



Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Little Eaton Primary School. I hope all of our children and families have enjoyed a happy and restful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. A particularly warm welcome goes to the families joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to working together over the coming years.

This first newsletter of the year is packed with updates and opportunities for our children and families. You'll be able to read about our fantastic new PlayQuest equipment, celebrate the hard work of the Rolls-Royce volunteers who supported the school during the holidays, learn about the Little Eaton Produce Show, and find details of enrichment opportunities including SL Drama, Sports Club (dodgeball) and our returning Coding Club. I've also included some important reminders about healthy snacks, allergies, uniform expectations and key dates for the term ahead, including a change to the date of our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year at Little Eaton Primary School.

Healthy Playtime Snacks

To help children stay energised and ready to learn, we encourage healthy snacks at playtime. Fresh fruit, vegetables and nut-free cereal bars are excellent choices that provide lasting energy throughout the morning.

As we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please ensure that all snacks are **nut free**. This includes avoiding products that contain nuts or may contain nuts.

Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy eating habits while helping to keep all members of our school community safe.

Produce Show

The Little Eaton Produce Show is a much-loved village tradition that celebrates the talents and creativity of our community. We wish all of our pupils, families and staff taking part the very best of luck and look forward to seeing the fantastic entries on display.

New PlayQuest Equipment Opens!

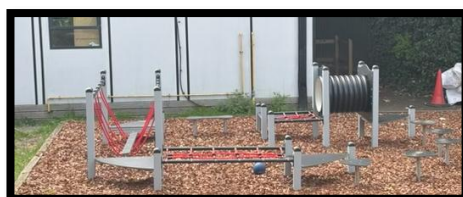
We are delighted to see our new PlayQuest climbing equipment now in place and already proving a huge hit with the children. The new addition will provide exciting opportunities for active play, challenge and adventure for many years to come.

A huge thank you goes to our PTA, whose fundraising efforts provided the majority of the funding needed to make this project happen. We would also like to thank the Little Eaton Women's Institute for their generous donation, which helped turn the project from an ambition into a reality.

Finally, special thanks to Bill Worthington for installing the equipment and helping bring the project to life.



This has been a fantastic example of our community working together to create something special for the children, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone's support.



**59TH ANNUAL LITTLE EATON
PRODUCE SHOW**
Founded by the Little Eaton Women's Institute

Sat 12th September 2026 ~ 3pm ~ Little Eaton Village Hall

AFTERNOON ADMISSION FREE!
** 24 TROPHIES ~ 107 CLASSES **

Entries accepted	9:00am ~ 11:15am
Judging (no public access)	12:00pm ~ 3:00pm
Show open to all - FREE!	3:00pm
Exhibits can be removed	4:30pm
Prize money can be collected	4:45pm
Auction of produce remaining for show funds and chosen charities	4:45pm
Trophies and raffle	After auction



ENTRIES OPEN TO ALL



Cash or card payments accepted
Find us and extra entry forms at Little Eaton Produce Show on Facebook

Adults and children	Entries	Prizes
Class 13 and 14	50p per entry	1st £5.00, 2nd £3.00
All other classes	50p per entry	1st £2.00, 2nd £1.00

SHOW RULES:

- All exhibits in the Handicraft Classes to have been completed within the last year and NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN
- All exhibits to be grown, arranged, made or photographed by the exhibitor
- Preserves must be dated - day/month/year. See Hints and Tips section
- Judges' decision is final
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries, but all care will be taken
- Children may enter categories above their age if they wish
- Exhibits will be anonymous

A Huge Thank You to Rolls-Royce Volunteers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the fantastic team from Rolls-Royce who spent time at our school during the summer holidays as part of the company's community outreach and volunteering programme. Rolls-Royce employees regularly support local schools and community projects, giving their time and expertise to make a positive difference in the communities they serve.



The team generously tackled a wide range of jobs across the school site, including clearing and tidying outdoor areas, painting several classrooms, refreshing the school hall and giving our friendship bench a colourful new look. Their hard work and teamwork have helped ensure that pupils returned to bright, welcoming and well-presented learning spaces ready for the new academic year.

We would also like to thank Kate Robinson, one of our co-opted governors, who helped make the project possible. Kate, who works for Rolls-Royce, connected the school with the volunteering programme and coordinated the visit. We are grateful for her support in arranging this opportunity.

Reminder: IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION

In February 2026, the Government formally passed Benedict's Law committing to introduce mandatory, statutory allergy guidance for school in England through the Department of Education. Schools are now expected to take clear, demonstrable action to improve allergy awareness, prevention and emergency response.

We have a new child starting school in September who has several allergies, he is not allowed to eat or drink lots of things: dairy, nuts, eggs, sesame and lupin. Everything that he eats must be checked and even if it says 'may contain' it must be checked because it may not be safe for him to eat. He will become particularly poorly if he eats or has contact with these items. He has medication to help him recover but sometimes he has needed to go to hospital.

We need your help to keep children with allergies safe and healthy. You can do this by:

- **Breaktimes** – only healthy snacks should be eaten on the playground. Cakes, crisps and chocolate should be saved for lunchtime and eaten in the hall. This helps us to promote healthy eating and support pupils with allergies.
- **Ensuring we are a nut free environment.**
- Helping the teachers to talk to your child about allergies and how they can make the child feel (this is a good link for adults to view Leo's Story; a very short video about a child's experience living with an allergy: <https://youtu.be/MqncMJY1rL0>)
- Ensuring that any sweets/cakes for birthdays are handed to the class teacher to ensure they are not opened on school premises.

[Anaphylaxis UK](#) has a huge range of resources to help you understand more about allergies and anaphylaxis and support you if you or your child has allergies.

Thank you for reading this letter and for talking to your son/daughter about why we are asking them to do these things as their understanding will help children with allergies stay safe. If you have any questions, please do ask any of the staff.

Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Expectations for September

As we prepare to welcome the children back in September, we would like to remind families of our school uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel part of our school community and ensures they are ready to learn and participate fully in all aspects of school life.

School Uniform

- Navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Sky blue polo shirt or blouse
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Blue and white gingham dress (summer option)
- Black school shoes
- White, navy or grey socks

Children should wear practical, flat-soled black shoes that are suitable for school throughout the day.

PE Kit

Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum and we expect all children to have the correct PE kit in school from the start of term.

Indoor PE

- White T-shirt or polo shirt (not cropped)
- Navy or black shorts (not Gymnastics Nike Pro style)
- Games skirt (optional)

Outdoor PE

- White T-shirt
- Black or navy shorts
- Trainers
- Tracksuit for colder weather

As we make use of our outdoor facilities throughout the year, children should have a tracksuit available for outdoor PE lessons, even during the colder months. This will help ensure that they can participate comfortably and safely in all activities.

Join SL Drama This Term!

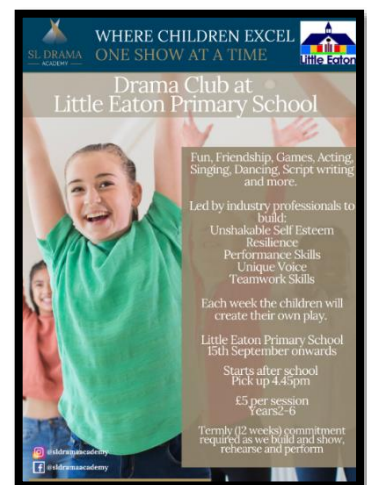
Does your child enjoy performing, storytelling, singing or building confidence through creative activities? **SL Drama** is returning this term and we'd love to welcome some new faces, particularly from **Years 2 and above**.

Drama is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop confidence, communication skills and creativity while having lots of fun with friends. Sessions are engaging, inclusive and suitable for all abilities, whether your child is a budding performer or simply looking to try something new. **Places are currently available**, so if your child is interested in joining, please sign up and support this wonderful enrichment opportunity.

We look forward to seeing SL Drama continue to thrive this year! 🎭 ✨

For further information or to sign up, please follow the link:

<https://form.typeform.com/to/D5Q1TqGY>



After School Sports Clubs with RS Coaching (Dodgeball)

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 Years 4,5,6

Thursdays 3.30-4.30 Years 1,2,3

Booking is on a first come basis and can be accessed via Parent Pay



Coding Club

COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

Little Eaton Primary School | Years 1-3

MINECRAFT EDUCATION Afterschool Club

Don't just play Minecraft...code it! Prepare to embark on an epic journey as you harness the power of coding in Minecraft. Program your digital agent sidekick with visual code to conquer quests such as dancing, building, unleashing explosive TNT and even launching a volley of arrows. This is Minecraft like you've never seen it before! Compete against your friends with a wide range of Minecraft Coding Challenges - which team will win the trophy?

DATES: 14th Sept, 21st Sept, 28th Sept, 5th Oct, 12th Oct, 19th Oct

TIME: Running on Mondays between 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

PRICE: 6 weeks of fun for just £48!

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/6572>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:
Phone: 01530 382787
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Coding helps with maths and logical problem solving!

COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

Little Eaton Primary School | Years 4-6

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DATES: 17th Sept, 24th Sept, 1st Oct, 8th Oct, 15th Oct, 22nd Oct

TIME: Running on Thursdays between 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

PRICE: 6 weeks of fun for just £48!

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/6573>

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September	October	November
8 th School Opens	2 nd MacMillan Coffee afternoon 23 rd Break up	2 nd Inset day 3 rd School opens
December	January	February
18 th Break up	4 th School opens	12 th Break up 22 nd School opens
March	April	May
25 th Break up	12 th School opens	3 rd Bank holiday 28 th Break up
June	July	
7 th Inset Day 8 th School opens	23 rd Break up	

Safeguarding

Key Contacts & What To Do If You're Worried About a Child

Role	Name	Contact
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr Paul Schumann	School Tel: 01332 831471 Email (out of hours): headteacher@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk safeguarding@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Deputy DSL	Mrs Dominique Lloyd	info@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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