

The Leighterton Leaf

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

Term 1, Newsletter 6 (2026-2027)
Thursday 8 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

We waved goodbye to our Year 5 and 6 children yesterday as they headed off on their residential to Govilon Learning and Activity centre in the Brecon Beacons. By the time you read this, they will have had a walk in the hills, a moonlit hike and are likely to be river walking right now! They have a skittles evening and a trip to the Big Pit National Coal Museum to look forward to before returning back to school on Friday. We can't wait to hear their stories!

Headlice

We are getting regular reports of headlice across the school. The best advice to get rid of the nits and lice is to wet comb with conditioner, but you have to be persistent over a number of days. Please see the advice from the NHS here: Head lice and nits - NHS

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

Year 6 Bikeability, Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 October

A reminder to Year 6 parents that it is Bikeability next week. The children will need to bring in their bicycles and helmets to school on Monday.

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.

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.

PTFA Halloween Disco, Friday 16 October

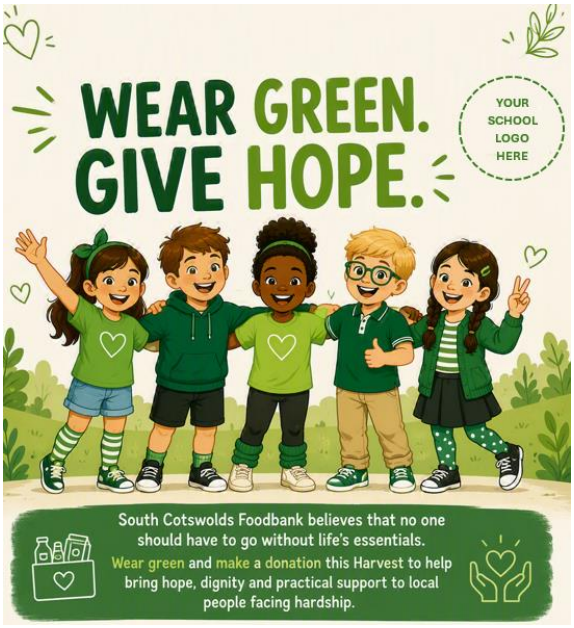
It's nearly that time of year again when the hall is filled with witches, ghosts and ghouls… See the PTFA information for further details about this popular event.

Caterlink Workshops, Tuesday 20 October

To get us ready to think about Harvest, Caterlink, our school caterers, are running workshops for children across the school. Barnhill and Boxwell classes are going to be learning about a balanced diet. In years 3 and 4, the children are considering food waste. In years 5 and 6, the focus is on sustainable eating.

'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.

We are being joined by a volunteer from the Foodbank on Monday 12 October, to explain about the important work that the Foodbank does.

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 lunches next week

Week beginning 12/10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	Summer Pizza with New Potatoes	Spaghetti Meatballs	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice and Tzatziki	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
B	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegan Bolognese with Pasta	Cheese & Bean Pasty 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
	Chocolate Shortbread	Apple Pie with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Summer Lemon Cake	Ice Cream with Peaches

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Rushton
Executive Headteacher

Attendance Information	**Thinking Corner**
97.7% **This is above the national average** 😊  	**What is the best way to travel?** **Why?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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
Friday 16 October	PTFA Halloween Disco
Tuesday 20 October	Caterlink workshops
Thursday 22 October	2.15pm Harvest Festival

Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October – school closed for half-term

🎉 PTFA Newsletter & Updates 🎉

🌿 🌸 Sensory Garden 🌸 🌿

We're delighted to announce that our **Sensory Garden is now open** for everyone to enjoy! 🌱 🌼 🦋
Over the coming weeks, we'll be adding some extra features and items to the garden to enhance the experience and make this wonderful new space even more enjoyable for everyone. 🌈 ✨
We hope you enjoy exploring the garden, discovering all it has to offer, and making the most of this lovely new space! 💚 🌿

🎃 👻 Halloween Disco – Friday 16th October 👻 🎃

Get your **Halloween costumes ready**! 🦸 🧛 🧙 🕷️
Our spooktacular **Halloween Disco** is taking place on **Friday 16th October**! 🎃 🎶 💃 🕺
🎃 **Reception & Key Stage 1:** 5:00–5:50pm
👻 **Key Stage 2:** 6:00–7:00pm
🎟️ **To book your child's place, please use the link below:**
https://forms.gle/eG3CnSud46tgQHd2A
We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and ready to dance the night away! 🎶 👻 🎃 ✨

🎃 🕷️ Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Decoration Competition 🕷️ 🎃

On **Friday 16th October**, we'll also be holding our **Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Decoration Competition**! 🎃 🏆
To help us create a wonderfully spooky atmosphere for the Halloween Disco, we're running our competition again this year — and we'd love **everyone** to get involved! 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 ✨
🎃 **It's not just for the children — adults can join in too!** 🎃

Whether you're a pumpkin-carving expert, a creative whizz, or simply fancy having some Halloween fun with the family, we'd love to see your spooky creations! 👻 🎃 🕸️

📋 ***Please see the poster for full details, including how to enter.***

We can't wait to see all your **spooky, creative and spectacular designs!** 🎃 👻 🕷️ 🏆 ✨

Good luck and happy creating! 🎃 💚

Naomi Cox
Chair of Leighterton Primary School PTFA
Charity No: 1065526





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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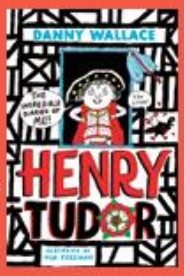
Community News

(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.)

Corinium Museum

Children's Half Term Workshops 2026

New Family Gallery Trail: Henry Tudor: The Incredible Diaries of Me Based on the new novel by Danny Wallace and illustrations by Tor Freeman.



Sat October 23, 2026 - Fri February 12, 2027

Meet Henry Tudor (the future Henry VIII) when he was just eight and a half years old and convinced that he is the best at absolutely everything!

Gruesome Gargoyles



Thu 29 October, 10.30am - 12pm

Join us for a gruesome, glorious, gargoyle gala. We will meet at the Parish Church to investigate the gargoyles and grotesques that grace the building. Once we have our inspiration, we will head back to the museum to create our own gruesome gargoyles!



Creepy Corinium Cupcakes

Wed 28 October 10.30am - 12pm

Back by popular demand, our Creepy Corinium Cupcakes workshop allows you to make art that you can eat! Create a monster cupcake and hear about some of the monsters in our collections.



Make Your Own Curse Tablet

Fri 30 October, 10.30am - 12pm

Did you know that the Romans wrote secret curses on lead tablets and threw them in springs to hex their enemies? From stolen cloaks to chariot race rivals, no grudge was too small! Come & learn how to inscribe your own spooky curse tablet just in time for Halloween.

For full details and to book visit: https://coriniummuseum.org or scan the QR code

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