

# Leverton News - Autumn Term

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## Message from Miss Gibbs

We have come to the end of a busy and exciting autumn term, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of everything they have achieved this term.

The classrooms have been filled with learning, creativity and laughter, and it has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and enthusiasm. After such a full term, they are now very much ready for a well-earned Christmas break.

We hope the Christmas break gives you all the opportunity to slow down, enjoy special moments together, and celebrate in ways that are meaningful to your family. Whether it's sharing meals, playing games, reading stories or simply spending time together, these moments are so important and treasured by children.

There will be no homework club the first day back in January it will recommence on Monday 12th.

## Message from Chair Of Governors

What a great first term at Leverton! The governors want to share their thanks to all staff and supporters of the school for a great first term. It is lovely to see the Leverton community coming together, with new children, parents and carers joining the school.

We are sure the children and staff are all looking forward to a well deserved break over this festive period. Ready to come back refreshed and raring to go in the new year!

We are pleased to welcome 2 new parent governors to the board. We are looking forward to them joining us in the new year, as they take on their new roles.

Some of the governors have been into the school recently, having a tour of all classrooms; delivering an Egyptology session; enjoying Christmas lunch; and watching the Christmas songs assembly in KS2. Every year group did an amazing job, with highlights including Year 3 signing their song; a song being sung in another language; and one year group singing acapella. It was a really lovely festive afternoon.

We often have comments from visitors that our children are well behaved, engaged in their learning, and keen to share what they have been learning. This was evident again when the governors visited the school. We are very proud of all children and how they represent the school.

We hope you all have a happy and healthy festive break with your loved ones and we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

## Spring Term Topic Books

Our Spring Term topic booklets are now available to view via our website under the 'learning tab', 'year group overview'

## Chestnut Class D&T Project

Chestnut Class have been busy getting creative in Design and Technology and we couldn't be prouder of their fantastic work. The children designed, carefully cut, beaded and sewed their very own Christmas tree decorations, showing great focus, creativity and perseverance throughout the project. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and skills grow as they brought their ideas to life. A huge thank you to the adults in class and parent helpers who generously gave their time and support - we couldn't have done it without you.



## Christmas Parties

The children had a wonderful time at their Christmas parties, enjoying lots of delicious food and plenty of dancing! There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the afternoon, and it was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces.

Thank you very much for the generous contributions of food and drink. Your support helped to make the celebrations extra special for the children and is greatly appreciated.

## School Meal increase

Please note that from 5th January, the cost of school meals will be £2.60 per day. Please continue to use Schoolgateway to pay for meals in advance.

## Up To Date Address Details

We need to ensure we have up to date address details for our children and parents/carers, if you have moved house and not update your details please let the office know. You can check your current address details on the Leverton App.

**Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!**

## Pantomime

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising a pantomime for the children to enjoy this year, and for contributing towards the cost. It was a fantastic experience for the children to watch a traditional pantomime, something that can often be costly for families to visit. See photos on next page.

Thanks to the PTA's support, this wonderful opportunity was made affordable and accessible for all, and it created a memorable and enjoyable experience for the children.



## Attendance:

It is important that you contact the school office or send an app message on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of absence, failure to do so could lead to a welfare visit the following day if we have not heard from you. We also request that you provide symptoms/reasons for the absence. Just putting unwell cannot be accepted and if you do not provide sufficient reason, then the absence will be unauthorised.

**Just a reminder about the start of the school day:**

- ◆ The school day starts at 8.45am when children can begin to come into school;
- ◆ Registers are taken at 8.45am;
- ◆ Children arriving after 8.55am are required to come into school via the school office. If accompanied by a parent/carer they must sign them into our electronic system 'Late Book' and provide a reason for their lateness. Children arriving after 8.55am but before the registers close will receive a late mark 'L'.
- ◆ At 9.15am the registers will be closed. In accordance with the Regulations, if your child arrives after that time, they 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.
- ◆ The school gates will be locked at 8.55am.

## Mrs King leaving

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs King today after 10 years of dedicated service at our school. During her time with us, she has taught a wide range of year groups and provided invaluable support to both pupils and staff. We thank Mrs King for her commitment and contribution to our school community and wish her every success and happiness in her new adventures.

## Lunch First Day Back

On Monday 5 January lunch will be Sausage & Chips / Veggie Sausage & Chips / Jacket Potato or Baguette.

We wish you all a happy, restful and peaceful holiday season. Thank you for being such a supportive school community, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new term.

## Reception Admissions September 2026

If your child was born between 01 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you can apply for a Reception place between 10 November 2025 and 15 January 2026.

Applications can be made online via

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>





### Dates For Your Diary

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 Maple Class

With 94.7%

Well done!



### Team Points

Red - 159

Blue - 127

Yellow - 214

Green - 130

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



Autumn 6, Harriet 10, Nevaeh 5, Ruben 6, Tomi 11, Mason 11, Aleeza 8, Omari 10, Cinar 11, Aaron 6, Melissa 11, Narin 5, Aimee 7, Aria 11, Ivy 10, Freddie 8, Wynter 5, Jenson 9, Hollie 9, Saami 9, George 5, Charleigh 4, Karina 6, Arthur 7, Ava-Rose 5, Almina 9, Bella Rose 11, Gabriella 8, Ernes 8, Yana 7.  
Mrs Chappell, Mrs Willis, Mrs Brady

### 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](mailto: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



### PE TIMETABLE

Reception - Tuesday

Yr1 - Thursday & Friday

Yr2 - Monday & Tuesday

Yr3 - Monday & Wednesday

Yr 4 - Monday & Friday

Yr5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Yr6 - Wednesday & Friday

### Afterschool Club Activities w/c 5 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.

Payments to be made in advance please.

Until further school club is hall

notice after- in the KS1



## 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 Bolognaise

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.





# WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Help give our fundraising a boost
- Win up to £25,000



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## PLAY NOW:

SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO

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

AND SEARCH FOR **Leverton School PTA**

# Drama, Dance & Singing Classes



Sing Sense Smile

Zip Zap Drama classes are fun, high-energy sessions designed to build confidence, creativity, and performance skills in every child. Led by a professional actor and classically trained singer with over 20 years' industry experience, our tutor brings warmth, expertise, and a passion for nurturing young talent. Each week, children develop a specific social skill – such as eye contact, turn-taking, or concentration – while exploring drama, dance, and singing. With two decades of teaching at one of London's leading children's drama schools, your child is in expert hands. Every term ends with a joyful presentation of their work, celebrating progress and confidence.

Watch your child's social skills grow with weekly drama based afterschool classes where their confidence will grow whilst having the best time of their week.



**Moya McGinn**  
Music & Drama Facilitator

What parents have said:

"Moya, your energy and enthusiasm is admirable and the way you motivate the children is simply amazing. Thank you. It will be difficult to find another teacher like you. Thank you 🙌"

"Moya is always upbeat and very engaging with both the children and parents. She is fantastic in keeping my son engaged and focused."

Start date Tuesday 3rd February 2026  
3.15-4.30pm (please provide a nut-free snack)  
For years 1-6 (Boys and girls encouraged)  
Spaces limited so please text or what's app Moya on  
07967131227 to reserve your space.





## CONTACT DETAILS

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## AWARD WINNING

**National Business Awards - Community**  
**Business Silver Award 2020**

**Herts Business Awards - Community**  
**Winner 2019**

**Herts Business Awards - Community**  
**Finalist 2016**

**Herts Business Awards - Commercial**  
**Business of the Year - Runner Up 2017**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

# CLUB ENROLMENT

## LEVERTON PRIMARY

### FOOTBALL | GYMNASTICS

Welcome and thank you for showing an interest in Foundation Sports' after school sessions.

Foundation Sports are an Award-winning Sports Coaching company run by qualified sports coaches who are insured, DBS checked, and follow our own code of conduct, which ensures safety and enjoyment to all, no matter what ability all in a fun and progressive environment. Regardless of which extra Curricular programme you sign up for, our coaches sessions will run on the principles of **FUN, INCLUSION & LEARNING**. Our sessions also improve social interaction, physical interaction, help to regain lost confidence and improve mental health.

## JAN - FEB 26

## BOOK NOW:



For all information on these clubs including dates and pricing, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code



DAY	SPORT	YEAR
MONDAY	GYMNASTICS	1-4
FRIDAY	FOOTBALL	1-6

**Please note:** Sessions will be split by age group where possible, depending on the number of children enrolled

Please click on the link(s) provided above which represents the course you would like to book your child on to. If you have already created an account with class4kids please sign in and proceed. If you haven't created an account it will ask you to create a class4kids account where you will be required enter all the relevant information in regards to booking your child's space. This info will be stored in your account and you will not have to enter it every time you make a booking with us (unless your details change). Refunds will not be provided unless at the fault of Foundation Sports.

# MAKE EVERY SLEEP A SAFE SLEEP



Southend, Essex & Thurrock  
Child Death Review Partners



**In Essex, Southend and Thurrock 13 babies sadly died between July and October 2025 from unsafe sleeping**

**Whether you are at home or away, do not co-sleep with your baby if:**

- \* You or anyone in the bed has recently drunk any alcohol**
- \* You or anyone in the bed smokes or vapes**
- \* You or anyone in the bed has taken any drugs or medication that make you feel sleepy**
- \* Your baby was born prematurely or weighed under 2.5kg**

**Always follow the Lullaby Trust advice on co-sleeping**







# RUN FOR WILLOW

GRAB YOUR FREE PLACE AT RUNFEST 2026  
Lee Valley White Water Centre

Every step helps  
to create precious  
memories for  
seriously ill  
young adults



**Sunday 22 March**  
**Limited spaces available!**

Email [challenge@willowfoundation.org.uk](mailto:challenge@willowfoundation.org.uk)  
to secure your FREE place with a £50 pledge

Choose your challenge: 10K or Half Marathon