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School Times:

8.55am—3.15pm

Nursery:

Morning: 8.45-
11.45am

Afternoon: 12.15—
3.15pm

Term Dates:

Monday 15th
April—Friday 19th
July

Half term:

Monday 27th May
to Friday 31st May

Remaining PD Days:

Mon 22nd July
Tues 23rd July

Dear parents and carers,

As the sunshine has made a much welcomed appearance, please can we remind children to wear sun cream and a hat for school. Children should bring only water in their bottles, as this is best for teeth and avoids messy spillages in the classrooms!



Class Assemblies

We are lucky enough to have two class assemblies next week! Parents and carers are invited to come and watch. Please arrive at the main entrance no earlier than 2.40pm.

Year 3's assembly will be: Tuesday 14th May at 2.45pm

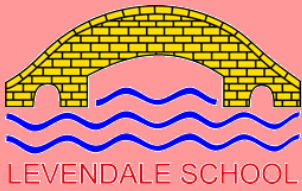
Year 2's assembly will be: Wednesday 15th May at 2.45pm

Attendance legislation Changes

New legislation comes into force from August 19th 2024. These changes will affect all unauthorised absence after this date. Please note that we cannot authorise holidays during term time. The following changes will be made:

- 10 sessions (equivalent of 5 days) of unauthorised absence over a longer time period—increased from 8 to 10 weeks—is referred to the Local Authority
- The number of penalty notices that can be issued to a parent, in respect of the same child, will be two penalty notices within a 3-year period, before proceeding for prosecution.
- The penalty notice increases from £120 to £160 (if paid within 28 days) or £60 to £80 (if paid within 21 days) for the first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of the same child in a 3-year period.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date that the first penalty notice was issued increases to £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered.
- Further absences will proceed for prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

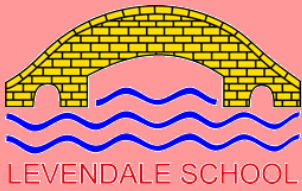
Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/>



Nursery having fun in the outdoors!

Nursery have loved being in the outdoor area this week! They have been caring for the plants, exploring with magnifying glasses and creating art! They have developed their skills, cutting the grass with scissors and drawing and dancing to their favourite songs!



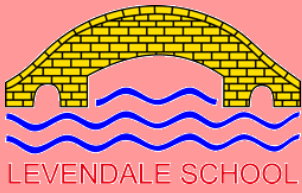


Year 4 had a wonderful day at Jarrow Hall!

The sun shone all day and they loved exploring the Anglo-Saxon farm and hearing the tale of Beowulf in a replica Thane's house! In the afternoon, they explored Pagan and Christian burial rituals and then re-enacted an Anglo Saxon battle—which was their favourite part of the day!

Many thanks to the PTA for funding the workshops!





Year 5 have been architects!

Year 5 have been considering whether they should design houses which are aspirational and makes us feel good to live in, or more modest Eco homes, which benefit the environment—or could they do both? The work has started!





‘Name the gritter’ competition!

A fun opportunity has arisen for Stockton pupils to name the Council’s new fleet of seven Gritting vehicles. Details have been shared on your child’s **Seesaw account**. On a piece of A4 paper, pupils can nominate a name for a Gritter and tell us a bit about why they want that name. They will need to add their own name, which year they are in and finally the name of the school. Please hand in to class teachers by 20th May.



Wraparound Provision

Thank you for the great response we had to our survey about wrap-around care.

From September 2024, we have made the decision to run a school-led breakfast and after school club. We still have to finalise the details but our vision is for this to be available to all families who wish to use this provision, as needed.

We will let you know when we have more information in the forthcoming weeks.

Stockton are also conducting their own survey about Wraparound Care, which can be found here:

[Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council - Wraparound childcare survey - families](#)

The survey is open now and will close at 23:59pm on Wednesday 15th May.

HOLIDAYS ARE

FUN

Free, fun activities for eligible school age children from Reception to Year 11.

Activities run from Tuesday 28 May • Bookings open from 29 April until 22 May



www.stockton.gov.uk/haf
to check eligibility and to book



To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit, or experiencing financial difficulties.



Levenfest 24—Saturday 22nd June

The well-loved 'Levenfest' is due to take place on **Saturday 22nd June, 12.00-3.00pm.**



**The Next PTA meeting
is Thursday 16th May
at 6pm.**

For the PTA to be able to run this fun event, **we really need help from parents on the day.** Any help setting up, being on a stall or clearing up, post event would be greatly received.

Please look out on your PTA Whats App groups in the next few weeks for how you can get involved or contact the school office.

Nursery and Reception Spaces

We currently have space in our Nursery (15 and 30 hours) and in Reception for September 2024.

If you would like more information about school places or a tour of the school, please contact the school office.

Parents of children on our Nursery waiting list and those who have a Reception place will be contacted in the forthcoming weeks to begin preparations for September.



RIGHTS RESPECTING READ

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

As part of our work on being a Rights Respecting School, we would like to share with you our 'Article of the Week'. Each week in school, we discuss an article from the Convention on the Rights of the Child with the children and what this means to them. This week, we have looked at Article 17.



Article 17

The right to have access to information. This means you should have access to reliable information from a variety of sources: the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books.



Achievements

We love to celebrate children's achievements, including those outside of school. Please let us know if your child does something that makes you proud!

Sienna T in Y4

Achieved Level 4 Swimming and Trampolining Level 2—Fantastic!

Priya T in Y1

Got certificates for Swimming Levels 1 and 2—Well done!

Theo J in Y4

Won Man of the Match for scoring 6 goals with his football team! He also took part in a 3v3 tournament and was celebrated for great team work and sportsmanship! Fabulous!

Packed Lunches

It's wonderful to see healthy choices being supplied in packed lunches. Please can we ask that fruit, such as grapes and berries are cut in half or in to small pieces. Thank you!



A message about the Mystery Books!

At The Cabbage Patch Hartburn Vintage Shop, we've been collecting a treasure trove of children's books, eager to spread the joy of reading and promote sustainability.

On sunny Fridays, we embark on a mission to hide these literary gems just outside the school grounds, encouraging the children to embrace the beauty of preloved items and the joy of sharing. We believe that a book, whether new or used, holds the same magic within its pages, fostering a culture of appreciation for the timeless value of stories. Remember, once read, rehide and let the adventure continue!



May Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Evie C, Seth C, Eva D, Eli G-M, Hannah G, Joshua H, Elsa H, Freya L, Alexander L, Fynn L, Lucas M, Lilli-Mae N, Jenson P, Lottie P, Skye R, Samuel R, Bhavni S, George Sh, Aidan S, Andrew S and Poppy S-W.

Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....



Levendale Goal— Aspirations

Y1	Elise C
Y2	Seb D
Y3	Ava C
Y4	Oliver L
Y5	Lottie P
Y6	Benjamin H



Maths Stars

Y1	Lucas M
Y2	Matilda M
Y3	Ella H-J
Y4	Jayati G
Y5	Gracie H
Y6	Zarina F



English Award

Y1	Ada W
Y2	William J
Y3	Olivia G
Y4	Amelia K
Y5	Thomas C
Y6	Aanya S



Attendance



'Class of the week' celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Reception and Year 2!**

Attendance	Winners
Reception	1
Year 1	0
Year 2	2
Year 3	1
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	0

Times Table Rockstars

A huge well done to our winners this week...



Most improved	Aria M in Y4
Highest Earner	Ava N in Y5
Star of the Week	Jacob T in Y2

Team Captains

Our team captains counted our team points this week, well done to **Sapphire** who won this week!

We keep a score and the winning team each term will get a reward!

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Ellis L	0
Topaz	Sam M	2
Sapphire	Pippa C	1
Ruby	Benjamin H	1



Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.

Date	Event
w/b 13/05/24	Year 6 SATS week
14/05/24	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.45pm
15/05/24	Year 2 Class Assembly—2.45pm
16/05/24	PTA meeting in school—6pm
21/05/24	Reception trip to Monk Park Farm
22/05/24	Year 5 and 6 Cluster Athletics Festival
23/05/24	Y2-Y6 All Stars cricket
w/b 27/05/24	Half Term
04/06/24	Pupil Ambassador visit to The Glebe Primary
05/06/24	Dogs Trust assembly (no real dogs!)
11/06/24	Y2 Literacy Trail at Preston Park
17/06/24	Levendale Lyricals at Snappy Sing at Thornaby Pavilion
19—21/06/24	Y6 at Robinwood
Sat 22/06/24	Levenfest 24!—12.00-3.00pm—helpers needed!
24/06/24	Year 4 Class Assembly—2.45pm
W/b 24/06/24 and	Y3 Swimming fortnight
01/07/23	
25/06/24	Y2 Visit to Hardwick Park
26/06/24	Reception and Y6 Photos
01/07/24	Provisional Date for EY Sports afternoon - Nursery and Reception
08/07/24	Provisional Date for Sports afternoon —Y1-Y6
18/07/24	Y6 Leavers performance to parents 2pm