

# Leverton News - Autumn Term

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September 2025



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## Message from Miss Gibbs

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you for your continued support this week. Your encouragement, patience, and partnership are always appreciated. It's been a happy, settled day in school - the children have been safe, smiling, and learning well, which is always our number one priority.

We are aware there has been some discussion online about school matters. While we understand that parents may have questions or concerns, we kindly ask that you refrain from engaging in these conversations online, as they can often cause confusion and unnecessary upset. If you ever have a concern or query, please do come and speak to us directly - our door is always open, and we are more than happy to talk things through.

### What Does It Mean to Be a Parent Governor?

We are incredibly lucky to have a supportive and committed governing body. If you're not familiar, Parent Governors are elected members of the school's Governing Board who bring a parental perspective to discussions. They help shape school decisions, support the leadership team, and ensure the school remains focused on providing the best possible outcomes for all children. It's a rewarding and important role that helps strengthen the whole school community.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please do get in touch - we're always happy to talk more about how you can get involved.

### Sporting Events and Expectations

We are proud to offer children the chance to take part in a wide range of sporting events throughout the year. Representing the school is a privilege, and we want every child to enjoy that opportunity. However, we must be clear: children must demonstrate positive behaviour in school in order to be considered for these events. Respect, teamwork, and kindness are as important on the playground as they are on the pitch.

### CPR Training and Fundraising Event

We're excited to share that Essex Air Ambulance is offering free CPR training to schools. We are in the process of organising sessions so that our older pupils can learn these essential, life-saving skills. To make this happen, we are joining forces with other local schools to fundraise for the dummies and training equipment. This will be a joint event and more information will be shared very soon.

### PTA - We Need You!

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is an essential part of school life, helping raise funds that directly benefit our children. From discos to fairs, and special treats to vital resources - none of it would happen without the energy and dedication of our lovely PTA team.

We currently have a wonderful bunch of ladies leading the team, but they would love a few extra helping hands. Whether you can offer time regularly or just now and then, your help really does make a difference. If you're interested in joining or just want to find out more, please do let us know.

### Reminder - Thursday 25th September

Following on from my recent letter regarding the sad passing of our dear colleague, Deb. As you are aware, Deb was an incredibly important part of the Leverton Primary School community, and her loss has left a deep impact on all of us.

Many members of staff would like to attend her funeral to pay their respects, and we are currently exploring ways to balance this with ensuring the safety and well-being of the children in our care. We fully understand that some parents may have work commitments, and we are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for everyone.

On Thursday, 25th September, we would like to offer the opportunity for parents to pick up their children between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm. This would help us ensure that staff can attend the service, while also keeping school operations as unaffected as possible. However, we fully understand that not all parents may be able to pick up their children during this time. If you are able to do so, we would be most grateful, but if your child needs to remain at school, we will make the necessary arrangements to ensure they are cared for.

Some members of staff, including a number of teachers and teaching assistants, will not be attending the funeral and will be staying at school to provide full support for the children who remain.

We sincerely appreciate the understanding and kind comments many of you have shared with us during this difficult time. Your continued support means a great deal to the staff and children here at Leverton.

If you would like your child to stay in school on the 25th September, please inform us by emailing [adminassistant@leverton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:adminassistant@leverton.essex.sch.uk) by Friday 12th September 2025. This will help us to plan accordingly.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

### Vocab homework

We are hoping to create a new motto that represents our school. Please discuss with your child which motto best represents us.

'Giving hope and raising aspirations.'    'A family of kindness, a future of hope.'    'We care, we connect, we belong.'    'Together we grow.,'  
'Caring together, stronger together.'

**Children will be voting on their favourite in class over the coming weeks.**

Thank you again for your support - together, we make a strong and caring school community.

Have a restful weekend,

**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](http://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.

### Open Day Information



## Open Morning 2025

Saturday 27th September  
9.00am to 12:30pm

We have three arrival and Headteachers Talk times:

- Option One: 9.00am tour + 10.00am HT talk
- Option Two: 10.00am tour + 11.00am HT talk
- Option Three: 11.00am tour + 12.00pm HT talk

Bookable School tours are also available on Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October 2025

Please click [HERE](#) to be directed to our booking form.



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HIGH SCHOOL

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## Davenant Foundation School Open Evening 2025

Tuesday 30th September  
from 6pm - 9pm



*Nurturing mind, body and spirit*

Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm & 7.30pm which will then be followed by a tour of the school

[www.davenantschool.co.uk](http://www.davenantschool.co.uk)

Chester Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2LD



## Science Week

This week, all the children at Leverton have thoroughly enjoyed watching an exciting bird display featuring kestrels, owls, and kookaburras, where they learned fascinating facts about each species. The visit sparked curiosity and enthusiasm as part of our Science Week celebrations. Throughout the week, pupils also took part in a variety of hands-on science activities, exploring how different animals, including birds, have adapted to their environments. They also investigated the science behind flight, including how helicopters stay in the air, making it a fun and educational week full of discovery.



Year 5's done a "bird beak" experiment as part of science week's adaptation theme.

The children thoroughly enjoyed working in teams to experiment using different 'beaks' to pick up different 'food items'. We discovered that birds have adapted the size and shape of their beaks depending on their environment and diet.

### Dates For Your Diary

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

### Best Attendance

This week's best attendance was

Oak Class

With 99%

Well done!



### The following children are celebrating birthdays this week



Riley 11, Marlie 6, Abigail 8, Reggie 9, Juliet 10, Mihai 6, Aren 5, Skye 6, George 8, Henry 9

### PE TIMETABLE

Yr1 – Thursday & Friday  
Yr2 – Monday & Tuesday  
Yr3 – Monday & Thursday  
Yr 4 – Wednesday & Friday  
Yr5 – Tuesdays & Thursday  
Yr6 – Wednesday & Fridays

### 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](mailto:extendedschools@leverton.essex.sch.uk)

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

September QR Code



### Afterschool Club Activities w/c 22 September 2025

Painting Techniques

Marble painting, printing, sponge painting

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](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.

Payments to be made in advance please.

**AFTERSCHOOL**





# Superhero and book donation event!

Help us to restock our libraries and share books with everyone!

**Thursday 2nd October:** We're asking everyone to bring in **one or more pre-loved children's books** to donate.



Your books will be used to:

- Restock our **KS1 and KS2** libraries
- Refresh our **classroom book corners**
- Support our **Annual Book Sale** on **15th October**

We're so grateful for any donations received - every book makes a difference!

And that's not all...

It's also **Dress Up As a Superhero Day!**

Come dressed as your favourite superhero - or enjoy a **non-uniform day** if you prefer!

**Plus:** Keep an eye out for our **Special Superhero Lunch Menu** - full of delicious surprises!



## Week One

Served weeks commencing:  
1/9 22/9 13/10



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Jerk Chicken Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta Bolognaise Served with Garlic Slice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Sausages Served with Mash Potato and Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Curry Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Slice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Quorn Vegan Sausage Served with Mash Potato and 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 and Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Wraps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese
DESSERTS	Oat & Cinnamon Cookie Served with Fresh Orange Slices	Iced Sponge Served with Custard	Vanilla Ice-Cream Served with Fresh Fruit	Shortbread Served with Apple Slices	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:  
8/9 29/9 20/10



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables	BBQ Chicken Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Warm Baguette and Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable and Mixed Bean Wrap Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Warm Baguette and Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Tomato 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 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 and Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Wraps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese
DESSERTS	Flapjack Served with Fresh Orange Slices	Jam Sponge Served with Custard	Shortbread Served with Apple Slices	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 Three Menu

Served weeks commencing: 15/9 6/10



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Ham Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Wrap Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Sausage and Tomato Pasta Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Mixed Bean Fajita Served with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Stir Fry Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Cheese and Bean Puff Served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Nuggets 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 and Cheese	Sandwiches with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baguettes with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Baps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese	Wraps with a choice of filling: Ham and Cheese
DESSERTS	Chocolate Sponge Served with Custard	Oaty Cinnamon Cookie	Banana Muffin	Strawberry Angel Delight	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.

