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Dear Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we have already reached the end of our first half term of the academic year. The weeks have flown by and, as you will see from this newsletter, there has been plenty going on both in and out of the classroom. From sporting successes and community events to welcoming new families into school, it has been a busy and rewarding start to the year.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from the past few weeks. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Best wishes,

Paul Schumann
Headteacher

🎃 Pumpkin Carving Competition 🎃

A huge thank you to everyone who entered this year's PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition! Once again, our school was filled with an incredible collection of creepy creations, funny faces and wonderfully imaginative designs.

The judges had a very difficult job choosing the winners, as the standard of entries was so high. A special congratulations to those who received prizes for their outstanding efforts and creativity.

Most importantly, thank you to all the children and families who took part and helped make the competition such a brilliant autumn tradition. We loved seeing your fantastic pumpkins and the time and care that went into every entry!

			
Reception	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**
Alice	**Gabriel**	**Harper**	
			
Year 3	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Elsie	**Gabriel**	**Delilah**	**Nell**

🌟 Our New School Ambassadors! 🌟

We are delighted to announce our new **School Ambassadors**! After completing an application process, the successful children were chosen for their enthusiasm, kindness and commitment to making a positive difference in our school.
After half term, they will begin a **6-week training programme with Compass Changing Lives**, where they will develop leadership, communication and wellbeing skills to help support their peers.
Congratulations to all of our new ambassadors – we can't wait to see them shine! ⭐ 🌈

Year 1 Lottie and Pheobe
Year 2 Harper and Faustine
Year 3 Tommy and Daisy
Year 4 Hollie and Jaxson
Year 5 Charlie, Cian and Georgina
Year 6 Nell, Chloe and Martha

Thank You, Little Eaton Dance School!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Little Eaton Dance School** and **Miss Julie** for their very generous donation of **£330**, raised through raffle and programme sales. The dance school is a valued part of our local community, providing opportunities for young people to develop confidence, creativity and performance skills through dance. We are extremely grateful for their support, which will help enhance opportunities for the children at Little Eaton Primary School. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic fundraising effort.

Girls' Football Team - October 2026

A huge well done to our Upper Key Stage 2 girls' football team, who represented the school brilliantly in the RS Coaching Girls' Football Competition on 8th October.

Throughout the tournament, the girls demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and respect, living out our school values both on and off the pitch. They played with great skill and sportsmanship, narrowly missing out on first place and finishing as runners-up in a very competitive competition.

Congratulations to Aine, Amaya, Maisie, Grace, Martha and Isabelle on a wonderful achievement. We are incredibly proud of the way you represented the school and the team spirit you showed throughout the day.

Well done, girls! ⚽ 🏆 👏

Cross Country Success

A huge well done to all of our Key Stage 2 children who represented the school at the recent cross-country event. Every runner demonstrated our school values throughout the course, showing determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship.

A special mention goes to Amara in Year 5, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the Year 5/6 Girls' race, and to George, who finished a fantastic 3rd place in the Year 3/4 Boys' race. We are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Mrs Lloyd would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with transport and support on the day. We couldn't take part in these opportunities without your help. Well done, Team Little Eaton!
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Parent Consultations:

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Parents' Evening this week. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate pupils' achievements and discuss their learning and progress.

If you were unable to attend, or if you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea

Last Friday, 9th October, we held our annual Macmillan Afternoon Tea, and what a wonderful community event it was!
A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success, especially our fantastic bakers, helpers, and of course all those who came along to enjoy the delicious cakes, tea and coffee. Special thanks also go to our Year 6 School Council members, who worked incredibly hard serving refreshments, welcoming guests and helping everything run smoothly. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we are delighted to announce that we raised £180 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Little Eaton Greenway Update

Work continues on the exciting Little Eaton Greenway project, which will provide a safe, traffic-free route for walking, cycling and wheeling through our local area.

As part of the work, there will be a road closure on The Town section, opposite the school, while this section of the route is completed. The closure will be in place from 25th October to 20th November, with a signed diversion route available for vehicles. We understand that pedestrians will still be able to pass throughout the works.

Please allow a little extra time for journeys during this period and take care when travelling near the works area. We look forward to seeing the benefits that the new Greenway will bring to our community. If you have any questions regarding the project please contact Anna Chapman (sustainable.travel@derbyshire.gov.uk).

Open Evening

What a lovely Open Evening we had last Thursday! It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families into school and give them the opportunity to see what makes Little Eaton such a special place to learn and grow.

A special thank you goes to our Year 6 pupils, who did an excellent job showing families around the school. They were confident, knowledgeable and enthusiastic ambassadors, answering questions and sharing their experiences with great pride.

We still have a number of guided tours available for families who were unable to attend. If you know of any families in the Little Eaton area who may be looking for a school place, please help spread the word and encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a visit. We'd be delighted to show them around!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From Tuesday 3rd November, children will be able to purchase a range of items as part of our Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items available include traditional poppies, zip pulls, wristbands, reflective items, pencils, rulers and other poppy-themed accessories.



All donations will support the vital work of the Royal British Legion, helping veterans and their families. We are grateful for your support in remembering and honouring those who have served.



Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be encouraging all children to think about the importance of kindness, respect and speaking out when something is not right. This year's theme is "Break the Silence", helping children understand that bullying is never acceptable and that everyone has a role to play in creating a safe and inclusive school community.

We will be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, when children are invited to wear their odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and what makes each of us unique. There is no need to buy anything special, simply wear your favourite mismatched socks and join in the fun!

The School Council will also be launching an Anti-Bullying Poster Competition, giving children the opportunity to showcase their creativity while sharing positive messages linked to this year's theme. Full details of the competition, including prizes and entry information, will be shared after half term.

Let's work together to ensure that everyone at Little Eaton Primary School feels valued, respected and heard.

Teams4U Shoebox Appeal



We are delighted to be supporting the **Teams4U Shoebox Appeal** once again. This wonderful charity helps deliver gift-filled shoeboxes to children and families in need, bringing joy and hope at Christmas time.

Children should have brought home a leaflet containing full details of the appeal, along with the labels needed for your shoebox. If you are able to take part, please follow the guidance provided and return your completed shoebox to school by **Friday 13th November**.

Every shoebox makes a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support in helping us spread some Christmas cheer to those who need it most. 🎁✨









Coding Club next half-term





RS Coaching Half-Term Holiday Camp:



If you're looking for something for the children over half-term, RS Coaching will once again be running their Holiday Camp here at Little Eaton Primary School from **26th-30th October**.

The camp is open to children from **Reception to Year 6** and offers a fantastic range of activities including football, dodgeball, basketball, gymnastics, Nerf Wars, arts and crafts, water activities and plenty more besides. It's always a popular week and a great opportunity for children to stay active, spend time with friends and try something new.

The camp runs from **8.45am to 3.30pm** each day. Early bird prices are available until **22nd October**.

For more information and to book a place, please visit:

https://www.rs-coaching.co.uk/product/little-eaton/

November	December	January
2nd Inset day 3rd School opens F 6th – Individual Photograph 13th Non-Uniform day 16th Odd Sock Day 18th – M and M Theatre (Robin Hood) 24th Year 5/6 Cadbury world visit	3rd PTA Christmas disco (UV) 4th PTA coffee morning 8th Nativity afternoon 2pm 9th Nativity 4.15pm 11th Reception & Year v1 Theatre trip 18th Break up	4th School opens
February	**March**	**April**
12th Break up 22nd School opens	4th World Book Day M&M Theatre 25th Break up	12th School opens
May	**June**	**July**
3rd Bank holiday 6th-7th Year 4 Lea Green 10th SATs week 17th-19th Whitehall 28th Break up	7th Inset Day 8th School opens	23rd Tough Runner 23rd Break up

Safeguarding

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

Role	Name	Contact
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