

# Leverton News - Spring Term

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## Message from Miss Gibbs

It has been a rainy week, with lots of wet playtimes for the children. However, it has also been an exciting one with the opening of our Forest School, which the children have really enjoyed. The sun made an appearance today, which made a huge difference to everyone's mood. We hope you have a restful weekend and enjoy spending time together as a family.

### Vocab Homework Question:

**Story:** Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world.

**Question:** Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?

If you are parking on a pavement, please be sure to leave space for a double buggy to pass. Also, it is illegal to park across a drive way if the resident needs access to drive out. Please do not use the road by the gates as a drop off/ pick up area. Many families have to cross these areas and it is becoming dangerous for them to do so. Please also be aware of others when walking to and from school and when waiting to cross the traffic lights, to ensure everyone has sufficient space to walk and wait safely on the pavement. This will ensure that other parents, children and buggies do not have to go into the road. We all have a responsibility to make travelling to and from school safe for everyone.



### Change to PE days for years 3 & 4 from next week

Year 3 - w/c 19 Jan - Tuesday & Friday (for this week only) w/c 26 Jan onwards - Monday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be taking place before the half-term. For all classes except Robin Class, Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th February. Robin Class will be Wednesday 4th February and Thursday 12th February. Full details and a booking form have been sent home today, please complete and return to your child's class teachers.

### Term Dates 2026/2027

The Governors have agreed the term dates for 2026/2027 academic year, these can be found on the next page and also on our website.

### Forest School

Leverton Forest School had its first sessions this week! Two groups of children are taking part in our pilot scheme which involves spending time outdoors gaining valuable opportunities for pupils to explore, problem-solve, and work collaboratively in a natural environment. The Forest School programme is designed to support and develop children's confidence, self-esteem, social skills, teamwork, and resilience through regular outdoor, child-led learning experiences.



Despite the weather not being on our side (it rained throughout both of our sessions!), the children had an amazing time and loved exploring and investigating our Forest School area. The clay faces that the children made reflect the way that they felt during their first Forest School session.

**WELLY AMNESTY** - if you have any wellies that no longer fit your children but are still waterproof, we would love them to be donated to Forest School. Please hand them in to the office. Thank you

### Year 5—Jamaican Patties

Year 5 had great fun today making our own pastry and Jamaican patties! They also got to try plantain, cassava, mango and ackee! What a great day exploring our North American topic and using food technology skills!



### Dates For Your Diary

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  
Deer Class  
With 99.3%



### Team Points

**Red - 337**  
**Blue - 484**  
**Yellow - 346**  
**Green - 247**

The following people are celebrating birthdays this week



Lyla 11, Emily 7, Santino 6, Lola 6, Louis 11, Jack 7, William 7, Aria 8, Lily-Mae 9, Hallie 5, Noah 7, Ivy 7.

### BREAKFAST CLUB



**Breakfast Club:** The free breakfast club runs from 8.15am until 8.45am, although food service ends at 8.35am as does the last admission, in order for the children and staff to tidy up and get the children ready for going into class. From 8.35am children will need to wait with their parent in the usual way until the classrooms doors are opened at 8.45am. Please remember to book in with the QR code if you would like your child to attend the free breakfast club.

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 Breakfast Club. 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

January QR Code



### Agreed dates for 2026/ 2027 Academic Year

Tues 01 September 26	Inset Day
Weds 02 September 26	Inset Day
Thurs 03 September 26	First Day of Autumn Term
Fri 23 October 26	Break up for Half Term
Mon 2 November 26	Inset Day
Tues 3 November 26	Children Return
Fri 18 December 26	Break up for Christmas
Mon 04 January 27	Children Return
Fri 12 February 27	Break up for Half Term
Mon 22 February 27	Inset Day
Tues 23 February 27	Children Return
Thurs 25 March 27	Break up for Easter
Mon 12 April 27	Children Return
Mon 03 May 27	Bank Holiday
Thurs 27 May 27	Break up for Half Term
Fri 28 May 27	Inset day
Mon 07 Jun 27	Children Return
Weds 21 July 27	Break up for Summer



### Afterschool Club Activities w/c 19 January 2026

Biscuit Challenge Week

Games, crafts and activities around biscuits

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 Afterschool club on 07761 729756 or email [extendedschools@leverton.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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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Until further notice afterschool club is in the KS1 hall



## 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 Bolognaisse  
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  
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#### 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.

