

Leverton News - Summer Term

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Message from Miss Gibbs

Welcome to Summer term!

We have had an exciting start with launching our new topics and a special Easter lunch - with special bunny biscuits.

Netball match

Well done to our Netball girls for a fantastic 7-3 win against Staples Road in their last match - your teamwork, determination, and skill truly shone on the court. Keep up the incredible work and continue making us proud.



On Thursday 24th April, Bumblebees had a visit from Ark Farm who brought a range of animals for the children to meet and they were treated to a hands-on, sensory experience with some furry, scaly and hairless friends!



On Thursday 8th May, we will be commemorating VE day's 80th anniversary. In the morning, we will be planning activities based on VE day. We are holding a street style party in the playground in the afternoon for the children. After school, parents and children are invited to stay and play in the playground until 4:40pm. The PTA will also be selling drinks and snacks in the playground at this time.



Summer Term Topic Launch Day

Reception: come outside! We have launched our garden centre role play, the children have had fun planting and buying seeds at the centre! We have drawn our own flowers and labelled them!

In year one, we took a trip around the world and painted all 7 continents. We created our own passports, water colour paintings of the Continents and painted a ship for display. We were creative and made plane tickets and explored the art of making our own paper planes. It was fun to see what worked and what did not work. We have been learning the Continents song. The children also enjoyed reading Emma Jane's Aeroplane.

Year 2 had an exciting day learning about the RNLI and their amazing volunteers who help to keep us safe. We explored the two types of lifeboats: All Weather lifeboats and In-shore lifeboats and the names of some of the lifeboats. We had an insight into some of the history over the 200 years of the RNLI and discovered that it is fully funded by donations. We also had a fun afternoon of making our own sea animals from salt dough.

Year 3 launched their new Topic Anglo Saxons. During the day, the children got to explore Anglo Saxon settlements and began to plan and create their own model settlement. They will finish making their settlements in the next few history lessons.

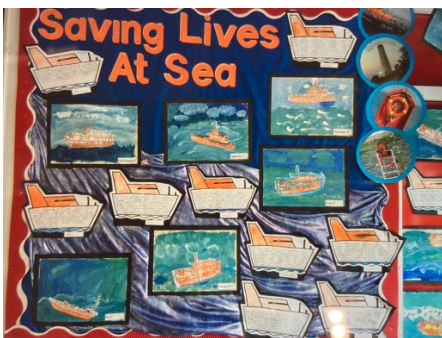
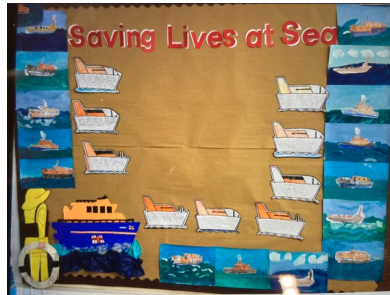
Year 4 children learned about the Tudors. In Oak class, we played chess, painted stained glass windows to decorate the classroom and painted portraits of Tudor monarchs.

Year 5 children enjoyed a day in a 'Victorian classroom' for their launch day. We learned about the life of Victorian children and what school would have been like. We used drama to act out key events within the Victorian timeline and performed on the outside stage. Children also got the chance to make a classic Victorian toy, known as a Thaumatrope, which is an early form of animation. Year 5 were also introduced to their brand new Guided Reading book for this half term, which is set in the Victorian era. They received a mysterious letter and to go on the hunt for clues around the school to help the mysterious character!

Have a lovely weekend.

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

Summer Term Topic Launch Day



Dates for your Diary 2025

Mon 05 May 25	Bank Holiday
Mon 12 May 25	SATS week (Mon - Thurs)
Thurs 22 May 25	Break up for Half Term
Fri 23 May 25	Inset day
Mon 02 Jun 25	Children Return
Tues 22 July 25	Break up for Summer

Best Attendance

This week's best attendance was
Hedgehog & Squirrel Class
both with 99.6%



Well done!

Team Points

Red - 313

Blue - 248

Yellow - 186

Green - 273

The following children are celebrating birthdays this week

Inaya 10, Izabelle 10, Dominic 10, David 8, Adhvaith 5,
Archer 8, Mabel 5, Ava-Joan 10, Charlie 9, Ivy 8,
Alesia 11.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Leverton Primary School offer a free Breakfast Club from 8.15am till 8.45am. This offering is available to children in Reception through to year 6. We will require you to book via a Google Form (QR code below) to ensure we have the correct food options available and staffing ratios.

We understand that parents may require longer than the free 30-minute sessions and we have extended our opening hours to accommodate those parents who need to get to work early. Therefore, Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30am till 8.15am at a chargeable fee of £3 per session (as above from 8.15am - 8.45am will be free).

The chargeable session will need to be booked directly with Mrs Pentelow this can be done via message to 07761 729756 or email extendedschools@leverton.essex.sch.uk

Please Scan the QR code/s below to book your free place, please note they are bookable monthly

April QR Code



May QR Code



Agreed dates for 2025/ 2026 Academic Year

Mon 01 September 25	Inset Day
Tues 02 September 25	Inset Day
Wed 03 September 25	First Day of Autumn Term
Fri 24 October 25	Break up for Half Term
Mon 3 November 25	Inset Day
Tues 4 November 25	Children Return
Fri 19 December 25	Break up for Christmas
Mon 05 January 26	Children Return
Fri 13 February 26	Break up for Half Term
Mon 23 February 26	Children Return
Fri 27 March 26	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 April 26	Children Return
Mon 04 May 26	Bank Holiday
Thurs 21 May 26	Break up for Half Term
Fri 22 May 26	Inset day
Mon 01 Jun 26	Children Return
Fri 17 July 26	Break up for Summer
Mon 20 July 26	Inset Day

Afterschool Club Activities w/c 28 April 2025

Printing with paint using different techniques

Outside activities including parachute games, tennis, football and team games

Afterschool Club is available every day from 3.15 - 6.00.

Costs - up to 4.45pm £6.00 per session if they are collected after this time it will be £11.00 per session.

All sessions must be booked in advance, contact Mrs Pentelow on 07761 729756 or email extendedschools@leverton.essex.sch.uk. Once your space is confirmed, payments must be made before your child attends their session. Payment is via the school gateway app please.

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AFTERSCHOOL



Week One

Served weeks commencing:
17/02,10/03,31/03,21/04,12/05



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Sausages Served with Mash Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Lasagne Served with Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Sausages Served with Mash Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Cauliflower and Cheese Bake Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Chilli Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
JACKET POTATO	Jacket potato With a choice of Baked beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans or cheese
SANDWICH	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Bap with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Wrap with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese
DESSERTS	Lemon Sponge Served with Custard	Shortbread with Fruit Slices	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Crumble Served with Custard	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

Week Two Menu

Served weeks commencing:
03/02,24/02,17/03,07/04,28/04,19/05



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	BBQ Chicken Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Wrap Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Biryani Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	BBQ Vegetable Bean Wrap Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza Served with Chips Beans and Peas
JACKET POTATO	Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese
SANDWICH	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Baps with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Wrap with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese
DESSERTS	Jam Sponge Served with Custard	Sultana Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Served with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

Week Three Menu

Served weeks commencing:
10/02,03/03,24/03,14/04,05/05



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Ham Pizza Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Mexican Chicken Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Toad in the Hole Served with Mash Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta Bolognase Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Mixed Bean Fajita Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Mince Cobbler Served with Mash Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Enchilada Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas & Tomato Ketchup
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans or Cheese
SANDWICH	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Bap with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese	Wrap with a choice of filling: Ham/Cheese
DESSERTS	Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Chocolate Sponge Served with Chocolate Sauce	Banana Traybake	Chocolate Cookie	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Choice of Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.



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AWARD WINNING

National Business Awards -
Community Business Silver Award
2020

Herts Business Awards -
Community Winner 2019

Herts Business Awards -
Community Finalist 2016

Herts Business Awards -
Commercial Business of the Year
- Runner Up 2017

MULTI AWARD WINNING
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Includes PIZZA PARTY
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FLAMSTEAD END Primary School, EN7 6AG
WEEK ONE: Mon 7, Wed 9, Fri 11 Apr
WEEK TWO: Mon 14, Tue 15, Wed 16 Apr
HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT
10am-3pm from £25 Age 4-12
Early drop off from 8.30am - £8
Late pick up until 5pm - £11
SPORTS
Football, Net Battles, Gymnastics, Tennis, Rounders, Dodgeball, Benchball, Ninja Obstacle Courses & loads more!
PLAY
Arts & Crafts, Messy Play, Chocolate making, Easter Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt

CLUB ENROLMENT

LEVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOTBALL | GYMNASTICS

Welcome and thank you for showing an interest in Foundation Sports' after school sessions.

Foundation Sports are an Award-winning Sports Coaching company run by qualified sports coaches who are insured, DBS checked, and follow our own code of conduct, which ensures safety and enjoyment to all, no matter what ability all in a fun and progressive environment. Regardless of which extra Curricular programme you sign up for, our coaches sessions will run on the principles of **FUN, INCLUSION & LEARNING**. Our sessions also improve social interaction, physical interaction, help to regain lost confidence and improve mental health.

APRIL - MAY 25 BOOK NOW:

For all information on these clubs including dates and costs, please click on the link below or scan the QR code provided.

MONDAY GYMNASTICS (year 1-4)
FRIDAY FOOTBALL (year 1-6)



[Click Here To Book](#)

Please click on the link(s) provided above which represents the course you would like to book your child on to. If you have already created an account with class4kids please sign in and proceed. If you haven't created an account it will ask you to create a class4kids account where you will be required enter all the relevant information in regards to booking your child's space. This info will be stored in your account and you will not have to enter it every time you make a booking with us (unless your details change). Refunds will not be provided unless at the fault of Foundation Sports.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sexortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 25-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS
ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



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