Term than Spring and Summer, but there are still things you can already make a note of for later in the year. I hope this will be useful for you, but please do bear in mind the following:

- Everything is subject to change as sometimes things change outside of our control
- Events are likely to get added as they arise throughout the year (we will share this at the start of each half term)
- There is still some information we don't have such as dates for any Honiton Learning Community sporting events or other activities and various transition/enrichment offers from Secondary schools.

If there are any comments or questions please let me know head@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding

With a new school year already flying by, I would like to begin our monthly safeguarding updates for parents/carers. This week our Board of Governors have approved our 2026 Safeguarding Policy, (in line with Devon's model policy) which can be found on our school website.

Here at Littletown, our safeguarding team remains the same. If you have any questions regarding safeguarding please contact one of our team below:

Mr Perkins	Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Cadby	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Ms Talbot	In School Family Support Worker
Miss Fox	Breakfast Club Manager
Miss Holmes	After School Club Manager

Please see the link below for Devons' safeguarding advice for parents/carers. (Devon's contact is now known as The Front Door, formally known as MASH).

[Devon Children's Front Door and how it works - Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

Attendance

Next week we will be emailing you a reminder of expectations for school attendance, inline with our policy and the DFE guidance.

Open classrooms

I would like to invite you all to accompany your children back into school after school on Tuesday 22nd September 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 week! Teachers will be around, but please note this is not a time for parent/teacher in depth conversations. We will be holding these consultation phone calls the following week.

Sports clubs

As you know, we have welcomed Mr Perrott to the school as our sports coach this year. Mr Perrott has taught lots of PE in classes this week and enjoyed meeting the children. You should have received details of the after school sports clubs on offer this half term as follows:

- Monday - KS1 Football
- Tuesday - KS2 Netball

- Wednesday - KS2 Football
- Thursday - KS1 Multi-skills

Reading Records

Parents of children in KS2 may have noticed that children have not come home with Reading Record books this year. We are making a change in this area this year and I will write to you next week to explain fully what we are doing and why!

Parent Questionnaire

I want to again thank all of you who submitted the parent questionnaire google form before the Summer break. We had 139 responses which is more than we had last time. The results and initial analysis was shared and discussed with staff in our INSET day last Thursday. The Governing Board also saw and discussed the results and analysis in their first meeting of the year this week.

The next stage is for us to explore relevant actions of scope for further exploration as a Senior Leadership Team over the next couple of weeks. I can then share all of this with you as soon as possible.

We have already taken some actions without wide discussion, however. We have shared more clarity around email processes and consistency, out of office messages and recording. We've actioned the collating and sharing of dates and details for the year as shared above. We are also focussing on being even more present and available in playgrounds for children and parents at the start and end of the day.

Family Support Worker

I wanted to share with you some new Courses, workshops and Events coming up over the next week's. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to either find me on the playground in the morning or, contact me via admin.

- **Togetherness**

Understanding your child's feelings (a taster pathway)

This is for anyone with children aged between 6 months and 19 years.

It is an introduction to understanding emotional health, wellbeing and behaviour and so much more. This is a free course if you use the Password TAMAR.

Togetherness.co.uk

- **Family Hub**

The family hub will be at Honiton Library Wednesday 16/09/26

They will be offering support alongside the Bounce and Rhyme session which normally takes place 9:30 - 11:30 AM

This is part of the Easy Access drop-in sessions where there will also be a Speech and Language Therapist available to seek advice for speech, language and communication concerns. You do not need to book for this simply turn up.

- **Leap workshops**

Understanding Autism and related need- Thursday 17/09/2026 12- 2 PM

ADHD Monday 14/09/2026 12- 2 PM

Parent, Carers Health and Wellbeing Tuesday 06/10.26 10-12 PM

Eventbrite.co.uk

- **Witherslack Group**

Parenting differently: Raising Autistic Children.

An episode from SENsational discussing the realities of raising autistic children with helpful strategies- this is a video of 45 mins to watch in your own time.

Witherslackgroup.co.uk

- **Kaleidoscopic Minds**

Festival of Neurodiversity taking place at the Phoenix in Exeter.

Sunday 27/09/26 11-4 PM

We are delighted to announce that Kaleidoscopic Minds: Festival of Neurodiversity is returning for 2026. An event designed by, and for, neurodivergent people and their families.

A day of workshops, talks and creative activities.

There is a charge of £5 for the day or, what you are able to afford. Details can be found on the Phoenix website.

Exeterphoenix.org.uk

And finally,

- **Let's talk safer families**

They have released a new podcast for parents who have children in year 6 or, just starting yr 7. Lots of ideas to support children during transition from Primary school to secondary.

letstalksaferfamilies.org.

PTFA

During next week Christmas Card designs will be being sent home with a letter. Please try and return these as any money raised will benefit all children in school. Many thanks

Week Beginning 14th September 2026 events

Monday 14th September	Tuesday 15th September	Wednesday 16th September	Thursday 17th September	Friday 18th September
Mental health team with some Y6				

Community News

Honiton Music Centre

Starting on Wednesday 16th September from 4pm at HCC Music Department.



Honiton Music Centre
An exciting new project supported by the Devon Music Hub, Art Council England and Department of Education to encourage young people to take up a musical instrument, keeping it as affordable and accessible to learn as possible!

- **When:** Every Wednesday evening during term time from 4.00pm through to 6.30pm
- **Where:** Honiton Community College Music Department
- **Activities:** 30-minute group instrument lesson, 30-minute musicianship skills lesson and 30 minutes Ensemble session
- **Who:** Any youngster in the Honiton area, either Primary or Secondary school age
- **Cost:** Only £6 a week
- **Which instruments can you learn:**



Sign up ASAP through scanning the QR code below as there are only 7 places per instrument!



Devon Music Hub
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club

COME AND GIVE HOCKEY A GO!

Junior training • Boys and girls

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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

A fun, friendly club! Register by email: sidmouthandotteryhc@live.co.uk

Bring a gum guard and shin pads
Sticks available to borrow



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



www.ParentingEmpoweredAutisticKids.com
Contact: Contact@ParentingEmpoweredAutisticKids.com

Registered Charity 1201726



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



Drop-in Family Workshop: Saturday 12 September, drop in 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell St, Honiton EX14 1LX.

Join local artist and ceramicist Sarah John for a free family workshop exploring the colours, stories and landscapes of the Blackdown Hills. Using natural pigments including locally sourced clay, we will work together to create a collaborative artwork inspired by the myths, legends and people that have shaped this special landscape over generations.

Relaxed, hands-on session. Suitable for all ages and abilities. This workshop is a part of the [Blackdown Hills Heritage Festival](#).

Free, suggested donation £2. All ages and abilities welcome.