

Leverton News - Autumn Term

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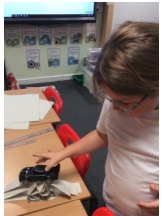
Message from Miss Gibbs

Vocab Homework Question:

What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

Year 3 Science Club

The Year 3 Science Club explored how strong paper can become when folded into triangles by building a triangle tower made from five paper triangles—three on the bottom layer and two stacked on top. They discovered that the tower could hold surprisingly heavy toy cars because of the triangle's clever shape: the narrow point at the top directs the weight downward, spreading the force evenly along the sides and out across the wide base. By testing different sizes and weights of cars, the students saw first hand why triangles are one of the strongest shapes in engineering.



Epping Forest District Museum

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit from Victoria Mitchell from Epping Forest District Museum this week. The children had the chance to handle real Stone Age and Iron Age artefacts found locally, including a sword, stone spear and axe heads, and early iron buckles. They were fascinated to learn that Townsmead once had an early Iron Age fort and discussed why the site was chosen. The session also explored burial traditions, including why valuable belongings were sometimes broken and buried with important individuals, as well as trying on costumes from this period. To finish, the children created their own clay artefacts representing something meaningful to them today—ready to be "discovered" in 1,000 years' time!

Year 2 History off the Page Workshop

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting and immersive History Off the Page day, travelling back in time to the year 1666, just as the Great Fire of London was about to begin. In the morning, the children explored what life and work were like in the 17th century, taking on different jobs and trying their hand at traditional crafts. They had the opportunity to make candles, clay buttons, perfume, and ink, as well as practice weaving and sewing. As the morning unfolded, the class experienced the dramatic moment when the fire began to spread, gaining a real sense of how quickly homes and shops were destroyed.

In the afternoon, the children became historians and explorers, investigating artefacts found in the rubble and ashes. Using the clues left behind, they worked hard to discover which items belonged to which households and which homes had been burned down or pulled down during the fire.

It was a fantastic day of hands on learning, curiosity, and imagination, creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Year 6 WW2 Workshop

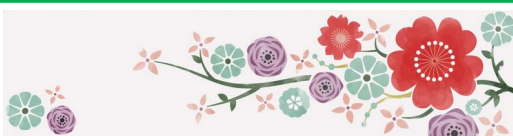
This week, Year 6 had an interesting workshop with Cath from History Helper, learning about Waltham Abbey during World War Two. It's always quite special doing this workshop when it is all so relevant for the pupils. Their response, as ever, was great - it's lovely seeing how well they reacted to the objects and the stories - their background knowledge is so good and that really helped them get the best out of it.

Quiz night for 3Food4U

Thank you to everyone that came to the quiz night on 14.11.25 supporting Miss Beggs who is running the London Marathon 2026 in aid of 3Food4U. It was a fun night and raised an amazing £700. If you would like to donate simply scan the QR code to visit the fundraising page.



3FOOD4U.org



Food in School Holidays Winter 2025

collection times. They can also explain to families how to access additional support as necessary.

If you require Food in School Holidays support please come to the school office to complete a form. The form only asks for name, address, phone number, number of children in the different age brackets and dietary requirements. Please ensure the information and phone numbers are accurate as they will be calling every family referred to ensure they get appropriate support. Deadline for referrals is Monday 24th November at 3pm.

Please note that the FISH will work slightly differently this holiday.

While they will still be providing food support, the programme will now focus specifically on the children rather than the whole family. In addition, they are no longer able to deliver food parcels. Instead, families will be asked to collect their food from their hubs.

The hubs are located in: Debden, Epping, Loughton, Chigwell and Waltham Abbey.

This new approach will also give families the opportunity to connect with additional support services, including benefits and debt advice, which will be available at the hubs during

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

PTA Xmas Raffle

The PTA have organised a Christmas Raffle, they will be selling tickets outside the main office before and after school from Monday 24th November, were possible please have the correct money. The raffle will be drawn Friday 12th December. They have lots of lovely prizes kindly donated by local businesses.



Attendance:

It is important that you contact the school office or send an app message on the 1st day of absence, failure to do so could lead to a welfare visit the following day if we have not heard from you. We also request that you provide symptoms/reasons for the absence. Just putting unwell cannot be accepted and if you do not provide sufficient reason, then the absence will be unauthorised.

Just a reminder about the start of the school day:

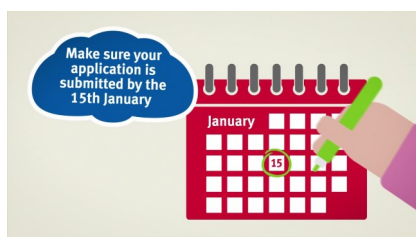
- ♦ The school day starts at 8.45am when children can begin to come into school;
- ♦ Registers are taken at 8.45am;
- ♦ Children arriving after 8.55am are required to come into school via the school office. If accompanied by a parent/carer they must sign them into our electronic system 'Late Book' and provide a reason for their lateness. Children arriving after 8.55am but before the registers close 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.
- ♦ The school gates will be locked at 8.55am.

Reception Admissions September 2026

If your child was born between 01 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you can apply for a Reception place between 10 November 2025 and 15 January 2026.

Applications can be made online via

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>



Dates For Your Diary

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 Chestnut Class

With 96.7%

Well done!



Team Points

Red - 188

Blue - 185

Yellow - 189

Green - 226

The following children are celebrating birthdays this week



Leonel 9, Andrew 9, Jayzen 10, Luca 10, Emily 9,
Tuana 7, Deniz 9

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



December QR Code



Afterschool Club Activities w/c 24 November 2025

Various Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts

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



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 Chicken 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 Bolognaise

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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