

# Leverton News - Spring Term

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## Message from Miss Gibbs

As we reach the end of a very busy half term, we hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved break.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. We have received some truly lovely comments about our school, our staff and the warm, homely feel here at Leverton. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak with us - your kind words and support are very much appreciated.

On Tuesday, our new catering company visited to provide samples of the menu that will be introduced after Easter. The food both looked and tasted amazing, and it was clearly enjoyed by many. We are very much looking forward to working with them when they join us at Leverton.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Valentine's Disco on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time and, as always, thoroughly enjoyed the music from Mr P!

We had a lovely yummy special lunch on Thursday to celebrate Chinese New Year and Pancake Day. The kitchen made delicious noodles and children had the choice of toppings for their pancakes. Thank you to the kitchen staff.



## Inner Wings

The children have had an amazing week participating in the inner wings programme, where they learnt how to use their voices for public speaking. The highlight of the week was hearing the children perform speeches about their superpowers today while wearing what makes them happy. We raised £265 for our School Happiness Fund.



## Vocab Homework Question:

**Story:** A new series of the television programme, *Gladiators*, has recently returned to screens.

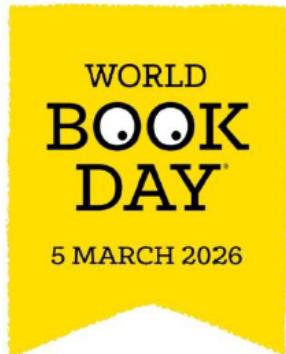
**Question:** Do gladiators make good role models?

Puddle Magazine Early Spring issue - supporting families with SEN support, wellbeing feature and local events across Essex for early years and primary schools

The latest issue of Puddle Magazine supports families this term with a dedicated SEN feature from SNAP on using visual supports at home and school, plus our wellbeing feature Nature Nurtures Happier Kids by Nigel Grimes. You'll also find Essex library activities, affordable family days out this half-term, and lots of community listings.

[https://issuu.com/puddlemagazine/docs/puddlemagazine\\_issue\\_11\\_feb\\_2026?fr=sMDImODgzODQyNDE](https://issuu.com/puddlemagazine/docs/puddlemagazine_issue_11_feb_2026?fr=sMDImODgzODQyNDE)

We wish you all a happy and restful half term break.



## Leverton's Sponsored Read Challenge!

To celebrate **World Book Day**, we welcome all children to take part in a World Book Day Challenge- a **sponsored read**!

### When?

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

### Prizes:

A child from **each year group** will win a prize for the most reading during the challenge period!

A **special prize** will also be given to the child who **raises the most funds**!

### How?

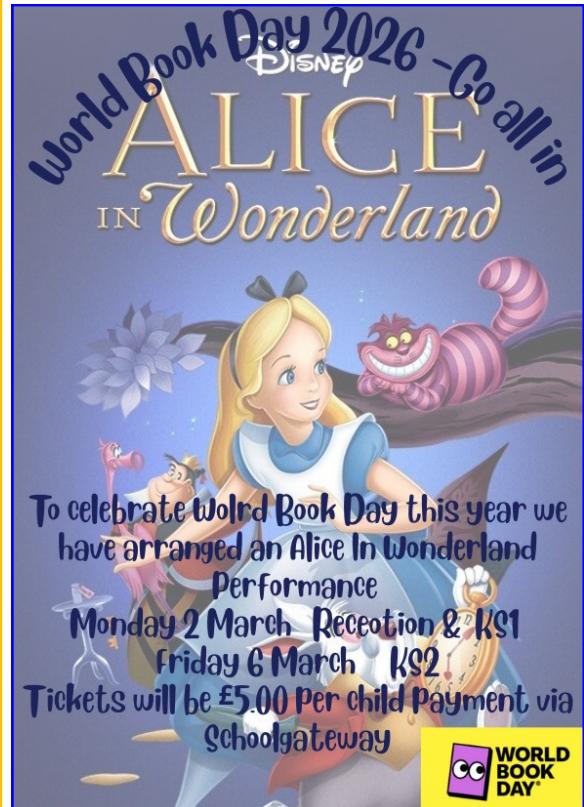
Feel free to print the sponsorship form yourself which has been sent via app message to you or please ask your class teacher for one. Make sure they are returned by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

### Why?

All money raised will go towards, much needed, new books for Leverton!

**All winners will be announced on World Book Day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote a love for reading and raise funds for fantastic new books, for our children to enjoy!



### Food in School Holidays Easter 2026

Epping Food Bank will be providing food Parcels over the Easter Break. While they will still be providing food support, the programme will now focus specifically on the children rather than the whole family. Packages can be collected during the week commencing 23rd March. The Foodbank will be in contact with the families directly to communicate the precise details of collection.

The hubs are located in: Debden, Epping, Loughton, Chigwell, Ongar 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 collection times. They can also explain to families how to access additional support as necessary.

If you require Food in School Holidays 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 Friday 6th March at 3pm.

## Royal Academy of Arts' Young Artists' Summer Show

We are delighted to be taking part in the Royal Academy of Arts' Young Artists' Summer Show, a national exhibition that celebrates the creativity of children and young people aged 4-18 across the UK.

Pupils are invited to submit an image of their own original artwork that they are proud of! Along with their name, a title for the piece, and a short description explaining their work. Selected artworks will be exhibited at the Royal Academy in London and online. This is a non-competitive, inclusive opportunity designed to encourage creativity and confidence.

**The deadline for submissions is 4th March 2026 at 5pm.**

Please note that all submissions are managed through the school's Royal Academy account.

Kindly bring the child's artwork, along with the required details, to the school rather than uploading it directly to the Royal Academy website, and we will upload it on your behalf. Thank you.



## Mother's Day gift shop

The gift shop will be open to children on Friday 13th March. The children will complete gift tags at school and will visit the shop to pick their gift or gifts. All gifts will come home with your child that day.

The cost per gift is £3.50

Payment via the Schoolgateway app, all payments to be made by end of the day Monday 9th March.

### Dates For Your Diary

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  
Robin Class  
With 98.5%



### Team Points

Red - 299  
Blue - 355  
Yellow - 355  
Green - 347

The following people are celebrating birthdays this week and over the Half Term Break



Jana 8, Dolly 6, Eren 7, Lilly 10, Kairo 5, Alexander 11, Harry 6, Vivienne 5, Mifrah 6, Harper 5, Isabel 5, Kais 9, Alya 9

### 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

March 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 23 February 2026

#### Pancake Week

Wednesdays will be organised games and sports

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.

Payments to be made in advance please.

Until further notice afterschool club is in the KS1 hall



## WEEK 1

### Monday W/C

9/3

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

23/2, 16/3

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

2/3, 23/3

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  
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.

