

# Leverton News - Autumn Term

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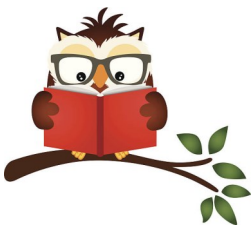
## Message from Miss Gibbs

Beautiful weather to end the week!

I know it is early to be talking about Christmas (but not as early as the shops), but the PTA need to order Christmas cards soon. Today your child will be coming home with their Christmas design and instructions. Please return them to school once you have paid online.

The PTA have been extremely busy already organising fund raising and events for our school. They have been running successful Firework displays for years now and this year is no exception. With a snap, crackle and pop this year's event is on sale now. Please follow the link below. Last year's event was sold out before the night.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DWXO>



Thank you to all those who attended our parent reading talk today - we hope you found it useful.

Below on pages 3 & 4 are some definitions of terminology that we used during the talk, links to online videos that support sound pronunciation and a poster to help you when reading at home with your child.

We've had a successful Science week, we are going to share more next week.

Well done to all children who have been to the Tag Rugby event today.

Have a good weekend!

### Year 6 to 7 secondary admissions for September 2025 - information from Essex County Council

We have been asked to inform you of the following:

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 Children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2024

Applications can be made online via

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

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

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

### Secondary School Open Day Information

- Debden Park High School  
Saturday 21 September 2024 8.00am - 1pm
- Davenant Foundation School  
Tuesday 01 October 2024 6.00pm-9.00pm
- Roding Valley High School  
Saturday 28 September 2024 9.00am - 12.30pm

For any further details please check the relevant schools website

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 25 October	Break up for Half Term
Mon 4 November	Inset Day
Tues 5 November	Children Return
Fri 20 December	Break up for Christmas
Mon 06 January	Children Return
Fri 14 February	Break up for Half Term
Mon 24 February	Inset Day
Tues 25 February	Children Return
Fri 4 April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 April	Children Return
Mon 05 May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 22 May	Break up for Half Term
Fri 23 May	Inset day
Mon 02 Jun	Children Return
Tues 22 July	Break up for Summer

### Afterschool Club Activities w/c 23 September 2024

Pizza making  
Hama bead art  
Simple origami

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 [extendschools@leverton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:extendschools@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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The following children are celebrating birthdays this week

Verity 11, Mihai 5, Aren 4, Skye 5, Christopher 11, George 7, Henry 8, Myah 11, Jeylan 7, Eylul 8.

### AFTERSCHOOL



## National Poetry Day Thursday 03 October 2024

For National Poetry Day this year Leverton will be having a **multi-coloured non-uniform day!** We would like you to wear as many colours as you can! To participate and come in wearing non-uniform, please could you bring in one or more books that you are happy to donate to the school for our annual book sale! There will also be a special poetry themed lunch available on the day.



## Reading terminology

**Phoneme** - the smallest unit of sound in speech, made by 1 or more letters.

**Grapheme** - a written unit of sound, made by 1 or more letters.

**Digraph** - 2 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. 'ai' as in 'train'.

**Trigraph** - 3 letters that make one sound, e.g. 'igh' as in 'night'.

**Split digraph** - Where the 'e' in the word is silent and changes the vowel sound, so that instead of saying the letter sound - it says the letter name. For example, 'i-e' as in 'slide'.

**Pseudo words** - these are decodable words, but not real words in English. For example, 'whape' or 'stroft'.

**Harder to read and spell words** - common words that can't be sounded out using basic phonics - including many of the most useful words in English, such as 'the', 'was', 'one', 'were', 'their', etc.

**Echo reading** - The adult reads first, then the child reads it, exactly as the adult read it.

**Choral reading** - This follows echo reading where both the adult and child read at the same time.

**Finger tracking** - This is where an adult or the child places their finger above the words as they read, so that the reader can process the lines of text below.

**Idiom** - A group of words or a phrase that don't necessarily mean what you want to say. For example, 'Once in a blue moon'.

### **Phase 2 phonic sounds**

[ELS: Phase 2 pronunciation \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **Phase 3 phonic sounds**

[ELS: Phase 3 pronunciation \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **Phase 5 phonic sounds**

[ELS: Phase 5 pronunciation \(youtube.com\)](#)



# Reading at Home With Your Child

## Build

Build reading together into your daily routine.

## Find

Find a quiet, comfortable place to read together away from any distractions.

## Recap

If it is the same book, ask your child to **recap** what has happened so far.

## Start

If it is a new book, **start** by looking at the cover, title, pictures and blurb.

## Discuss

Discuss and research the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases.

## Allow

If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt. **Allow** them time to self-correct.

## Check

Check their understanding of the book. Ask questions - Why..? How..? Who..? When..? Where..? What..?

## Connect

Try to connect the story to your child's own world.

## Ask

Ask about their opinion of the book. Discuss story, style likes and dislikes.

## Predict

Ask your child to **predict** what they think is going to happen next.



# LEVERTON PTA FIREWORKS

## *Saturday 2nd November*

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

Gates open 17.00 display starts approx 18.30

DJ, Crepe Stall, Hot and Cold snacks, Drinks, Licensed Bar, Glow Sticks

Pre ordered tickets - £25.00 family of four, £7.00 single ticket

All tickets on the night £8.00pp

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/DWXO](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DWXO)

NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED AT THE EVENT

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DWXO>

**STARTS 6 NOV - BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**LEVERTON SCHOOL | WALTHAM ABBEY | WEDS 5-5.45PM**

*Tsu-Mo-Kie Tigers*



**£5**  
PER SESSION

**TSU-MO-KIE  
TIGERS**

**PARENT & CHILD FUN SESSIONS**  
**JUDO BASED MOVEMENT FOR AGES 3-5**

Waltham Abbey Community  
Champions present

# The Community Litter Pick

All ages  
welcome



Join us for a Community Litter Pick!  
Let's come together to keep our neighbourhood  
clean.

**What to expect:**

- A brief introduction and safety talk
- All equipment provided (gloves, bags, litter pickers)
- Refreshments and biscuits afterwards

**What to bring:**

- Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear
- A reusable water bottle
- A positive attitude and a sense of community spirit!

**Saturday 28 September**

**10:00 – 12:00**

**Meet at Brookways Hall**

**Roundhills**

**(Opposite the shops)**

**EN9 1UU**

The session will end here where  
there will be free refreshments  
and biscuits.



For more information contact; Community Engagement Officer, Michelle Pickett [MPickett@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:MPickett@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

**Let's make our community stronger, one cup at a time!**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

