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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the autumn term and start looking ahead to the festive season, there is certainly plenty happening at Little Eaton. This week's newsletter includes news of our recent Ofsted report, fundraising updates, community events, Anti-Bullying Week, the Poppy Appeal and several opportunities for families to get involved in school and village life.

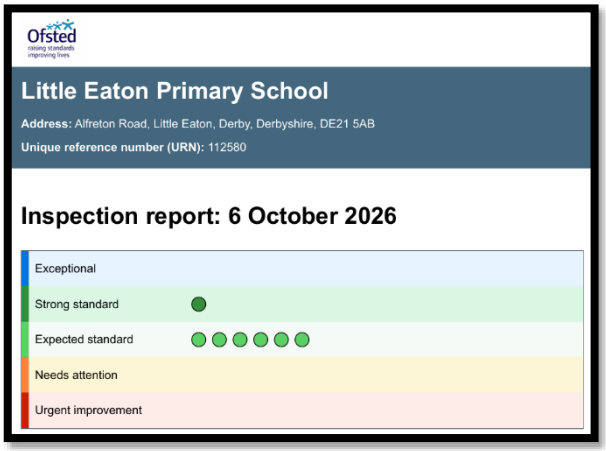
As always, I hope you find the information useful and wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Schumann
Headteacher

Our Ofsted Report

We are delighted to share our recent Ofsted report, which reflects the hard work, commitment and care shown every day by our children, staff, governors and families.



As many of you will know, Ofsted no longer awards schools an overall one-word judgement. Instead, schools are assessed across a range of areas using a new report card system. It is worth noting that **"Expected Standard" is not an average or minimum grade**. Ofsted describes it as a high standard that means a school is successfully delivering what children need and deserve, while grades above this recognise particularly exceptional practice. Importantly, the new grades cannot be directly compared with the old "Good" and "Outstanding" judgements.

We are naturally very pleased that our report card presents such a strong picture of Little Eaton Primary School, while also identifying areas that will help shape our next steps for improvement.

The full report can be found in the **Newsletter section of our school website** and will shortly be available on the **Department for Education website**. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this very positive outcome. We are proud of what we have achieved together.

Fundraising Group Festive Update 🎄

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our Halloween events. Between the Halloween Trail and Pumpkin Competition, an amazing **£553.70** was raised for the school. A special mention must also go to **Yassou and their neighbour**, who raised **£160** through their popular stocks fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.





With Christmas just around the corner, preparations are now underway for our much-loved **Christmas Hamper Raffle**. Please see the poster below for details of our festive hamper donation appeal and non-uniform day. Every donation helps us create fantastic hampers and raise valuable funds to support our children and school. Thank you for your continued generosity and support! 🎁✨

Little Eaton Living Advent Calendar 2026

The **Little Eaton Living Advent Committee** has recently approached me to ask whether any more families from our school community would like to take part in this year's **Little Eaton Living Advent Calendar**.



This wonderful village tradition sees **24 homes, businesses and community groups** decorate a window which is then "opened" on a designated evening during December. Each new window is revealed at **6:30pm** and remains on display throughout the festive period, creating a magical advent trail around our village for everyone to enjoy.

There are currently **just six spaces remaining**, and it would be fantastic to see some more Little Eaton families getting involved. Designs can be religious, non-religious, funny or topical, and the organisers welcome participants of all ages and artistic abilities.

If you feel able to take part, your decorated window simply needs to be visible from the road and illuminated during the evenings. It is a lovely way to bring some festive cheer to the community and help make Little Eaton shine brightly this Christmas.

For more information, or to reserve one of the remaining spaces, please contact **Paula Rowlinson** at **paula.rowlinson@littleeatonparishcouncil.gov.uk** or on **07904 407488**.

Let's see if our school community can help fill those final six spaces and make this year's Living Advent Calendar another wonderful success! 🎄✨

Keeping Our Records Up to Date

To help us contact families quickly when needed, please make sure the school office has your **current address, telephone numbers and email addresses**.

If you have recently moved home, changed your mobile number, switched email providers or need to update any emergency contact details, please let the office know as soon as possible. Accurate contact information is essential should we need to get in touch during the school day or share important information with you.

Thank you.

Reminder: 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.



Reminder: 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. 🎁✨



November	December	January
2nd Inset day 3rd School opens 13th Non-Uniform day 16th Odd Sock Day 18th – M and M Theatre (Robin Hood) 20th 6th – Individual Photograph 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
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr Paul Schumann	School Tel: 01332 831471 Email (out of hours): headteacher@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk safeguarding@Littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Deputy DSL	Mrs Dominique Lloyd	info@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
Safeguarding & Equality Governor	Mrs Carolyn Burke	School Tel: 01332 831471 info@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk