



## LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that as we finish for half term today it marks the halfway point in the school year!

On Tuesday we marked national Internet safety day. My thanks to the Digital Leaders for leading a fantastic assembly on the dangers of scamming and phishing attacks with Mrs Hawkins. Also on Tuesday, Year 4 had their last swimming session. We look forward to Year 3 visiting the swimming pool for their sessions after half term. Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils visited Honiton Primary School for the latest TAG rugby competition round. On Wednesday we welcomed back the space dome for our Reception children. Space dome staff commented that the children were exceptional compared to other schools in terms of their interest and behaviour. It was a pleasure to go and visit the Nursery stay and play session yesterday and see so many parents enjoying time with their children in the Nursery. Finally, yesterday and today Year 2 have enjoyed their outdoor classroom where they have been detectives deciding whether it is Winter or Spring based on the evidence.

Today in assembly the House Captains shared post it notes written by children across the school this week recording how others have shown them love as one of our three school values. House captains group all the examples into whether they represented kindness, equality, respect, dignity or safety.

When we return after half term on Tuesday some of our Key Stage 1 children visit Honiton Leisure Centre for a coordination skills session, Year 3 have their first swimming session and some Key Stage 2 children take part in the next TAG rugby event at Honiton Primary School. On Wednesday, some of our children take part in the Bee Netball finals at King's School and on Friday Year 1 will have their outdoor classroom. On Saturday 1st March we will hold our Nursery open morning. Please see full details below.

Over half term don't forget to take part in the 'Read your way' competition - full details below.

Finally, I would like to wish you and all the children a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to Littletown on Monday 24th February.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

### **Nursery**

In Nursery we have been learning how to use balance bikes and to weave in between cones. We have also been learning to use our brakes. We have also been baking cheese straws.

### **Reception**

In Reception we have been in the space dome and made straw rockets that fly.

### **Year 1**

In Year 1, in Maths we are learning about doubles - ask them to do a few!

### **Year 2**

We have been writing our Troll Swap stories and learning about beach huts!  
We have also been talking about the signs of Winter and Spring.

### **Year 3**

We have been learning about different volcanoes in Geography and also we have been learning about tracing in art which was really fun.

### **Year 4**

We have been writing a story about Pompeii and writing a diary entry about vaiskia which we have enjoyed and it was a really fun experience.

### **Year 5**

In Year 5 we have been learning about materials in Science and we have been writing our writing assessment on paper.

### **Year 6**

In Year six we have been practising for the five pound challenge and doing inter house football.

## **Staff news**

### **Good bye Mrs Gibbs**

When we return to school after half term this will be Mrs Gibbs' last week with us before she retires. 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. Last week we were delighted to appoint Mrs Joubert to the post of Finance Officer. Mrs Joubert will be starting with us after half term.

### **Attendance reminder**

If your child is not going to be coming to school or Nursery due to illness or any other reason please can you phone the school office every morning that they will not be attending. If we do not hear from you then following our attendance and safeguarding policies someone from the school office will be phoning home. If your child has a medical appointment then please can you either email a copy of the letter or text message reminder to the school email address [admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk) or bring a copy of the letter into the school office to be seen.





## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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



### Read Write Inc News

This week marks the end of this terms Read Write Inc teaching. We are all really pleased with the progress that children are making and would like thank parents and carers for supporting at home.

### How to support your child's reading over the break:

- Our school website contains Virtual Classroom videos for all RWI levels including the new Sounds lessons, reading words including Red (tricky) words, practise writing sentences and letter formation support.
- If your child is bringing home a Read Write Inc book: Oxford Owl has been updated with your child's current Books and some new books as a challenge to practise sentence reading, speed, comprehension and expression. There are also quizzes for your child to have a go at. Depending on your child's level, your child may bring home sound cards or writing books to practise with at home.

10 minutes a day makes a huge difference; Set aside time to listen to your child read their storybook on Oxford Owl online, find a quiet time to watch and join in some of the virtual classroom lessons, or practise handwriting to ensure your child comes back ready after half term. Enjoy the holiday, read stories, tell stories, explore characters, words and sounds, visit the library and read new and favourite books together.

### Nursery open morning Saturday 1st March

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 24th February 2025 events


Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
	TAG Rugby at HPS	Bee Netball finals King's	Nursery outdoor classroom	Year 1 outdoor classroom
	Year 3 swimming			
	KS1 Coordination event			

### Community news

Please see attached to this newsletter a list of a range of activities over half term in the Honiton area.

### SCHOOL 'RUN' CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE

 It's not too late for your child to receive a certificate so join up now if you haven't done so already at [www.vhealthy.co.uk](http://www.vhealthy.co.uk)

 This is a challenge ran by a Mum at the school who has seen the benefits that walking to school has on her child & her own physical & mental wellbeing.

📍 The pollution level around the school needs to be reduced & the kids safety needs to be improved so all we are asking is that you don't park on Honiton Bottom road, Goscieline walk & Roundball close (of course the further you walk the better).

📍 It's amazing to see so many people taking up the challenge to walk/run/cycle/skip to school so thank you to everyone who has joined up

If you have any questions please do get in touch via the website <https://vhealthy.co.uk/contact-us>

## **Honiton Community Theatre Presents: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

### **Event Details:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 | 2pm & 7:00 PM

Running Time: 2 hours 30 minutes with interval.

### **Ticket Prices:**

Early Bird Adult £14 Under 12's £11 (Available until 02/01/2025)

General Admission: Adults £15, Under 12's £12

Group Bookings: 1 adult goes free with 8 children's tickets (Available until 02/01/2025)

### **About the Show:**

Join us as we take you to the Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money. Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money.

Watch in amazement as the beans, swapped for a bag of gold after selling Cow Pat at auction, are transformed into a beanstalk reaching into the clouds.

Filled with fast paced action, lively songs and a smattering of pies, Jack and the Beanstalk is a fresh fun filled Pantomime for the whole family to enjoy so join us on a retelling of everyone's favourite story!.