

Leverton News - Autumn Term

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Message from Miss Gibbs

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, we'd like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a fantastic Halloween Disco — the children had a brilliant time!

We hope all our pupils, parents and staff enjoy a well-deserved and relaxing half term break.

Just a reminder that Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, so school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a spooktacular and restful week off!

Vocab Homework Question:

Question: What makes a good peacekeeper?

Year 1 Trip - Mountfitchet Castle

Year 1 had an amazing day exploring Stansted Mountfitchet Castle as part of their topic on 1066. The children stepped back in time to experience life in a real Norman village, surrounded by the sights, smells, and sounds of the past. They were thrilled to see animals wandering freely, discover real cooking ingredients in the medieval kitchen, and imagine the smells and atmosphere of long ago.

There were plenty of giggles as some brave volunteers tried out the stocks, and wide eyes during visits to the dungeon, jail, and even the privy! Everyone learned so much about how people lived nearly a thousand years ago and had a wonderful time exploring history brought vividly to life.

A huge thank you to our fantastic parent helpers for their support on the day — and well done to all the children for their wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the trip!

New Lunch Menus

We are changing to our winter menus after the Half Term, Please see page 6

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approach, many of our children are excited about dressing up, trick-or-treating, and watching fireworks. These are wonderful opportunities for family fun, but they also come with important safety reminders.

At school, we will be talking to the children about how to enjoy these celebrations safely, and we'd appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home.

Halloween Safety Tips:

- Always accompany young children if they are trick-or-treating.
- Use torches or glow sticks, and choose bright or reflective costumes so your child is visible in the dark.



- Avoid candles in pumpkins - battery-operated tea lights are a safer choice.
- Respect neighbours - only visit homes with lights on, and don't knock too late in the evening.

Firework & Bonfire Night Safety Tips:

- Attend organised firework displays whenever possible - they are much safer.
- If using fireworks at home:
 - Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults.
 - Keep a bucket of water nearby for sparklers and emergencies.
 - Never give sparklers to very young children, and ensure older children wear gloves and are supervised.
 - Stand well back and follow the Firework Code



Let's work together to ensure all our children have a safe and enjoyable time during this festive season. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5/6 Football Team Match

Last Friday the Boys Football Team played their first match of the season at home against Holy Cross. They played a great game but unfortunately we lost 6-2. Our next fixture will be away to Buckhurst Hill on 7th November.

Year 4 - History of the Page Workshop

Year 4 had an exciting and immersive day taking part in the 'History Off the Page' Viking experience!

In the morning, the children stepped back in time and became Vikings for the day, taking part in a range of hands-on activities. They tried their skills at metal casting, making bracelets, crafting Viking pottery, dipping candles, creating ink and jewellery, mixing traditional medicines, and even practising rune writing. Each activity helped them understand more about what life was like during the Viking era.

In the afternoon, our young historians became archaeologists! They carefully examined a variety of Viking artefacts, exploring where these objects might have been found, who used them, and what they could tell us about Viking life.

It was a fantastic day full of learning, creativity, and curiosity. The children represented our school beautifully — they were engaged, enthusiastic, and wonderfully well-behaved throughout.

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

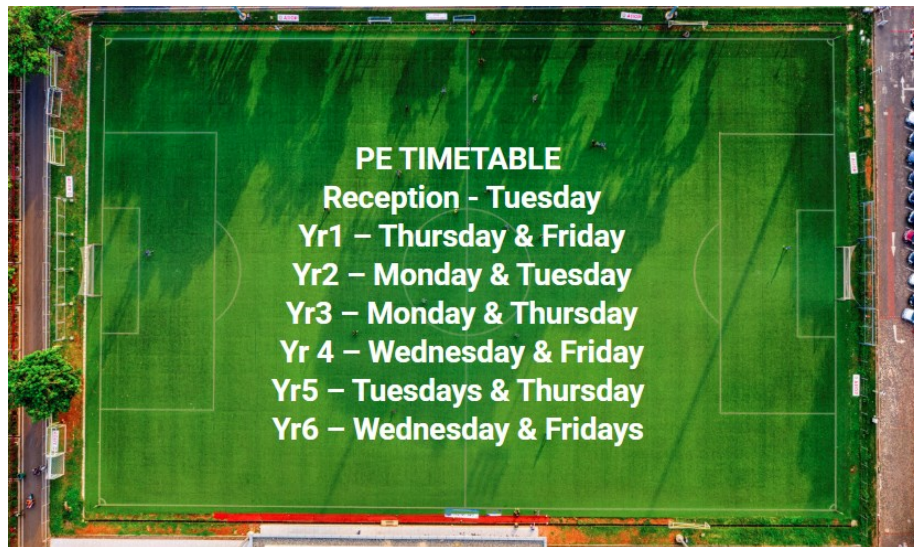
Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for

September 2026

The new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



LEVERTON PTA FIREWORKS
Sunday 2nd November

The Leverson PTA fantastic firework display by Firework Crazy is back with a bang!

Gates open 17.00 display starts approx 18.30

DJ, Hot and Cold Snacks, Drinks, Glow Sticks, Glitter Tattoos

Pre ordered tickets - £27.00 family of four, £7.50 single ticket
All tickets on the night £8.50pp.
On the night will be cash only

Under 2's Free
Under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult

Book early to avoid disappointment!!
Tickets are non-refundable

Advance tickets can be purchased using
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/FHAX](https://www.trybooking.com/UK/FHAX)

NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED AT THE EVENT

Reminders about the start of the school day

- Registration starts at **8.45am**.
- The school gates will close at **8.55am**. Children arriving after **8.55am** are required to come into school via the school office. If accompanied by a parent/carer they must sign them into our electronic system 'Late Book' and provide a reason for their lateness. Children arriving after 8.55am but before the registers close at **9.15am** will receive a late mark 'L'.
- At **9.15am** the registers will be closed. In accordance with the Regulations, if your child arrives after that time, they will receive a mark that shows them to be on site – 'U', but this will **not** count as a present mark and it will mean that they have an unauthorised absence.



Dates For Your Diary

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

Best Attendance

This week's best attendance
was Kingfisher Class

With 98.9%

Well done!



Team Points

Red - 155

Blue - 131

Yellow - 196

Green - 116

The following children are celebrating birthdays this week



Luca 11, Jaiden 6, Aren 10, Annabelle 7,

BREAKFAST CLUB



It's been lovely to see so many children enjoying our Breakfast Club recently! We're delighted that it continues to be a popular and positive start to the school day. Thank you for your continued support — we love starting the mornings with such happy faces!

Leverton Primary School offer a free Breakfast Club from 8.15am till 8.45am, although food service ends at 8.35am in order for children and staff to tidy up and get the children ready for going to class. 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

November QR Code



Afterschool Club Activities w/c 04 November 2025

Construction Week

Firework Art

When collecting please call the Afterschool Club phone on arrival - 07761 729756

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.

Payments to be made in advance please.

AFTERSCHOOL





The DfE guide for parents about working together can be found on the government website:

You can monitor your own child's attendance on the school App to see how absences impact your child's attendance.

We understand that children can become ill. If your child is ill, read the NHS advice to help you decide whether they can go to school. The link can be found in the school attendance policy on the school website.



Miss Beggs is Running the London Marathon 2026!

Miss Beggs is taking on the **London Marathon 2026** in support of **3Food4U**, a fantastic local charity.



To help reach the **£2,500 fundraising target**, Leverton is hosting a **Quiz Night** — come along, enjoy a fun evening, and support a great cause!

All proceeds will go towards fundraising for 3FOOD4U.org

When: 14th November 2025

Where: Leverton Primary School

Time: Doors open from 6.30pm

Time: Quiz starts at 7pm

Cost: £5 per person payable via the school gateway app or cash in a sealed envelope with a name and how many places are required

Maximum of 8 people per table / Adults only

Raffle tickets will be on sale at an additional cost on the night

Please bring along your own drinks and snacks.

WEEK 1

Monday W/C

03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 5/1, 26/1, 16/2

Pork Sausages

Vegetarian Sausage (V)

Served with Mashed Potato,
Garden Peas, Carrots

Lemon Sponge served & Custard

Tuesday

Homemade Beef Lasagne

Vegetarian Lasagne (V)

Served with Sweetcorn,
Mixed Garden Salad,
Diced Herby Potatoes

Shortbread Finger with Fruit Wedges

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Gravy

Vegetarian Mince & Onion Pie (V)

Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots

Iced Chocolate Sponge

Thursday

Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne

Vegetable Enchilada (V)

Served with Fluffy Rice,
Sweetcorn, Broccoli

Apple Crumble & Custard

Friday

Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)

Served with Oven Chips,
Garden Peas, Baked Beans

Famous Fruity Friday

WEEK 2

Monday W/C

10/11, 1/12, 22/12, 12/1, 2/2, 23/2

Beef Burger in a Bun

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V)

Served with Roasted Potato Wedges,
Mixed Garden Salad,

Jam Sponge

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken

Chickpea & Vegetable Biryani (V)

Served with Fluffy Rice,
Garden Peas, Broccoli

Mini Sultana Oat Cookie with Fruit
Slices

Wednesday

Roast Turkey with Gravy

Vegan Quorn Sausage (V)

Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots

Pineapple Upside Down Cake
with Custard

Thursday

Chicken Wrap

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)

Served with Roasted Potato Wedges,
Sweetcorn, Mixed Garden Salad

Chocolate Brownie

Friday

Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup

BBQ Vegetable & Bean Wrap (V)

Served with Oven Chips,
Garden Peas, Baked Beans

Famous Fruity Friday

WEEK 3

Monday W/C

17/11, 8/12, 29/12, 19/1, 9/2

Cheese, Tomato & Ham Pizza

Mixed Bean Fajita (V)

Served with Roasted Potato
Wedges, Mixed Garden Salad,

Shortbread

Tuesday

Mexican Chicken & Rice

Macaroni Cheese (V)

Served with Warm Baguette,
Garden Peas, Broccoli

Chocolate Sponge with Custard

Wednesday

Roast Gammon with Gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V)

Served with Mashed Potato,
Carrots, Green Beans

Banana Tray Bake

Thursday

Pasta Bolognese

Vegetarian Chilli & Rice (V)

Served with Bread,
Sweetcorn, Broccoli

Chocolate Cookie

Friday

Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup

Vegetable Fingers (V)

Served with Oven Chips,
Garden Peas, Baked Beans

Famous Fruity Friday



AVAILABLE DAILY:

Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans,
or Cheese

Choice of Sandwiches
Cheese or Ham

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



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you looking for effective ways to help you,
help your young person, navigate anxiety
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is
running 2 online parent groups in NOVEMBER

When?

Tuesday
4th 11th 18th 25th
November
1-2pm

When?

Thursday
6th 13th 20th 27th
November
9.30-10.30am

Where?

zoom link will
be sent to
you via email
for each
session

Choose sessions
on Tuesday OR
Thursday

Attendance at
all four sessions
is expected

Notes for each
session are
emailed for you to
try out the ideas
each week

Next steps:

- scan QR code
- complete form
- practitioner
will telephone
to confirm
details



For any questions email: mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Information for parent/carers



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