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**School Times:**

8.55am—3.15pm

**Nursery:**Morning: 8.45-  
11.45amAfternoon: 12.15—  
3.15pm**Term Dates:**Monday 15th  
April—Friday 19th  
July**Remaining PD****Days:**

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

**Return to school:**Tuesday 3rd Sep-  
tember**PD Days for 2024-  
2025:**

Mon 2nd Sept

Fri 25th Oct

Thurs 20th Feb

Fri 21st Feb

Mon 21st July

**Dear parents and carers,****A great week to celebrate at Levendale!**

A huge thank you to all of the staff and children who work super hard all year round to do their best for the school! This week has been an accumulation of wonderful events!

**Pupil Ambassador Event**

Ella and Sulaiman represented us brilliantly this week as Levendale hosted a celebration event on Monday, with other primary schools visiting us from Bewley, Kirklevington, Whitehouse, Billingham South and the Glebe. Ella and Sulaiman, supported by Mrs Gullon presented, to staff, pupils and their families, all of the things they have learnt from visiting other schools in Stockton!

**Platinum Sports Award**

We were delighted to retain the prestigious Platinum School Games Award for our commitment and dedication to sport. This is something that we are really proud of as Platinum is the highest achievement and is the result of the efforts of Mrs Butterfield, all staff and also our parent volunteers in enabling the children to be able to participate in the many events we attend and the high quality PE lessons delivered in school!

**Rights Respecting Silver Award**

Following the accreditation day on Tuesday, we were notified that we have achieved the Silver Award, following on from the Bronze Award achieved in the Autumn Term! Mrs Kirk has spearheaded the Rights Respecting campaign across school and our dedication to learning about Unicef's convention on the Rights of the Child has resulted in us achieving the Silver Award! We are super proud that we are engaged in learning about the importance of Rights for children both locally and globally! We hope to continue this journey to Gold level!

**We are authors!**

Our Year 5 and 6 writing group, working with Mrs Gullon, took part in the Imagine a Story project and attended a book launch event with Mrs Gullon and Mrs Page—where they received their work published in a book!



### Lego Competition

On Thursday, a group of Year 5 children represented Levendale at the Conyers Lego Competition. We are extremely proud of the effort, independence and teamwork the children demonstrated both at school and during the competition. We are delighted to win the award for the best presentation which has eluded us for many years. An excellent effort!



### Early Years Sports Afternoon

Our wonderful Nursery and Reception children managed to take part in a very windy sports afternoon on Thursday!



## Important September updates



### Change to school start time

In September, we will be increasing the length of our school day by 10 minutes in line with National DfE Guidance to deliver a 32.5 hour school week.

Our school day will start at **8.45am**, instead of 8.55am.

This will mean the whistle on the key stage one and two playgrounds will be blown at 8.45am, and children will be brought in at this time. This will be followed by a 10 minute window to complete registers and will mean that anyone arriving after 8.55am will be marked as late.

The door next to the nursery classroom, for Nursery and Reception children, will also be opened at 8.45am.

We will use this extra time in school for academic purpose such as reading, spelling practice, mindfulness activities, times tables practice or fluency activities.

### 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.
- Schools can still refer to the Local Authority, even when parents have not requested Leave of Absence, where there is knowledge of a 10 session holiday taken in term time.
- The penalty 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.
- There will be systems to transfer notice of penalties between schools and local authorities.
- Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance?scrybrkr=a3339ffc>



## Our Y5 and 6—Published Authors!





**Last week, Year 2 went on a trip to Hardwick Park to learn about mini-beasts and their habitats! They learnt a lot about Science! Thank you to parents who accompanied them, making it a great trip!**





**A huge well done to Year 5 and Year 6 Cricket teams, last week! Y6 girls and Y6 boys were unbeaten throughout the competition, winning in the finals and Y5 won their final game—ending on a high! Thanks to Joshua's mum for delivering water and the gazebo!**





## 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!

Sam Th in Y2	Completed 25m backstroke—Well done!
Eva D in Y4	Took part in the Jade Mills Award for Dogs Flyball Team—Fabulous!
Jayati G in Y4	Achieved Grade 2 in Piano—Super!
Lila Cin Y5	Won two football trophies—one for participating in the league and the other for being top goal scorer! Amazing!
Alisha S in Y1	Completed a Tap exam at Dancing and was highly commended—Brilliant!
Evelyn B-L in Y3	Achieved Level 3 at swimming—Excellent!
Risha R in Nur and Nriti in Y1	Performed at a Dance show with Janie Elizabeth Dance school. Risha was very brave to perform in front of a large audience! Nriti—learnt 4 dance routine—well done girls!



## Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....



### Levendale Goal— Healthy and Safe

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Freya L</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>AJ S</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Holly I</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Andrew S</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Cleo W</b>



### Maths Stars

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Tom P</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Olivia B</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Alex R</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Sadie P</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Amelia L</b>



### English Award

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Priya T</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Arlo P</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Alexa S</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Olivia L</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Yassin F</b>







## 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 Year 2 this week!**

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

## Times Table Rockstars

Each week, we will be looking for Stars of the Week, dependent on time spent of TTRS, accuracy, coins earned and improvements! Winning children will be able to choose between a TTRS pencil or badge!



	TTRS Star of the week
<b>KS1</b>	<b>Jacob T in Y2</b>
<b>Lower KS2</b>	<b>Amelia K in Y4</b>
<b>Upper KS2</b>	<b>Ava N in Y5</b>

## Team Captains

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

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

Teams	Captains	Winners
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Rhys T</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Topaz</b>	<b>Sam M</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Pippa C</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Seth C</b>	<b>2</b>



### 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
08/07/24	School Sports afternoon —Y1 to Y6—parents welcome!
09/07/24	5.45pm—PTA meeting in school—parents welcome!
10/07/24	'Moving up' Day—meet the next teacher
10/07/24	Bags for school charity bag pick up
16/07/24	Discos after school—All pick ups at front of school
18/07/24	Y6 Leavers performance to parents 2pm
19/07/24	PTA Non-uniform—Break the rules day!

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# SUMMER DISCO

TUESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

RECEPTION, Y1, Y2  
**6 PM TO 7 PM**  
(DOORS OPEN AT 5:45 PM)

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6  
**7:15 PM TO 8:15 PM**

**ADMISSION £2.50**  
INCLUDES DRINK, BISCUIT  
&  
PARTY GOODIES



### July Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Hannah B, Alfie C, Jessica F, Harry F, Kennie G, Jack H, Ellis L, Amelia L, Oliver L, Layla and Lottie M, Henry M, Chester M-M, Frankie N, Ava N, Sophia R and Emily R

### August Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Will C, Seb D, Oliver Hi, William H and Oliver Hu