

The Leighterton Leaf

Rooted in optimism, ambition and kindness, we grow together.

Term 1, Newsletter 5 (2026-2027)
Thursday 1 October 2026

Value in focus: Gratitude
Gratitude is more than saying "thank you." When it becomes an attitude — a consistent way of orienting your attention toward what's good— it reshapes how you move through your day, your relationships, and the harder moments in life. ***The Positivity Team***



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Governors

This week's news

It has been a week of curriculum enrichment. In years 5 and 6, for their music lessons this term, we have Flute lessons which are being taken by a specialist teacher from Gloucestershire Music, Ms Wilson. This week the children learnt how to make a sound out of the flute – not as easy as it looks! They have ten lessons and we are looking forward to listening to their progress later this term. Meanwhile, in years 3 and 4, yesterday afternoon we were visited by Sue Gibbons, an art teacher from Malmesbury School. She taught the children how to make sculptures using pipe cleaners and fabric. We loved the creative outcomes – well done everyone!

Young Voices

Numbers have been confirmed and parents of children involved will have received an email with a link to join the Parent Account from where tickets and t-shirts can be ordered. Lunchtime singing club has begun and takes place every Wednesday in Saddlewood with Miss Bence and Miss Roberts.

School Photography

Muddy Knees Photography will be offering two after-school photography sessions on **Tuesday 6 October** and **Wednesday 7 October**. Please complete the booking form outside the School Office. Please note that bookings cannot be taken via email/phone.

Govilon Residential – Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 October

The anticipation is mounting with the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Govilon Learning and Activity Centre just around the corner. The children are in for an action-packed few days on the edge of the beautiful Brecon Beacons National Park. A letter with final information to ensure the trip goes smoothly is coming home today, together with another copy of the kit list and an emergency medication consent form. If you have any questions about the visit, please contact Mrs Ward or Mrs Holian via the School Office.

Toys

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be bringing toys from home into school. We don't want anything to get broken or lost, and we have plenty of things for the children to play with on the playground.

Parent Governor

We currently a vacancy for a parent governor on our Local Governing Body. Nominations are still open for parents interested in standing for this role. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor. Your role would be as a typical parent bringing a parent's perspective to the running of the

governing body and the school. We value the experience that all governors bring to the role. The governing board's key functions are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction for the school
- Hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Be a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher (a critical friend)

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have enthusiasm, commitment to the education of all our students, a willingness to support and challenge and the availability to come into school during the day from time to time. Training is available for all governors.

Governors serve for a four-year term, and you can continue to the end of the term of office even if your child/children leave the school. There are six governing body meetings each year.

You will have received an email with further information about how to apply for this role earlier this term. If you need the information again, please contact the school office.

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

Friday 9 October is World Mental Health Day and to mark this occasion we are inviting the children to come to school wearing one yellow item with their school uniform such as yellow socks or a yellow jumper. To find out more about Young Minds and their work to support children's mental health, please visit Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | 9 October | Young Minds

Bikeability – Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 October

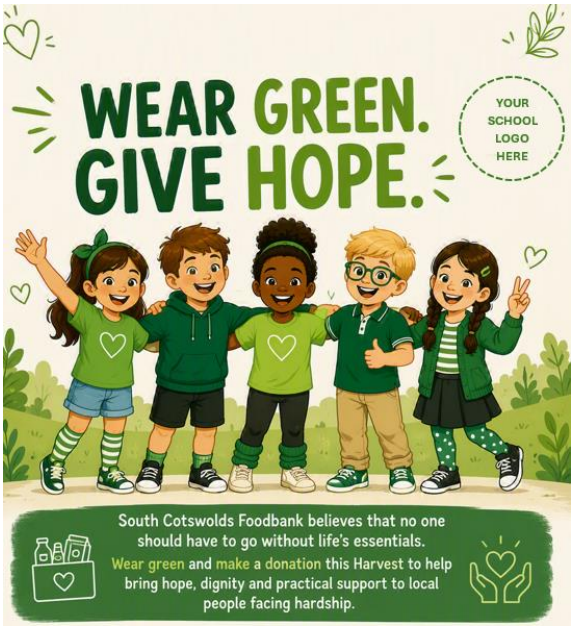
Having recovered from their residential, the Year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability the following week. Please see separate letter that was emailed home for further information.

Dry Stone Wall Repairs

We have some repairs taking place to the dry-stone wall in the car park starting on the afternoon of Thursday 15 October. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience whilst this takes place.

'Wear Green – Grow Hope' Harvest Festival – Thursday 22 October, 2.15pm

You are welcome to come along and enjoy our Harvest Festival which takes place on Thursday 22 October. This Harvest, our school is supporting South Cotswolds Foodbank to help local people who are facing difficult circumstances. South Cotswolds Foodbank provides emergency food and essential items to people in our local communities, while also offering practical support to help people build resilience and move beyond the need for food banks. Last year, the food bank provided 3,257 emergency food parcels to adults and children across the South Cotswolds.



We are inviting pupils and families to support our Harvest appeal by taking part in the Foodbank's 'Wear Green - Grow Hope' fundraising event. Children are invited to wear something green to school on Thursday 22 October, in exchange of a financial donation for the Foodbank. Financial donations can be made via the Foodbank's Just Giving page. Thank you for helping us show kindness and support to people in our local community this Harvest.

Open Morning

We are holding our open morning on ***Thursday 15 October****. This is a drop-in session between 9am and 11.30am – no need to book. The older children will be giving guided tours and there will be coffee and biscuits available in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.*

School lunches next week

WEEK TWO 5 October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	Vegan Meatballs with Spaghetti	Beef Burger with Cheese in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Peri-Peri Chicken with Herby Rice, Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
B	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegan Sausage with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
C	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans & Peas
	Golden Syrup Snap Biscuit	Peach Crumble with Custard	Fruit Medley	Chocolate Brownie	Orange and Lemon Shortbread

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Rushton

Executive Headteacher

Attendance Information

97.80%





Thinking Corner

What would you do if you could become invisible?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note that there sometimes may be changes/additions at short notice)

Friday 2 October	Flu Immunisation (all classes)
Saturday 3 October	Knead bakery, 12-12.30pm
Tuesday 6 October	Muddy Knees Photography after school
Wednesday 7 October	Muddy Knees Photography after school
Wednesday 7-9 October	Y5/6 residential
Friday 9 October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day – come wearing yellow!
Monday 12 – 14 October	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 15 October	Open Morning
Thursday 22 October	2.15pm Harvest Festival

We are O.A.K.

Optimism – We are optimistic.

We persevere to improve.

Ambition – We are ambitious.

We aim high and do our best.

Kindness – We are kind.

We use kind words and kind actions. We respect ourselves, others and our world.

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Community News

(Please note that the school does not endorse external providers and families should enure they are satisfied will all necessary safegurding checks before engaging with any advertised services below.)

THANKS AND SPONSORSHIP

The Yellow Lighted Bookshop, a local independent bookshop with branches in Nailsworth and Tetbury. It is through their knowledge and connections that mean we have some amazing authors joining us.

Each event is designed to be as accessible as possible; for those who want to settle in and hear an author talk, to those who need more active, playful and hands on stories. Expect a mix of author talks, interactive shows, quizzes, singing, drawing, storytelling and creative activities so every child can find a way into books.

HOW TO FIND US

Brimscombe Mill, Brimscombe, GL5 2QN
What Three Words (milk.jiggle.cabbages)

Walking, cycling, buses and on site parking. For more information, visit our website.

What Else Is On Site
Family activities, food, workshops, events and community. Our 5 social enterprises; Kids Stuff, Bike Drop, Home Remedy, Long Table and Climbing Commons, will all be open during the book festival. The Long Table will be serving food & drinks all day.



WHAT'S ON THURS 8TH OCT

Tom Percival
18.00 - 18.30 | Main Mill Area
Award-winning local author will kick off the festival with a short show and will announce the winner of our book cover competition.
Enter book cover competition by 1st Oct for a chance to win book tokens.

WHAT'S ON FRI 9TH OCT

Kids' Stuff Second Hand Bookstall
All day | Main Mill Area

Book Reading from *Andy Hussey*
10.00 - 10.30 | Main Mill Area
Storytelling session with local author. Young nature lovers will be inspired to explore the great outdoors.
DROP IN



Craft Table with *Stroud Library*
10.30 - 12.00 | Main Mill Area
Make a mushroom bookmark or decorate a matchbox, to store your smallest treasures and learn about the Gloucestershire libraries.
DROP IN

Zooming The Zoo Poems with *John Dougherty*
16.30 - 17.15 | The Sanctuary
Join award-winning author and poet for a fun-filled celebration of verse, silly stories and songs.
BOOK ONLINE



Graphic Novel Workshop with *Wren James*
18.30 - 19.15 | The Sanctuary
An interactive drawing workshop, learning the process of creating their debut graphic novel, The Victors.
BOOK ONLINE



BOOK NOW

WHAT'S ON SAT 10TH OCT

Kids' Stuff Second Hand Bookstall and Craft Table
All day | Main Mill Area

Unipiggle Show with *Hannah Shaw*
09.30 - 10.30 | The Sanctuary
Join Author and Illustrator Hannah Shaw for a Unipiggle magic drawing party, a guided illustration workshop and story telling.
BOOK ONLINE



Martha Lightfoot Illustration Workshop
10.00 - 11.00 | Main Mill Area
An illustration workshop entitled Fly Me To The Moon. Immerse yourself in the magical world of animals in flight!
BOOK ONLINE



Alex T Smith & Algernon Pickle In the Mystery At Odd-Doings House
11.30 - 12.15 | The Sanctuary
Join multi award winning author as he presents his new book and teaches us how to draw one of the characters.
BOOK ONLINE



Helen Peters And A Cat Called Cobweb
13.00 - 13.45 | Main Mill Area
A reading of the latest book in the Jasmine Green series. Children will enjoy an interactive quiz and learn about her life on a farm.
BOOK ONLINE



Adventuremice with *Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre*
14.30 - 15.15 | The Sanctuary
Join storytelling legends for a hilarious, action-packed, interactive celebration of Adventuremice: Of Mice and Mummies.
BOOK ONLINE



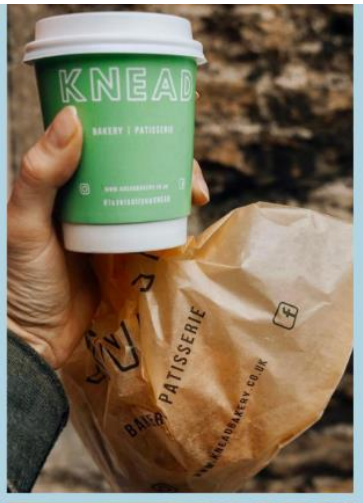
Jess Butterworth Creative Writing Workshop
14:30-15.30 | Main Mill Area
A creative writing workshop inspired by one of Jess' most popular books, When the Mountains Roared.
BOOK ONLINE



Onjali Raúf and The Boy At The Back Of The Class
15.45 - 16.30 | The Sanctuary
An engaging talk and reading of her popular book The Boy At The Back Of The Class.
BOOK ONLINE











KNEAD

BAKERY | PATISSERIE | EATERY

KNEAD ON WHEELS

LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER
12PM TO 12.30PM

SOURDOUGH | PASTRIES | BROWNIES
COOKIES | SAUSAGE ROLLS
DOUGHNUTS | COFFEE

points for you and pounds for your venue

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- Free taster sessions for boys and girls, 5 - 18
- All skill and experience levels welcome
- U6 - U11 training Sundays @ Sir William Romney School
- Midweek training for older age groups
- Free playing top for U9+
- Clubhouse and bar at the Recreation Ground

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