

Leverton News - Autumn Term

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Message from Miss Gibbs

Year 3 Trip to The Hive

Last Friday, year 3 went on an exciting adventure to The Hive in Epping Forest, where we explored how people survived in the forest during the Stone Age. The experience was immersive and hands-on, helping us understand how early humans adapted to their environment. Each of the classes built shelters using branches propped against trees, just as Stone Age people might have done and tested them for stability. We then considered how to increase their protection against the weather by adding more layers. The children had an amazing time!

Next, we searched along the river bed for signs of flint, imagining how people would have created and gathered tools for hunting and survival. We discussed the materials available in the forest—wood, stone and animal hides—and how communities might have worked together to build shelters, share food and protect each other.

One of the most exciting parts of the trip was using flint and steel to create sparks. We used the sparks to light cotton wool, simulating the first stages of fire-making. This gave us a sense of how difficult it would have been to create fire without modern tools and how valuable fire was for warmth, cooking and safety.

Overall, the trip gave us a deeper appreciation for the skills, teamwork and resourcefulness needed to survive in the Stone Age. It was both educational and memorable.

Puddle Magazine October issue:

Seasonal support for parents and lots of half-term Halloween fun for early years and primary schools

This October issue is packed with free Halloween days out in Essex, a fun craft from Baker Ross, costume inspiration, and expert tips to help children with the clock change. Families will also find local events, community news, SNAP Charity's seasonal advice and Brentwood Connected updates inside. [October issue](#)

Mental Health Day: It's Hello Yellow!

We're celebrating **World Mental Health Day** by wearing yellow—a reminder that caring for our minds is just as important as caring for our bodies. Together, we can support happy, healthy minds.

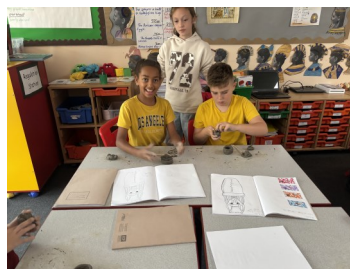
Across the country, children are wearing yellow and learning about the importance of mental health.



They are talking, sharing, and discovering that it's okay to ask for help — and that by supporting each other, we can all feel a little brighter.

Year 5's spent the morning mindfully creating canopic jars with clay. We also listened to a story called 'The Kindness Jar' and were inspired to think about ways they could be kind to others especially if they are sad or lonely.

Thank you for supporting world mental health day and for helping young people see that they're not alone and that together, we can make a real difference. We have managed to raise £246.58! Well done everyone for your contributions.



Pupil Progress Meeting

Pupil Progress Meetings will take place in Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October with the exception of Kingfisher Class which will take place Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October. Letters with the appointment times were sent out earlier this week. Please return your complete booking slip to your class teachers as soon as possible.

Vocab Homework Question:

Question: What makes a good peacekeeper?

Learning and achieving; today, tomorrow, for life!

On Wednesday 15th October the school photographer will be in for individual photos. If you would like a family photo with younger non school age siblings, the photographer will be available at 8.00am in the KS1 hall. Siblings which attend the school will have their photos taken together during the school day.



★ Our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team took part in their first competition of the year — and what a fantastic start it was! The girls played with great determination and teamwork throughout, winning two matches and losing just one. Their effort and enthusiasm paid off as they finished an impressive 5th out of 16 teams!

★ Leverton School played their very first netball match this week, and it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. The team showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they put their new skills into action. We are still learning and look forward to many more matches in the future — thank you for your continued support!

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.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED AT THE EVENT

Dates For Your Diary

Weds 15 October 25	Individual Photos
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

Best Attendance

This week's best attendance was

Hedgehog & Maple Class

With 99.3%

Well done!



Team Points

Red - 216

Blue - 259

Yellow - 223

Green - 197

The following children are celebrating birthdays this week



Durducan 4, Mia 11, Ruby 6, Violet 8, Georgia 10, Zilan 10, Jack 7, Zach 8, Rosie-Mae 8, Mark 6, Nicholas 11.



Afterschool Club Activities w/c 13 October 2025

We will be doing various
Autumn Art

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. 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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AFTERSCHOOL



PE TIMETABLE

Reception - Tuesday

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

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



October QR Code

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.



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you looking for effective ways to help you,
help your young person, navigate anxiety
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is
running 2 online parent groups in NOVEMBER

When?

Tuesday
4th 11th 18th 25th
November
1-2pm

When?

Thursday
6th 13th 20th 27th
November
9.30-10.30am

Where?

zoom link will
be sent to
you via email
for each
session

Choose sessions
on Tuesday OR
Thursday

Attendance at
all four sessions
is expected

Notes for each
session are
emailed for you to
try out the ideas
each week

Next steps:

- scan QR code
- complete form
- practitioner
will telephone
to confirm
details



For any questions email: mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Information for parent/carers




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