

# Leverton News - Autumn Term

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## Message from Miss Gibbs

A fabulous full week back at Leverton. Our new children are settling in well and they all enjoyed their first launch day of the year!

**Launch day:** Classes always launch their new topics termly in an exciting way! You can see by the photos below the children enjoyed the day and are still excited to learn more about their topics.

**Reminders for the beginning of the year :** please ensure your child is not wearing jewellery at school, other than stud earrings (if they have their ears pierced) and a watch, but no smart watches. If your child wants their ears pierced, please wait until the next summer holidays. Children cannot wear earrings, even if their ears are covered for PE and will have to sit out for the whole lesson. Nail varnish or fake nails should not be worn for school, please remove these on a Sunday evening, also hair dye is not suitable for school and should not be worn.

Our staff car park is for staff only, blue badge holders may use the car park in the allocated times and will need to provide proof they are eligible. The car park is closed between: 8.30am—9.00am & 2.55pm-3.25pm and there will be no movement in the car park between those times.

**Playground Behaviour:** you may permit play-fighting at home with siblings, but it is not permitted in school. At school no one has the right to touch anybody else. We are firm regarding this, so please talk to your children regarding their actions in school.

Uniform is looking smart, a reminder that children can wear black shoes or black trainers.

It is that time of year for our Year 6 children, to look at Secondary Schools. See below the list of school open days and visits. It's always important to see as many as you can. Mr Jones the Head Teacher at King Harold came to visit us, with three of our past students this week and spoke with our Year 6 children.

Playground gates lock at 3.30 please ensure you leave by this time. There will be occasions where we will be open for longer and we will inform you when these are happening.

**Parent code of conduct:** a reminder that we want to work in unison with all our families, we believe in our Leverton Families Community. Our staff have the right to feel safe in school, we will not tolerate any abuse towards them.

If you wish to speak to a class teacher please see them at the door, or organise a meeting through the school office.

Have an amazing weekend, stay safe children and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

## 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

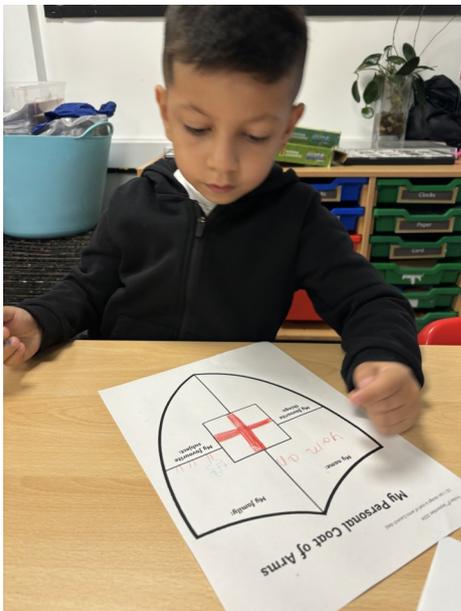
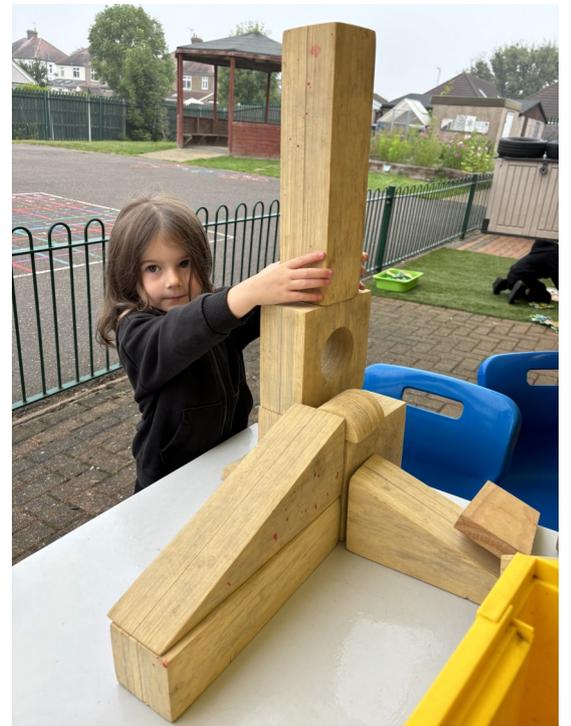
- Debden Park High School  
Saturday 21 September 2024 8.00am - 1pm
- King Harold Academy  
Thursday 19 September 2024 5.00pm - 8.00pm
- Davenant Foundation School  
Tuesday 01 October 2024 6.00pm-9.00pm
- Roding Valley High School  
Saturday 28 September 2024 9.00am - 12.30pm

For any further details please check the relevant schools website

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

# Launch DAY







### 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 16 September 2024

Sponge painting

Marble painting

Design your dream pet for an external competition

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.

Payments to be made in advance please.



The following children are celebrating birthdays last week & this week

Harriet 7, Asel 6, Luca 4, Abel 5, Mason 11, Fred 9, Adnan 7, Teddie 9, Franciszek 6, Dolcie Mae 8, Clara 8, Shanel 7, Oliver 8, Ollie 9, Jeremie 6, Melisa 8, Riley 10, Marlie 5, Reggie 8, Juliet 9, Albie 6..

## 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.





## Attendance: September 2024

The expectation for school attendance for pupils is 95% or above. As a school we want to improve on our whole school attendance which at the end of last year was 94%.

New guidance around attendance was made statutory on **19.8.24**.

A new Attendance policy can be found on the school website.

### The times of the start and close of the school day for pupils at Leverton Primary School are:

**Gates open:** 8.30am

**School starts:** 8.45am

**Registration starts:** 8.45am. Children arriving after 9.00am but before the registers close will receive a late mark 'L' and they will need to come in through the school office as the gates will be closed at 9am.

**Registration closes:** 9.15am

Any child arriving after 9.15am 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;

**End of the school day:** 3.15pm

### The times of the start and close of the Nursery day for pupils are:

**Gates open:** 8.30am

**Registration starts:** 8.40am or 12.20pm. Children arriving after 9.00am or after 12.20pm but before the registers close will receive a late mark 'L' and they will need to come in through the school office as the gates will be closed at 9am and once the children have been collected at 12.20pm.

**Registration closes:** 9.15am or 1.50pm

Any child arriving after 9.15am or 1.50pm 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;

**End of the nursery day:** 11.40am or 3.20pm

## DfE guidance Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### All pupils

Parents are expected to:	Schools are expected to:	Academy trustees and governing bodies are expected to:	Local authorities are expected to:
Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.	Have a clear school attendance policy on the school website which all staff, pupils and parents understand.	Take an active role in attendance improvement, support their school(s) to prioritise attendance, and work together with leaders to set whole school cultures.	Have a strategic approach to improving attendance for the whole area and make it a key focus of all frontline council services.
Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).	Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.	Ensure school leaders fulfil expectations and statutory duties.	Have a School Attendance Support Team that works with all schools in their area to remove area-wide barriers to attendance.
Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.	Accurately complete admission and attendance registers.	Use data to understand patterns of attendance, compare with other local schools, identify areas of progress and where greater focus is needed.	Provide each school with a named point of contact in the School Attendance Support Team who can support with queries and advice.
Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.	Have robust daily processes to follow up absence.	Ensure school staff receive training on attendance.	Offer opportunities for all schools in the area to share effective practice.
	Regularly monitor data to identify patterns and trends and understand which pupils and pupil cohorts to focus on.		
	Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance.		

